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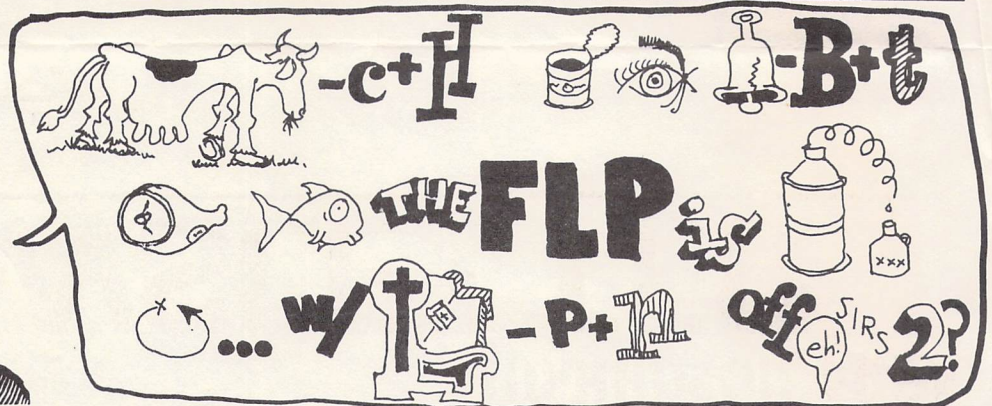


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At the last meeting of April 25th, the FLP/MHA held its annual convention for the electing of new officers. They are:

Chairman.....Ralph Blanchette
Vice-Chairman.....Andrew Sugar
Secretary.....Edythe Frank
Treasurer.....Brenda Hicks
State Representative.....P. Jean Carroll
Alternate State Rep.....Cheryl Blanchette

Blanchette then addressed the members, stressing the importance of candidate recruitment and the strengthening of the Libertarian Party campus organizations in the Mid-Hudson area colleges. He also predicted that more Libertarians would seek office this year than ever before.

The convention also adopted a resolution authorizing Blanchette to act as spokesman for the FLP/MHA in order to explain to the public the application of Libertarian Party principles to current issues and how the problems can be solved by Libertarian methods.

Several other members addressed the convention as did John Deane, Chairman of the FLP statewide. Deane emphasized the great success of Roger MacBride's presidential campaign and asked FLP/MHA members for their help in furthering MacBride's campaigning and message.

Anyone interested in helping with either time or money should contact Blanchette for further details.

LET'S START A MOVEMENT TO GET HAMILTON FISH APPOINTED AS THE
AMBASSADOR TO EUTHANASIA ... **ANYTHING TO GET
HIM OUT OF CONGRESS!**



EDITORIAL..... ANDY SUGAR

This first FLP/MHA newsletter is a short one due to time, but now that there is a vehicle for communication, I want to be the first to verbally kick a few backsides, my own included.

In other words, I want to say: Let's quit squabbling among ourselves and get down to fighting the government dictatorship.

Now, inter-mural sniping is inherent in any group where there are different personalities, different intellects and varying degrees of commitment to the ideals that brought the people together in the first place. It's natural. It always happens, especially in new organizations. And it's stupid and self-defeating.

In the first place, the enemy isn't invisible. He is out there proudly wearing a label that shouts in bold colors he's after your freedoms, your money, your everything, including your mind. He marches to the tune composed by long-dead collectivist and smiles like any vampire eyeing a soft, white throat as he preaches the dogmas that have wrapped us all in bureaucratic regulations, electrified and unconstitutional laws that repel freedom. This collectivist face may be blurred because they all tend to look as alike as they sound but they're out there and they've been laughing at our weak, often childish, frequently amateurish attempts to do something. They laugh because they know we're weakening ourselves and are too busy bouncing complaints off each other to effectively mount a campaign that would do something to weaken their position. So they gaffaw and with plenty of reason.

But if we unite, we can make them choke on their own selfsatisfied chuckles. If we stop biting each other's backs and start clamping our fangs into their hides, we can eliminate this disease called Big Government. We can make big holes in their armor, chinks that will make the collectivist vulnerable and open to even more effective methods of destroying him. If we get together and concentrate our energies and our time in supporting Libertarian candidates, no matter who they are and no matter for what office they're running, we can hammer away until the dictator's shield crumbles. Once that happens, once individual rights are truly recognized as being more important than the state, when we really have a free economy, when we enjoy a small government who can't sell out to special interests simply because it has no influence to peddle, then we can relax and go back to taking pot-shots at each other.

If the language I've used here is a little strong, if it sounds as if I'm talking about a war, you're absolutely right. We are in a war and we're losing.

The enemy is out there, daring us, challenging us to come out of our insulated holes of security and take him on.

And it's about time somebody did.

NEXT MEETING...

At Guy Riggs' House
32 Saddle Rock Drive
Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

MAY 27, 1976

8:00 P.M.

One of the items on the agenda will be discussion on how to plan, promote and hold our own END OF TAXATION JUBILATION DAY tentatively planned for the first Saturday in June.

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