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CANDIDATES NOT ON BALLOT

RUN WRITE-IN CAMPAIGNS

Gary Greenberg and Walter Block will not be on the ballot on November 7. However, since their initial purpose was not to get elected but to make the public aware of the FLP, they are running a write-in campaign. Both are determined not to be silenced.

In spite of the fact that our candidates had more than the required number of valid signatures (yes, we found the last 110 and more), they are not on the ballot. Why? They did not file a trivial document known as an "acceptance" by September 5th. (The law gives two dates for filing this document and they filed by the second date.) At the time the petitions were filed, each candidate was given a letter by the Board of Elections stating that "declinations" must be filed by September 5th. However, no mention was made of filing an acceptance.

Although there is legal precedent for a court decision waiving the September 5th cut-off date, the candidates are unable to pursue the matter in court because the election code states a court proceeding must be initiated by September 21st and the Show Cause Order was not received by the Objectors to the petitions until September 22nd. Either it took two days for two certified letters which were mailed in Manhattan to be delivered in Manhattan or the Objectors conveniently failed to "accept" them in time.

Although both questions could have been fought in an appeal, the cost would be prohibitive and winning would be likely only on the acceptance issue.

What have we learned from this experience? Basically, we've learned what we're up against so it won't ever happen again. We've discovered the election laws are a mass of intricate inanity designed to keep the Establishment established and others obscure. It also appears that the incumbents, Koch and Stein, prefer not to have any opposition which challenges the fundamental premises upon which their power is based. We're convinced that the B of E, which is understaffed and disor-

ganized, assists the Regulars in trying to defeat valid petitions of the Independents.

It hurts, after working so hard, not to be on the ballot, particularly because our petitions were valid. However, next year we will be larger and stronger and smarter and we will give the other candidates a hell of a run for their money in next year's city elections!



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NATHAN CAMPAIGNS IN N Y

Tonie Nathan, Vice Presidential candidate of the Libertarian Party, arrived in New York City Sunday evening, October 15th, for a two-day stay on her cross-country campaign tour. Ms. Nathan, a 49 year old TV producer and personality from Eugene, Oregon,

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BUILDING LESS GOVERNMENT

BY MARTIN E. NIXON

Decentralization--try it, you'll like it. It's not the universal panacea; but it is a step towards reducing the role of the master planners in our lives.

In the 1969 primary campaign, Mailer and Breslin used the slogan, "All power to the Neighborhoods." At that time the idea was considered something of a curiosity. But since then, the rising tide of protest over the failures and malfunctions of the City have made decentralization quite fashionable. Libertarians, individualists, anarchists and any others who mistrust unlimited government are now presented with the golden opportunity to get across to the masses the message of Less Government.

New York City is a living example of the evils of bureaucracy and big government. We have an area of about 395 square miles and a population of almost 8,000,000. It was assumed sometime in the hoary past that it could somehow function as a unit. But it requires a real exercise of the imagination to think that the people of Hell's Kitchen, of Little Neck, of Morrisania, of Tottenville have much in common.

The one great beauty of any campaign for decentralization is that it does not require converting 50% of the voters to the limitarian position or 99% to anarchism. There are many individuals and groups who have their own reasons for breaking up New York City. There are the Black separatists who would make Harlem and Bedford-Stuyvesant into independent countries. There are the Gay separatists who would turn Greenwich Village or the West Side into an east coast version of Alpine county. There are the Puerto Ricans and the Italians. There are the inhabitants of Riverdale who would not use the phrases "New York" or "The Bronx" if their lives depended upon it.

Besides reducing the scope of government geographically, an additional advantage of decentralization is that it results in smaller sized areas in which to conduct political and educational campaigns for libertarianism. From a tactical point of view, it's the old "divide and conquer" technique.

As a candidate, I have found in talking with people that most are neither political activists nor ideologues. They are concerned about the plumbing in their apartments or local street lighting, the conditions in the local schools or whether there is a policeman on the beat. If the City Planning Commission has come up with some particularly gross suggestion for their area, they are concerned about that too. There is a rampant cynicism and disgust about government officials and the political process.

