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Statutory Rape in the 18th C.D.

KOCH AND STEIN: REFORM??? LIBERAL??? DEMOCRATS???

If the events of the past two weeks are any indication, State Assemblyman Andrew Stein and Congressman Edward Koch have revealed one of the cornerstones of their current reelection campaigns, i.e., the reduction of crime in the streets by getting it into the Board of Elections where it belongs.

Koch, who not so long ago made his reputation by taking on and besting Carmine DeSapio and his machine, and Stein made their contribution to the popularity of Lord Acton's aphorism concerning the corruptive effects of power by filing objections to the Free Libertarian Party's petitions on behalf of Gary Greenberg and Walter Block. Objections were also filed against the petitions of the Tenant's Party, but it is interesting to note that, for some strange reason, no objections were filed against the petitions of the Socialist Workers Party.

The FLP, from July 21st to August 27th, collected 5,295 signatures for Greenberg (3,500 required) and 3,038 for Block (1,500 required), and filed the two petitions on August 31st.

The details of the objections (the "specifications") were received by mail on September 7th, the day after the first hearing at the Board of Elections and the situation deteriorated steadily thereafter. The specifications were at best capricious and at worst malicious. Page after page in succession (with occasional minor variations for the sake of appearance) were challenged as

containing nothing but signatures of individuals who were not registered. The most glaring dishonesty was the objection to almost 400 names as having voted in this year's Democratic primary election. (One who votes in a primary election to select a candidate for an elective office cannot sign a nominating petition for an independent nominee for that office.) However, there was no Democratic primary in the 18th C.D. (Greenberg) or 65th A.D. (Block) this year, only a presidential primary. There can be no doubt that Koch and Stein knew that they had not been in a primary election, therefore, this objection was an intentional attempt to mislead the Board of Elections and the FLP. (An interesting commentary on bureaucracy; the Board of Elections was misled and declared those signatures invalid and they would have remained so if the FLP hadn't cried "Foul!")

In short the Board of Elections gave Greenberg only 2,416 valid signatures and Block only 1,174. At that point the call went out to FLP members who cataloged close to 3,000 individual objections on index cards (at night) and searched for the matching registration cards at the B of E during the day. After the FLP presented evidence of over 700 valid signatures found, the B of E was forced to order a recount and this time Greenberg was "awarded" 3,390 signatures and Block 2,151.

Along the way, two technicalities cropped up. The first concerned the filing of acceptances by

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From the Chair

As detailed in the lead story, the future of the Greenberg-Block campaign is still in doubt. Despite that uncertainty, it is time to (1) measure our accomplishments to date and (2) develop a plan of action for the next six-to-nine-months.

Our accomplishments are solid-although reciting them doesn't adequately convey their importance. We have grown to over 160 members and we have a mailing list, state-wide, of over 1200 names. The petition campaign and subsequent unpleasantness with the Board of Elections produced a cadre of over 70 dedicated workers who accomplished Gargantuan tasks in unreasonably short periods of time under abominable working conditions. We have developed a solid understanding of the petition process as well as crucial insight into the operation of the Board of Elections. FLP clubs are beginning to fall into place upstate as well as in New York City.

For an organization only five months old, with or without candidates on the ballot, we can be proud of our progress.

For the next six months, we face such tasks as to make the last five months a mere warm-up - tasks even beyond the powers of our group of 70 super-producers. What's more, unlike the past, our new tasks will not be as centralized - thus requiring not only more people but more initiative and self-starting.

Task No. 1: We must expand our organization beyond the limits of the five boroughs. It is crucial that those members not in New York City form or join FLP clubs. Starting with the next election season, we must begin to nominate and run candidates in other New York cities as well as in counties or other political subdivisions. We must not permit the FLP to become locked into New York City.

Task No. 2: We must decentralize the New York City membership. Next year is the big political year for the City and we must be prepared to campaign in all bor-

oughs. All members outside of Manhattan are urged to participate in clubs so that borough organizations can be built, issues assessed, and programs and campaigns developed.

Task No. 3: We must do our homework on campaign programs. We are long on theory but short on applications. If we are to convince our neighbors that Libertarianism is valid, we must demonstrate it by having specific workable proposals for solving the problems that beset the city. This task is best accomplished through clubs.

