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Roger MacBride, 1976 LP Presidential candidate, is a featured speaker at the upcoming FLP State Convention.

## MacBride Headlines FLP Annual Convention

**H**old open the weekend of April 30th thru May 2nd. We are holding our annual state convention then and 1976 LP Presidential candidate Roger MacBride will be our featured speaker.

After 3 years in a row in Albany the FLP state committee decided to try a change of pace. After a substantial lobbying effort by the Southern Tier chapter of the FLP

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## April 15th is LP Tax Protest Day

by Bruce Majors

*On April 15th several FLP chapters will be organizing anti-tax demonstrations. In this article, Bruce Majors outlines tactics that can be used by individuals as well as groups to focus attention on the LP and its anti-tax stance. Additionally, Bruce will be helping the national LP office coordinate nationwide anti-tax demonstrations. Support services will include flyers, press releases, and advice. For more help, contact the LP national office at (202) 333-8209.*

**T**he tax protest is an important outreach tool for Libertarians. Opposition to taxation—expressed in voting patterns, public opinion polls, and tax evasion—increased dramatically in the past decade. Right wing politicians have climbed to power on insincere promises to free taxpayers from their burdens. Left wing activists have attempted to tap taxpayer sentiment by drawing attention to increased military spending—for instance, by leafletting as people mailed checks to the IRS, at Post Offices last April 15.

Libertarians have the only genuine opposition to taxation and the only set of programs which could lead to its speedy reduction, and then, abolition. We must not allow this April 15th to be a day when leftists are interviewed by local radio newsmen, obfuscating the issues with talk of "budget priorities" and the need to reorder

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them. Neither should it be a day when the Reagan administration once again deceives the electorate into believing that it is pursuing real reductions in taxes and spending. April 15, 1982 must be a day when Libertarians make it clear that we are the defenders of the rights of taxpayers.

It is especially important for Libertarians to utilize the opportunity presented on April 15th this year, for two reasons.

The first reason: a number of Libertarians have demonstrated—in the 1980 elections—their ability to coordinate campaigns and events at the national and regional levels. Nationally coordinated events often receive some national major media coverage, the type of coverage which the Libertarian Party rarely receives. For example, in the fall of 1981, a scant 100 college campuses held teach-ins, showed films, or presented speakers—simultaneously—on the danger of nuclear weapons and the arms race. This nuclear pacifist education week sparked an op-ed page battle between columnists Ellen Goodman and George Will, and received a full page in coverage in a national news magazine. Libertarians should aim to repeat this performance.

The second reason: the 1982 Libertarian campaigns, especially Congressional campaigns, must take every opportunity to break into the news. Libertarian candidates will be running for office at all levels of government—and taxation is an issue at each level. But the Congressional campaigns are campaigns of almost national scope, and can profit from nationally or regionally coordinated events. This is not to say that any Libertarian candidates should make taxation *the* major issue of their campaign—but they should certainly address the issue in the first two weeks of April.

Libertarians who are on the ballot, who have been nominated by their local party, or who intend to run for office, should make their opposition to taxation known and present their plans for reducing government spending and revenues, in early April.

There are many ways of doing this. Some of them are similar to parts of a candidate's campaign. Some of them are not generally done during a campaign for office and cannot be associated directly with electoral activity.

For instance, broadcast media will probably be interested in guest editorials on the issue of taxes, and Libertarians should take advantage of this. A declared candidate might find it difficult to do a guest editorial, since it could raise the issue of equal time for other candidates. But an as yet undeclared candidate could gain some public speaking experience, make some media contacts, and achieve some visibility, by doing a guest editorial. Such an early public exposure could make it easier to find other public forums. (In pursuing speaking engagements, one might suggest that the director of the given speaking forum could look for your editorial, to be aired on a certain date.)

Another method of outreach during April would be a letter to the editor campaign. Letters to the editor should be typed, double-spaced, and shorter than one page. It is best if a letter is on letter-head stationery. Since a letter to the editor campaign will consist of many letters, it is unlikely that they will all be on letter-head. A letter should always have a home and office address and phone number in the margin or at the bottom of the letter. Many

publications verify the authenticity of authorship before considering a letter for publication.