The old line, "You can't fight City Hall Hall," is appropriate when City Hall is some far and distant place peopled by creatures of whom no one ever heard. It would obviously be completely different when City Hall is a storefront around the corner.

With it no longer possible to pass on the buck, people would be led by circumstance to get involved in politics.

Now there are those who say that the way to respond to the evil of government is to avoid politics. "Don't give it your sanction," they say. But as that old traditionalist (hiss), Edmund Burke said, "All that is necessary for evil to triumph is that good men do nothing."

Since government and politics are going to be around for the foreseeable future, we might as well direct our efforts towards putting chains on government instead of letting government put chains on us.

HUNTERCON SUCCESS

Why is Lowell Ponte so fascinated with lasers? What do America's most famous militant atheist and Barry Goldwater's most famous ex-speechwriter have in common? Can Walter Block really recite eight hundred popular scape goats without once pausing for breath? If you can't answer these questions, you must have missed the recent libertarian conference at Hunter College (October 8 and 9). And if you missed that, you missed a very good show.

You also missed what I consider a very gratifying lesson in the relevance of libertarian thought to American life. To me, the most impressive aspect of the Hunter conference was the fact that it included not only such libertarian lecture circuit regulars as Murray Rothbard, Sharon Presley, Robert LeFevre and Jarrett Wollstein, but also a lot of people not ordinarily associated with anarcho-capitalism at all.

John Holt, for example, is definitely not a libertarian, and he wore a McGovern button throughout the conference. What John Holt is, however, is an extremely distinguished American educator whose views on the ills of our public school system have already influenced countless people who have probably not even heard the word "libertarian." He is a man whose personal involvement with children and their education has led him to support and advocate the decidedly libertarian idea of "kid lib."

Speaking of which, Neil Rothfeder doesn't seem to think of himself as a libertarian, either. His interest at this point in his fourteen-year-old life is not in expounding political philosophies. It is in organizing a real movement toward kid's lib among kids. A movement which has the potential to become the most dramatic libertarian phenomenon of the seventies.

Madalyn Murray O'Hair apparently is a libertarian, although many of us were quite unaware of the fact until recently. She is known primarily as a one-issue person. But what she did at Hunter was to drive home, in a way that no one in her audience will ever forget, the vital relationship between her issue of freedom from religion and the entire issue of human freedom from the bludgeon of the state.

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Karl Hess, Carl Oglesby and Fred Woodworth are libertarians. But their leftist anarchism is a far cry from the capitalist outlook of most of those with whom they shared the platform. Their presence at the conference was a tribute to the breadth of libertarian thought, just as their lives are a tribute to the force of a type of individualism which cuts across political categories.

Through all this diversity, there shone the basic unity of libertarian purpose. The libertarian movement is multi-faceted because liberty is multi-faceted. We thirst for liberty from all forms of governmental prohibition. So we laughed enthusiastically at the film, "Reefer Madness." We thirst for liberty which knows no distinction between the sexes. So we rejoice that women were represented at the conference by Madalyn Murray O'Hair; by Vivian Kellems, the salty Joan of Arc of the anti-tax crusade; by Edith Efron, author of "The News Twisters;" and by representatives of the National Organization for Women. We thirst for liberty on every front, and the strength of the Hunter conference was that it presented such eloquent spokesmen on so many fronts. The appeal of libertarianism must be made as broad as the human craving for liberty. The spectrum represented at Hunter shows that it can be done.

BY LELAND SCHUBERT

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was whisked off to Lee and Sally Schubert's apartment to a reception given to introduce her to the FLP's State and Platform committee members.

On Monday, Ms. Nathan was interviewed by the Gramercy Herald, after which she held a press conference attended by Family Circle Magazine and WKCR Radio. Barbara Seamen, a noted writer, will do an article on Ms. Nathan and the LP which will appear some time after the first of next year in Family Circle Magazine. Monday evening, Ms. Nathan appeared on the Allen Douglas Show (WNBC Radio) for two hours, explaining Libertarian issues for the first hour and receiving listener phone calls for the second. She was able, several times during the program to give the address of the New York Party and we have since received many phone calls and letters as a result of the interview.