Task No. 4: We must develop an effective plan for fund raising, both for general Party operations and campaign purposes. This vital project will require our best creative efforts; for without funds no meaningful growth or political activism is possible.

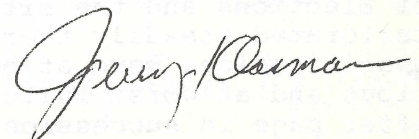
Task No. 5: We must sharpen and expand our publicity efforts. Recruiting depends on reaching those Libertarians who have yet to learn of our existence. It especially depends on reaching the many who have yet to realize that they are (or, are almost) Libertarians.

Along with all of the above, in the next six months the FLP will adopt a State Platform and have its first full State Convention.

If the above programs seem ambitious, ask yourself why you support the FLP. If we are to engage in politics, if we intend to begin the task of improving our lives by attacking the leviathan that is strangling us, there is no way to avoid the cost. Today, TANSTAAFL could also mean "There Ain't No Such Thing As Free Liberty."

We will get the job done.

Yours in Liberty,



Jerry Klasman

FROM PAGE 1

the candidates (concerning which filing the Election Code gives two deadlines, September 5th and October 13th) and the second concerning the date of delivery of a Show Cause Order filed by the FLP to reserve the right to appeal the B of E findings in court. The first of these issues has been decided against the FLP and the second will probably be also.

In the meantime, Greenberg is 110 signatures short, but as of this writing, 91 more signatures have been found by FLP workers and there is one more day to find the other 19 required. They will certainly be found and, if time and manpower was available, hundreds more could be found.

There is no describing the chaos that prevails at the B of E. It is impossible for the B of E staff to accurately check petitions and objections in the amount of time available. The point is, of course, why should the petitioning candidate be penalized by the situation.

Even more to the moral point (but then who ever said justice plays a part in politics), why should machine hacks like Koch and Stein be allowed, without fear of penalty, to capitalize on this chaos by objecting to everything on every ground, knowing that the B of E will not, cannot, check it all, thereby disenfranchising the signers of petitions and preventing, by fraudulent means, independent candidates from rising to challenge their cynical abuses of power.

Well, they have made at least one mistake that is beyond the power of their legal staff (or the B of E) to remedy. They have taught the FLP all it needs to know and there'll be no more losses by technicality or undetected phony objections. To Koch and Stein, every bit as much as to Kennedyjohnsonnixonmcgovern, the FLP owes a sincere debt of gratitude. They have made the FLP a party that is determined to succeed...that will not stop short of success.

As backbreaking (not spirit-breaking) as it has been, the FLP can recommend the experience to the rest of the Libertarian Party.

Until you've been raped by a couple of phony Liberals like Koch and Stein, you'll never know just how much dedication you've got in you!

Campaign News

The status of the Greenberg-Block campaigns are covered in our page one story.

If you wish to help the Greenberg campaign in any way, contact Gloria Johnson, Campaign Manager, at 768-5892.

If you wish to help the Block campaign in any way, contact Howard Rich, Campaign Manager, at 299-0686.

YOU can help in two ways--TIME and MONEY. Contributions can be sent to Greenberg for Congress Committee or Block for Assembly Committee, c/o Laissez Faire Bookstore at 208A Mercer (corner of Bleecker), New York, N. Y. 10012.

We are sorry to report that Guy Riggs will not be on the ballot in Poughkeepsie. However, Mr. Riggs has sparked a tremendous interest in Libertarianism in his area. He has achieved much local media support and is actively organizing the Poughkeepsie area into FLP clubs. When he is back in the political arena next year, there will be no question about who he is or what is Libertarianism.

If YOU wish to see Guy Riggs try again and succeed, contact him at (914) 462-0613 and offer YOUR help!

Martin E. Nixon, FLP member is on the ballot as the Republican-Conservative candidate for State Assembly in the 67th A.D., which is on the West Side of Manhattan. Mr. Nixon's campaign theme will be decentralization and reduction of government. If YOU wish to help on this campaign, call Martin Nixon at 524-4926 or 757-7600.