It is not necessary that the letter actually be written by the person who signs it. If some local activists write short statements well, they could write a number of letters, to be reviewed and signed by other Libertarians at upcoming supper clubs, conventions, or committee meetings. Many local publications receive few letters, and publish a high percentage of those that they receive. A campaign dealing with the issue of taxation should begin the last week of March, so that letters would be available to the publisher by April 1st.

The content of the letter should, ideally, point out some aspect of taxation that is particularly infuriating to the readership of the given publication. It could be the fact that these revenues feed vice squads, or military adventures, or shoddy schools. . . . The letter should conclude with some statement to the effect that: "If you (the reader) are also fed up with this situation, vote for (Libertarian candidate's name)," or "Since Republicans and Democrats can't solve these problems, I'm voting Libertarian for Congress in 1982."

A special type of letter to the editor is that of a candidate (or of someone formally associated with a campaign). Candidates should consider writing a letter pointing out how and why they would cut taxes, and reproducing the letter (possibly with variations) on a memory typewriter, on campaign stationery. Such a letter would then be mailed to all publications in the candidate's district.

It may seem odd to spend so much time discussing letters to the editor. However, letters to the editor are a low coast method of outreach that many people can utilize, although very few Libertarians do. Further, letters to the editor have resulted in invitations to write guest editorials for opinion and editorial pages.

A candidate for office should attempt to utilize the op-ed page. This may be easiest to do *before* candidacy is declared, because of a publisher's belief that candidates should receive equal consideration. Once published, an op-ed piece is an attractive addition to a candidate's media packet, and is also a very visible public statement. It can also be used as a reference in attempting to obtain speaking engagements.

The op-ed piece need not be written by the candidate. There are any number of Libertarians who will write for free or for charge (for references, contact the Libertarian Party national headquarters). The impact of a number of op-ed pieces, all published on April 14 and 15 would be very beneficial to Libertarian candidacies—especially if it is capped by a piece in the *New York Times* or the *Washington Post* by a previous Libertarian presidential candidate.

These are some of the ways for April 15 outreach through the media. There is also "live" face-to-face outreach, though this should also be conducted with the media in mind. Events should be large, dramatic and presented as part of a statewide or nationwide campaign, and the news media should be invited. Past April 15th pickets have been isolated, planned and executed by local LPs and other libertarian groups, and have not been perceived as any sort of expression of nationwide sentiment. Below are three suggestions for this April 15th.

First, each area should have a flyer geared to its needs.



The flyer should be graphically interesting and non-threatening, and be easily and quickly read, and informative. It might present a libertarian commentary on taxes, or perhaps the commentary of a specific local Libertarian candidate. It should give a name, address and phone number of the local LP or campaign committee.

Second, April 15th events should be planned several weeks ahead of time. They should be listed in newsletters. A notice, or combined notice/fundraising mailing should be sent out to local libertarian and taxpayer lists, in order to attract more participants to the event.

Third, events should be presented in as dramatic a manner as is appropriate. The theatrics of European

nuclear pacifists have proved irresistible to American photojournalists. Libertarians should consider portraying the IRS in a personified form, as a vampire, a train robber, burglar, etc. These and other visual themes could be used on posters, flyers, paper figures to be burned in effigy, or volunteer actors playing the part of the IRS.

April 15th is an important day for Libertarian outreach, and Libertarians must begin planning for it now. 1982 promises to be the first year that coordinated regional programs can be planned, executed, and presented to the media and the public. Every state party should have a series of Post Office pickets in cities throughout the state. Why not have some fun on this otherwise infuriating day?

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## Free Press Group Formed

**E**leven prominent libertarian journalists have joined together to create a new professional organization for libertarian writers, editors, reporters, publishers, and broadcast journalists. Named the Free Press Association, the group will work to defend a free press, encourage excellence in libertarian journalism, and develop an internal communications network among libertarian members of both the print media and the electronic media.