Unfortunately, by the time she got back to Gary and Walter's cocktail party at The Salty Dog, many FLP members had left and were unable to meet her. However, in a five-minute talk to the rest of us, she told us the LP is on the ballot in two states (Colorado and Washington) and that five or six others have been able to mount extensive write-in drives. LPs have been organized in 26 states and in Massachusetts each member of the party is trying to make his participation a money-making operation----TANSTAAFL.

Later (it was an endless day), Ms. Nathan was interviewed for Outlook and on Tuesday she left for Detroit.

BY ANDREA MILLEN

FLP HOLDS FUNDRAISER

"This is great! This is our first time and we had expected only a handful of people to be here."

"Only 99¢? Well, here's a dollar--keep the change."

"Is Marcia here? Marcia's always here on Monday night."

"Hey, can I get a copy of Hosper's book here tonight?"

"The Libertarian Party? Only 99¢? Yeah, I'll try it."

"Where can I get on your mailing list? This is really exciting!"

Such were remarks overheard at The Salty Dog, a Second Avenue pub, taken over for political purposes on October 16th by the FLP. These purposes included the honoring of Ms. Tonie Nathan, the Vice Presidential candidate of the John Hospers/Tonie Nathan national LP ticket, during her visit to New York, fundraising for our two write-in campaigns, and general get-acquainted socializing.

The latter was accomplished first as Ms. Nathan was delayed by a two hour interview on the Allen Douglas Show on WNBC Radio, which reaches 35 states. Groups gathered around radios as she put forth her views and responded to calls from radio listeners.

FLP members discussed the party's accomplishments and frustrations of the past six months, along with goals for the future, with the many new people who came out to see what the FLP is all about. Many were interested, while others of the 150 present simply took advantage of the discount bar and free buffet.

Upon Ms. Nathan's arrival, the omnifarious group gathered to hear her discuss the image of the Libertarian Party she is trying to convey to the public.

Walter Block, New York Assembly write-in candidate, also spoke on some of the issues he is stressing in his campaign.

The FLP plans to hold parties on a fairly regular basis as a relaxed and informal means of drawing new people into the party.

BY MIKE NICHOLS

Campaign News

The Greenberg campaign has distributed 10,000 fliers comparing Greenberg's stands with the incumbent's (Koch) on many issues.

WOR-AM ran a one minute spot by Gary on Thursday, October 26th in which he advocated the legalization of heroin and the repeal of victimless crime laws.

The Block campaign has also been busy. 10,000 fliers have been distributed. Walter has had interviews with Citizens Union, Real Estate Weekly and Car Service News, the paper of the gypsy cab industry. In each case, the reception by the interviewing reporter was favorable. Some contributions have been received as a result of the Real Estate Weekly interview. On October 25th, Walter Block, along with several other FLP members, attended an open forum held by Andrew Stein on the subject of "Personal Safety." (Since this was being written simultaneously, no details can be given here.)

From the Clubs

If you wish to have a hand in spreading libertarian ideas and make an impact on New York politics, organize or join an FLP club. THAT'S WHERE THE ACTION IS! For information, contact Gary Greenberg at (212) 787-7093 or Chris Graf at (212) 427-2334.

Following is a listing of active clubs:

THE AGORA LIBERTARIAN CLUB (TALC) (Manhattan) TALC has started work on a major project... the New York City 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). TALC meetings will be held on alternate Tuesdays beginning October 31st at 29 West 26th Street in NYC.

THE BROOKLYN LIBERTARIAN PARTY CAUCUS (BLPC) (Brooklyn) BLPC held its first meeting October 4th. Bylaws have been written and the charter will be submitted for approval by the State Committee at its next meeting on November 10th. Ray Strong is the Chairperson and Gloria Johnson is BLPC's State Committee representative.

The BLPC will concentrate on political issues especially relevant to Brooklyn and those members who want libertarian solutions to Brooklyn's problems can now make it happen by joining.

BLPC plans to meet the first Wednesday of each month with the next meeting to be held on November 1st at 7 PM at the home of George Borecky, 145 Chester Avenue, #C2 in Brooklyn (near Church Avenue F train stop.) Discussion topics will include recruiting more FLP members and organizing Brooklyn for next year's city elections.

For further information, contact Ray Strong at (212) 624-3206 (if no answer--keep trying!).

DAFNY LIBERTARIAN CLUB (Develop Alternatives for New York) (Queens) Contact Mike Higgins at (914) Y08-1485.

GREENWICH VILLAGE LIBERTARIAN CLUB (GVLC) (Manhattan) In keeping with the idea of an involved membership, the GVLC is now actively supporting Gary Greenberg's campaign by preparing and distributing literature and developing materials for use by the Platform Committee. The platform materials 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.

Since most of the GVLC members have had little or no experience with politics on a nuts and bolts level or on an applied theory level, they regard their efforts as both an educational experience for themselves and as a chance to inform others of their views.

THE MID-HUDSON LIBERTARIAN CLUB (Poughkeepsie) Contact Guy Riggs at (914) 462-0613.

Following is a listing by area of clubs now in the process of forming.

BRONX: Contact Steve Flier at (212) 892-2944.

POLITICAL NITTY-GRITTY LIBERTARIAN CLUB: Devoted to studying election law and devising campaign strategy. Contact Mike Donohue at (212) 295-5335.

MANHATTAN:

OUTLOOK LIBERTARIAN CLUB: Devoted to making OUTLOOK an influential national publication stimulating projects mutually beneficial to the Party and OUTLOOK. Contact Walter Block at (212) 864-7165.

THE RADICAL LIBERTARIAN CLUB: An anarcho-capitalist purist group. Contact J. Neil Schulman at (212) 595-9143.

An FLP club is being formed whose prime purpose is to discuss and promote the Kid Lib movement. Anyone who is interested should contact Andrea Millen at (212) 988-7814.

WEST HEMPSTEAD: Contact Mary-Jo Wanzer at (516) 481-6010.

WHITE PLAINS: Contact Roger Eisenberg, Founders Hall, Manhattanville College, Purchase, New York 10577.

Letters to the Editor

The following letter is Dr. Block's reply to the comments of Charles Blood (10/1/72 issue) on Dr. Block's article (8/1/72 issue).

Dear Linda:

In reply to Charles Blood's letter, let me reiterate my position, because it has unfortunately caused much misunderstanding and no little muddying of the waters.

I hold that there are three things necessary for an army to be moral and to have my support. First, the soldiers must not be drafted. The draft is slavery, and all such coercion is surely immoral. Second, the soldiers cannot engage in immoral activities themselves and hope to be moral just because they were hired and not drafted. Immorality is immorality and being hired in a free market is no guarantee of morality. Surely the assassins hired to kill innocent people cannot be considered moral just because they were hired. And third, the salaries of the soldiers cannot be paid with stolen funds. The soldiers must be paid with funds that were voluntarily given to the army in return for protection. Otherwise, even if the soldiers were not drafted, and do not engage in any immorality on their own hook, but rather confine themselves to the protection of persons and property, the army would still be guilty of stealing money from the people they are supposedly "protecting."

The mistake, I contend, made by many advocates of a voluntary military in the present context, is that they focus all their attention on the first of these aspects, completely ignoring the latter two. Now, I am not concerned at this point to discuss which military plan is the least of the evils. I am concerned to point out the libertarian ideal, so that when the time comes to deal with anything less preferable, we will at least be clear on what is the goal that libertarians must aim themselves toward.

WALTER BLOCK

Calendar

ELECTION NIGHT PARTY, Nov. 7, at 9 PM at the Williams Club, 24 East 39th Street in Manhattan. This is a "bring your own bottle" affair.