On the Free Press Association Board of Directors are prominent libertarian journalists Less Antman (*Caliber* editor), Patrick Cox (*Frontlines* reporter), Christine Dorffi (freelance writer), Don Ernsberger (*Individual Liberty* editor), Mark Frazier (Sabre Journalism Fund Director), Glen Garvin (*Inquiry* magazine editor), Michael Grossberg (*Free Texas* editor), K.E. Grubbs (Freedom Newspapers, Inc. (New York group) Publisher and Editor), Robert Poole (*Reason* magazine editor), Sheldon Richman (Editor, Council for a Competitive Economy's *Competition*), and Jeff Riggenbach (Executive producer, "Bylines" radio series).

"For years the growing libertarian movement has had professional organizations for lawyers, scholars, doctors, nurses, businesspeople, architects, environmentalists, and feminists," notes Michael Grossberg, original founder of the F.P.A. "At last libertarian journalists have our own organization. The Free Press Association has enormous potential both as an internal network—for the mutual exchange of advice and information about shared professional interests—and as an outreach tool to communicate to mainstream journalists an understanding of the crucial, interlocking relationship between a free media and a free market."

Free Press Association services to members will include the quarterly newsletter *Free Press Network*, media I.D. cards, and yearly awards offering peer recognition of outstanding libertarian work by journalists. Named after the great American—and libertarian—journalist Henry Louis Mencken, the Mencken Awards will honor the year's Best Political Book, Best News Story

or Investigative Report, Best Editorial, Best Editorial Cartoon, and Best Essay or Review. Members will have the opportunity to both nominate and vote on the Mencken Awards, which will commence in 1982 with a special presentation recognizing the best works of libertarian journalism in 1981. Future projects of the ambitious organization may include a major nationwide conference on journalism and the First Amendment, a jobs clearinghouse, a career guidance program and essay contest for libertarian student journalists, and development of a syndicated libertarian news service.

In a decade of growing government threats to our personal liberties—particularly to freedom of speech and press—establishment of a Free Press Association is needed now more than ever. Charter memberships in the F.P.A. are \$20/year. Contact Free Press Association, Box 14248, Austin, TX 78761-4248.

For more information, please call F.P.A. Chair Michael Grossberg at (512) 454-1522. □

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### New York Tax Burden Is \$1,495 Per Person

ALBANY, Nov 4 (AP)—New York continues to outstrip every state except Alaska in the average amount of taxes its residents pay, according to a statewide taxpayer research group. New York's state and local tax burden of \$1,495 for every man, woman and child in 1980 was 51 percent above the national average of \$989, the Citizens Public Expenditure Survey reported today.

That figure—which includes all types of taxes—is up from 1979, when New York state and local taxes were 47 percent above the national average, the survey's president, John Quimby, said.

Alaskans paid an average of \$4,189 per capita in 1980, he reported.



# From the Chair



by Gary Greenberg

**1**982 is an important year for the LP nationally and the FLP locally. Not only are we fielding over 1000 candidates across the country, we hope to finish the year with full ballot status in 20-25 states, including New York.

In 1980 we became the first independent political party

to achieve presidential ballot status in all fifty states and the District of Columbia. That effort cost us close to a million dollars just for the ballot qualification part of the presidential campaign. If we can meet our ballot status goals for 1982 we might save close to 70% of that cost. That means we will be able to channel that money into the more educational aspects of our political efforts.

Ballot status in New York is particularly crucial to the LP effort. Because New York City is the media and communications capital of the world, visibility here is greatly magnified in importance.

There are many advantages to ballot status. First, it will eliminate costly and time-consuming ballot drives. Where we run only a few candidates a year through the petition drive route, we can run hundreds of candidates with almost no effort if we have ballot status. Additionally, with ballot status, we can register in the Libertarian Party and more easily locate our supporters.

There is only one way to get ballot status in New York. We have to get 50,000 votes in the race for Governor. Even though we already achieved 50,000 statewide votes for Ed Clark, that vote cannot be used to claim ballot status. However some Constitutional experts believe that those provisions of the NY election law are invalid and therefore we are filing suit against the State of New York. By the time you read this I expect that our suit will be filed in Federal District Court for the Eastern District of New York. Our attorney is Art Eisenberg of the New York Civil Liberties Union. Mr. Eisenberg is the attorney who successfully represented us in our suit against the Post Office last year when we set aside the special mailing privileges given exclusively to the Republicans and Democrats.