STATE COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE HELD NOV. 10 at 7:30 PM at 29 West 26th Street. Any member having business for the State Committee (club charters, etc.) should attend this meeting.

FLP GENERAL MEETING TO BE HELD NOV. 12 at 2 PM at the Williams Club, 24 East 39th Street in Manhattan. No notices will be mailed prior to this meeting.

NYLA MEETINGS: 1st and 3rd Friday of each month at 8PM at Laissez Faire Bookstore in Greenwich Village.

THE FLP IS STILL SEEKING OFFICE SPACE IN MANHATTAN. IF ANY MEMBER OR SUPPORTER CAN BE OF ASSISTANCE, PLEASE CONTACT THE FLP HEADQUARTERS AT 29 WEST 26TH STREET. ANOTHER \$7 PER MONTH HAS BEEN ADDED TO THE ORIGINAL \$25, BUT WE STILL HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO.

NOTICE

THE FLP WILL HAVE A NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER ON OR ABOUT NOVEMBER 1. CALL NEW YORK CITY INFORMATION FOR LISTING UNDER J. J. KLASMAN AT 29 WEST 26TH STREET.

We are sad to report the death of Thomas F. Foley on October 1, 1972. Mr. Foley was reputed to be one of the half dozen top election law attorneys in New York, although election law was his avocation. Mr. Foley was an instructor of DuPont's legal staff in Delaware and had seen fit to provide the FLP with some much needed legal advice during our petition campaign.

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GOSSIP.....

Heard around party work sessions--"Leadership is slavery!" and "There ain't no such thing as a free libertarian!"

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Ms./Mr.

As far back as I can remember, I decided I would never marry. Being a confirmed "bachelorette" was definitely my style and the traditional, closed marriage WASN'T my style because I love my freedom. I am proud to say that this decision was made before I'd heard of women's liberation. Once I made this decision, nothing could change my mind, not even the prospect of falling madly in love. But something DID change my mind--a book called "Open Marriage" by Nena and George O'Neill.

Before I go any further, I want to say that this is not intended to be a book review. Instead, it is my personal statement expressing how important I think new ideas are and, hopefully, to convey what I experienced upon reading a book which changed my attitudes about life.

To describe more accurately my feelings about this book, I will quote from a letter I wrote to the O'Neill's: "When I read your book I did not want to put it down, because I had one of those rare experiences when reading a book; a truly personal sense as to what was being said, as if you (the authors) were writing for me about ideas I'd thought about before but never found in a book. I am single and 27 years old and for years I've been trying to find an approach to marriage other than the closed, traditional one. Now I feel that I've found exactly what I was looking for."

There is one thought I neglected to mention in the letter, but will add now and that is that I had cloaked my desires for marriage underneath a barrage of bachelorette cheerleading which served to increase my fears of marriage even more. But what I did want was different. In the process of damning the couple-front marriage, I had never stopped to consider the options and that's exactly what "Open Marriage" is all about.

This book clearly and logically illustrates how two people can have a truly close relationship in a marriage without risking the individuality of either. It explains how crucial it is for each person to pursue his individual needs and goals even outside of marriage and realistically points out that one's partner cannot fulfill ALL of one's needs,

whereas, in a traditional, closed marriage we are taught to expect all our needs are to be fulfilled by our partner. The concept is not new in itself, but it is presented in a new and fresh way and is exactly what is required for two people to become a dynamic couple.

As a libertarian I do love my freedom, yet I also seek a close and warm relationship with someone as a potential partner. That is a need I shall always have, but I seek that relationship as an individual woman, not as wife material, but as person material, expecting psychological freedom, or to use the O'Neill's phrase "psychic space."

The O'Neill's are not only personal throughout their book but also in the manner in which they answered my letter. Their response was: "Your letter, so beautifully written, is very touching and is the real satisfaction and thrill one can have through a meaningful response to what we hope will fulfill many persons. The 'rare experience' you tell of is the measure of true communication, and the confirmation of your own ideas and searching."

Needless to say, these are my kind of people. I hope they will be yours when you read this book.

CHRISTINE GRAF

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