If we win our suit we will be granted ballot status prior to the November elections. This could save us over \$15,000 in costs for our petition drive. I have pledged that if we win our suit we will file candidates for every New York State Congressional seat as well as numerous state legislative seats.

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Speaking of law suits, we are expecting to join in another law suit challenging the constitutionality of New

## Cato Institute Seminars

**T**his summer the Cato Institute will mark its fifth consecutive year offering week long seminars in Libertarian Theory with a return to the Dartmouth and Stanford campuses. The seminar at Dartmouth College is scheduled for the week of July 3-10, while the Stanford University seminar will be held the week of August 7-14.

These seminars have always been popular with libertarian activists and thinkers because they provide a comprehensive overview of the philosophy of liberty along with an opportunity to discuss ideas with well-known and knowledgeable libertarian intellectuals. A week at one of these seminars also seems to instill that elusive feeling of comraderie among the participants which can be so hard to come by in the typical workplace

or classroom setting.

This year, noted libertarian lecturers Israel Kirzner, Roy Childs, Earl Ravenal, Ralph Raico, George Smith and Leonard Liggio will return to give an intensive series of 24 lectures in economics, ethics, foreign policy, American history and policy issues.

The fee is \$395.00 with a reduced rate of \$150.00 for students. Enrollment is on a selective basis. More information on how to apply can be obtained by writing to:

Janet Nelson  
Director of Public Affairs  
Cato Institute  
224 Second Street, SE  
Washington, D.C. 20003



York City's councilman-at-large seats. It is quite apparent that such districts violate the one person-one vote standard ordered by the Supreme Court.

The FLP filed a petition for a councilman-at-large race in Manhattan but the federal court has suspended the elections pending the outcome of this suit. By joining the suit we hope to be able to have a say in how the city restructures the New York City Council.

Work on the '82 Gubernatorial race is already in progress even though we don't select our candidate until May 1st (at our state convention). A task force headed by Mike Kessler is supervising a study of the State Budget so that we can demonstrate where our tax dollars are wasted. Jay Hilgartner is research director to the Budget Task Force. Jay is a longtime LP activist from the Washington area. Preliminary research indicates we will have no trouble demonstrating that sufficient cuts to eliminate the state income tax are not only possible but highly feasible.

We have need for many other people to help out in the writing and research ends of the campaign. We will be publishing a campaign newspaper that will have mass distribution around the state. We need short well-written and documented articles that describe how the state government is causing difficulty in local regions throughout the state. If there is a highly visual aspect of your report, the inclusion of a photo would be desirable. If you have any interest in this project feel free to contact me at the state office with your proposed piece. Remember that the article will be used to highlight the campaign of our Gubernatorial candidate.

Now would be a good time to forward any suggestions,

ideas, goals, plans or issues concerning the upcoming campaign. Please write to me at the state office.

I know that many LPers are interested in uncovering celebrity support for our party. I have read that Raquel Welch and Fran Liebowitz (author of *Metropolitan Life and Social Studies*) voted for Ed Clark. Also actress Joan Prather of the recent "Eight is Enough" TV show co-hosted the Clark Alternative '80 show. Comedian Orson Bean has publicly identified himself as an LP supporter.

This newsletter is intended to keep you informed about party doings. If you have any suggestions for improved coverage please let me know. The FLP INSIDER is for party members. Outreach articles designed to convert or influence nonmembers will be presented in the campaign newspaper mentioned above. Also, if you have any news about your own exploits on behalf of liberty I would be interested in sharing some of them with party members through the newsletter. One feature that I would like would be mini-reviews of books, films and cultural events of interest to FLP members.

I recently received a packet of clippings from the national LP clipping service. They send us all the New York clippings about the LP. The period covered the last three months of 1981 and included about 30 stories that I hadn't previously seen. Of these, several were about FLP opposition in Albany and Binghamton to the Job Development Board on the last state ballot. If you see or hear of any news stories about the LP, please send the information to state headquarters. □

◦ **INVITATION** ◦  
**THE DIRTVILLE P.T.A.**  
**ANNOUNCES ITS**  
**FIRST ANNUAL**  
**BOOKBURNING**  
**TUES. FEB. 3<sup>RD</sup>**  
**7:00 PM**  
**BRING YOUR BIBLES ! GUNS**

## FEATURED SPEAKERS:



REV. FATHEAD

THE REV. JERRY FATHEAD  
OF THE MORAL ABSURDITY



MISS PRUNEFACE

PRUDENCE PRUNEFACE OF THE  
NATIONAL UNION to RESTORE  
DECENCY (N.U.R.D.) WILL  
SPEAK ON "HOW TO COPE  
WITH A PORNOGRAPHOHOLIC"

**SPECIAL EVENT:** FIVE BOXES OF  
SALACIOUS MAGAZINES (PERSONALLY  
SELECTED BY MR. BUSTER BLOODVESSEL)  
WILL BE TORN TO PIECES BY TWELVE  
BLINDFOLDED CHOIRBOYS SINGING  
"ONWARD CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS"!!



# Regional Reports

**L**ibertarians in New York City have been maintaining a very busy activity schedule. The **NYC-FLP** is sponsoring numerous events involving both outreach and internal education. Monthly membership meetings have been used to conduct forums for planning goals and programs. Despite a severe snowstorm, about 25 FLP members turned out for one such planning session. Among its short term plans are the establishment of local subchapters in the different boroughs and races for the upcoming city school board elections. An organizing meeting has been held in Brooklyn during January and a followup meeting occurred in February. At least four possible candidates in Brooklyn emerged. A planning meeting in Queens is scheduled for March 3rd. Recent activities have included a colloquium on crime, a lecture on the history of Free Banking, and a film night. Coming up is another open membership meeting in March, and lectures featuring **Thomas Szasz**, **Jerome Huyler** and **David Boaz**. One of the more ambitious plans is to produce a series of TV programs for cable TV to be shown in Manhattan and usable on TV stations around the country.

In early February Gary Greenberg appeared on WNYC-TV to discuss alternatives to public education.

Elsewhere in NYC the Laissez Faire Supper Club continues on a monthly basis, celebrating its first anniversary this March. Its March program features Murray Rothbard.

**Westchester FLP** has emerged as the only organized opposition to a Westchester referendum authorizing a county takeover of the electric monopoly. Their activity has started generating a lot of attention as they point out that the best way to provide adequate power resources is to move away from monopolies, government or government licensed, and permit competition. Even the local

monopoly is not taking much of a role in opposition. (Quite suspicious, eh?) Key activists in this fight include **Howard Lebowitz**, **Gordon Sollars** and **Reed Halstead**.

**Suffolk FLP** held elections in December and **Richard Rosenberg** was elected chair. Recent activities have included weekly meetings utilizing the SIL educational workshop package, so that members can sharpen their skills when confronting issues.

**Mid-Hudson FLP** will be sponsoring a talk on March 13th with **Dr. George Wootan**, a family practitioner who seems to have run afoul of government regulators. Dr. Wootan, who has delivered more than 300 babies at home has been advocating home childbirth as a safer, less expensive alternative to hospitals and had a thriving business until recently. The state Board of Health is trying to suspend his license and keep him from practicing. Pressure from the local hospital establishment is believed to be behind this action.

**Albany FLP** has been playing the Richard Ebeling Free Market lecture tapes on the State Campus at SUNY-Albany and several new faces have been turning up.

**Central New York FLP** has been quite busy of late. In addition to speaker programs, an active group of students has been organized at Syracuse University. **John Northrup**, the regional representative to the State Committee is the faculty advisor. Among their activities has been an attack on the student tax to finance NYPIRG, a Naderite organization training young students to mess up other people's lives. Every campus where such a group flourishes, is financed by a compulsory tax on students. As a sop to this First Amendment violation, students aware of the fact may request a refund after the fact. **The Syracuse SLS** chapter has been spreading the word and refunds are up 1000%.

**Southern Tier FLP** will hold its annual business meeting in early March. The chapter is actively at work organizing the **FLP Annual State Convention to be held in Binghamton from April 30th-May 2nd**.

**Rochester Libertarians** continue their monthly dinner club meetings. In January, **Dr. Robert McCormick** addressed the **Genesee FLP** on the subject of why some businesses like to be regulated by government with an emphasis on the environmental area. The talk will demonstrate how such regulations are used to give large established politically connected companies a competitive advantage over new or small competitors. A March dinner club meeting will feature **Dr. George Benston** speaking on the harmful effects of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Several chapters ran into great difficulty due to the recent snowstorms but will schedule new meetings in the next couple of weeks.

Also many chapters will be actively participating in the **April 15th tax protest day**. If you would like to participate in your local community and wish some help or guidance to make the event successful, contact the State Office and ask for **Judith Jones** who will be acting as the state coordinator for this event. (FLP HQ: 212-226-6483). □

## FLP ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION

**April 30 — May 2**

*featured speakers include:*

**Roy Childs                      Ed Crane**

**LP Vice Chair Sheldon Richman**

**Professor Camille Castorina**

**MORE INFORMATION IN NEXT  
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backed up by the Binghamton Chamber of Commerce, Binghamton was selected as the site for this year's super event.

The state convention is a combination of business, educational and social activities. Last year about 150 people attended the Saturday night banquet which featured a wonderfully entertaining roast of 1980 LP Presidential candidate, Ed Clark.

Other guest speakers at this year's festivities include LP Vice Chairman Sheldon Richman. Ed Crane of the Cato Institute and Professor Camille Castorina, who will present a multimedia review about the real history of the industrial revolution. Also expected is Roy Childs, considered by many to be one of the most stimulating speakers in the movement. Howie Rich, who was responsible for the 1980 ballot drive effort resulting in the placement of Ed Clark on all 50 state ballots, was assigned to head up Campaign '82, the national effort to field over 1000 candidates. Howie will be conducting activist workshops. At this writing the full program is still under development but several additional prominent speakers are expected.

The chief business of the convention will be the selection of our 1982 Gubernatorial candidate. This year's gubernatorial race is especially important as we launch an all out effort to get 50,000 votes. Such an achievement would qualify us for full scale permanent ballot status, eliminate the need for massive petition drives and allow us to register as Libertarians with the

Board of Elections.

Other business at the convention will include the election of the State Chairman, two Vice Chairmen, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and five At-Large members of the State Committee. Additional candidates for statewide office (e.g. U.S. Senate) will also be selected. This year we expect to run a full slate of five statewide candidates.

Activities kick off Friday night with a cocktail party. Saturday and Sunday will be chock full of educational and social activities. The highlight of the convention will probably be the Saturday night banquet. In addition to an exciting banquet program, it will provide you with a chance to meet well over a hundred (and possibly over two hundred) libertarians.

Those of you who have never experienced the delight of being surrounded by large numbers of other libertarians should make special efforts to attend this year's convention. For those of you who would like to pick up tips on how to be a more effective activist, workshops around that theme will be presented.

There is no charge for attending the business portion of the convention. However there will be a package price for those who wish to attend the nonbusiness sessions featuring speakers and meals. You will receive full details in a later mailing, as well as in the next issue of the INSIDER, concerning price and room rates. The full package price, not counting room and transportation, will probably be in the \$60-70 range and include the Banquet and a full Sunday morning breakfast. □

## Calendar of Events

### 3/11/82 NEW YORK CITY FLP

Jerome Huyler, "Spreading liberty face to face"  
8 PM, Room 408 Loeb Student Center, NYU

### 3/12/82 NEW JERSEY LP STATE CONVENTION

to 3/13) Peter Breggin, Sheldon Richman,  
Gary Greenberg and others. Info: 201-654-3954

### 3/13/82 MID-HUDSON FLP (Poughkeepsie)

Dr. George Wootan on State Intervention into  
Childbirth Procedures. Talk followed by Wine  
and Cheese Party. Info: 914-331-6237

### 3/18/82 NEW YORK CITY FLP and NYU Libertarian

Student Association: Dr. Thomas Szasz.  
NYU Loeb Auditorium. Admission \$4.  
Info: 212-226-6483

### 3/19/82 CENTRAL NEW YORK FLP (Syracuse)

Susan Long on IRS Audit Selection Procedures  
7 PM Syracuse University. Info: 315-472-7654

### 3/24/82 LAISSEZ FAIRE SUPPER CLUB

First Anniversary Celebration with  
Murray Rothbard. Info: 212-674-8154

### 3/25/82 NEW YORK CITY FLP, Membership Meeting

Topic: Issues for the Governor's Race,  
Cable TV Series, State Convention  
6-8 PM at State Headquarters, 225 Lafayette St.  
Info: 212-226-6483

### 4/1/82 NEW YORK CITY FLP, Gala Party at NYU

8 PM, Loeb Student Center, NYU  
Info: 212-226-6483

### 4/3/82 CENTRAL NEW YORK FLP (Syracuse)

Vicky Roher on State Regulation of  
Nursing Homes. 2 PM at 39 Prospect Terr.  
in Cortland. Info: 315-472-7654

### 4/15/82 Statewide Tax Protests, Check with local chapters.

### 4/30/82 FLP ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION

to 5/2 in Binghamton, New York

**SPECIAL NOTE:** FLP Headquarters (225 Lafayette St., NYC) is open every Tuesday from 6 to 9:30 PM. Volunteers are invited to come work on projects and meet other libertarians.



# Laissez Faire Bookstore

**A**ndrea Millen Rich and Howard Rich announced recently that they have purchased the assets of Laissez Faire Books from the Laissez Faire Book & Teaching Society.

Laissez Faire Books has been run under the auspices of the Laissez Faire Book & Teaching Society, with John Muller as Director, since it was founded in March of 1972. Laissez Faire Books operates a retail bookstore in New York City and maintains an international mail order operation specializing in libertarian, free market economic and hard money investment titles. It publishes a Catalog and Review, an Anarchist Book Catalog, various book lists and several short pamphlets.

The Riches are long-time libertarian activists who will continue to run the bookstore in the "Laissez Faire Tradition" which has been its hallmark.

"Laissez Faire Books is one of the continuing institutions in the libertarian movement. We will work hard to see that it finally receives the recognition it deserves for its efforts in spreading the ideas of liberty," says Millen Rich. "We are delighted to have the opportunity to carry on this important work." The bookstore will continue operations at its present location.

One of the first priorities will be the publication of a new catalog and reaching new markets. The new owners have assumed responsibility for all the old unfilled orders and, state Millen Rich, "our customers can be assured that their orders will be filled as soon as possible."

"The bookstore," states Muller, "was never properly capitalized and never able to overcome its financial problems. The new ownership will secure a firm financial foundation for the bookstore which will enable it to continue and expand its activities to keep pace with the growing needs of the libertarian movement."

"The Laissez Faire Book & Teaching Society, now separated from the bookstore, will continue its work of building a community of free people," adds Muller. "I have no definite plans at present but we will restructure and carry on." □

## First Anniversary of Laissez Faire Supper Club

**T**he Laissez Faire Supper Club of Manhattan, founded on March 25, 1981, will celebrate its first anniversary on Wednesday, March 24 at Garvin's Restaurant, 19 Waverly Place in Manhattan.

The first meeting of the Supper Club with Murray Rothbard attracted over 100 people to hear about "The Early Days of the Libertarian Movement." We thought it only fitting to ask Murray to join us again for the anniversary celebration of the Supper Club and to celebrate his newly published *Ethics of Liberty*.

The evening will get under way with a special reception and autographing session with Murray beginning at 6:00. Hors d'oeuvres and wine will be served to guests for one hour during the reception. Reservations are required and a charge of \$5 per person is asked. Season members and one guest will be admitted free.

The special reception will be followed by a cocktail period (cash bar) at 7:00. Dinner will be served at 7:30. Cost for the dinner and program—\$15.00 per person, again by reservation only. Season members pay \$13.50.

For reservations, please call Laissez Faire at (212) 674-8154 before noon on Tuesday, March 23. For more information call Andrea Rich at (212) 674-8154 or Dyanne Petersen, Supper Club Director, at (212) 533-6600. □