Committee News

Publicity

The publicity committee has three subcommittees - Newsletter, Editorial Reply and General PR Functions. Contact Linda Klasman if you wish to work on publicity projects.

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Ms./Mr.

Diana Forwalter and David Friedman were married in Chicago on September 16, 1972. The couple wrote their own marriage contract which they are willing to show to anyone who is interested.

The above is news and the following is the opinion of the writer.

We have observed that libertarians are generally enlightened about moral, political and social problems, such as race relations and pollution. However, it is our opinion that some, but by no means, all, libertarians do not recognize that women have special problems and that, therefore, men do also. It is our sad observation that a number of our members and supporters have given little or no thought to this issue.

A number of males, who have called the party office or attended meetings seeking information about the FLP, have begun their questioning with, "Why do you use the terms chairperson and committeeperson?" At one meeting a male, immediately upon his introduction to our former State Chairperson, Ed Clark, asked, "Why do you label yourself as Chairperson? Don't you think that's rather juvenile?" Is that really the first question one might be expected to ask about a new political party?

The above is not to say that women are not sometimes their own worst enemies. Women are not asserting themselves, with several notable exceptions, in the FLP. There are 162 members in the FLP, 26.3 per cent women, and 73.7 per cent men. We hope this percentage will equalize shortly. We are convinced it will add much to the individual lives of all our members as human beings if women start pulling their weight and exercising their knowledge and capabilities.

The FLP as a political party will benefit in terms of its effect as a political force when all of our talent is brought to bear in making the FLP the ideal as well as the "idealist" party of the future.

--Linda Klasman

This is an open column to all women and men on any issue connected with female and male liberation, whether pro or con.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Linda:

I wanted to follow up on my phone call regarding Walter Block's article, "Against the Volunteer Military" in the August 1, 1972 issue of the Newsletter, with a more formal letter to the editor because I think it raised, either indirectly or directly, a number of points worth considering.

We both agreed that the article really seemed to wind up directed against imperialist armies, however staffed, rather than against defensive armies, volunteer or otherwise. Nevertheless, it is titled "Against the Volunteer Military" and does open with "Many libertarians have been misled into supporting the volunteer military proposal." He weakens the anti-draft position by stating it in euphemistic terms of the individual being a "self owner" who is being "nationalized" instead of presenting the argument in its usual "right to life" and "forced service" form. An analogy between concentration camp torturers and members of the military is made, followed by an extended argument in favor of first looking at what the "hirlings" are doing before looking at how they are hired.

I do not think that present and/or future party members are hypersensitive to the anarchist versus limited government division among libertarians. The party was set up so that both could work together on getting rid of the first 80% of government. It really distresses me to see a party publication carry an article that uses the anarchist premises to take a clear swipe at the limited government position, particularly with reference to the draft. It could be argued that regardless of one's premises, the draft is a more fundamental issue than imperialism. Be that as it may, it is certainly counterproductive to our stated goals for the party to be used as a debating forum between our various components.

I know that I have, perhaps, overreacted because the article happened to hit one of "my" issues, but the issue is still worth raising.

Charles Blood

Association for a Volunteer Army
(Member) Free Libertarian Party

From the Clubs

The FLP now has four chartered clubs with a number of others in the process of being formed.

As discussed in the "From the Chair" column, the majority of activity will come from the clubs. In order for the FLP to grow and be influential, its club structure must spread to include all parts of the State of New York.

If you are interested in joining an FLP club, please contact any of the persons listed below or Gary Greenberg at (212) 787-7093 or Chris Graf at (212) 427-2334.

The four chartered clubs are:

THE AGORA LIBERTARIAN CLUB (TALC):
Contact Jerry Klasman at (212) 687-1070 (day) and (212) 889-2513 (evening). (Manhattan)

GREENWICH VILLAGE LIBERTARIAN CLUB:
Contact George Jacobs at (212) 989-7351. (Manhattan)

DAFNY LIBERTARIAN CLUB (Develop Alternatives for New York): Contact Mike Higgins at (914) YO 8-1485. (Keep trying--Mike is hard to reach sometimes!) (Queens)

THE MID-HUDSON LIBERTARIAN CLUB:
Contact Guy Riggs at (914) 462-0613. On September 21st, Guy held his first organizational meeting in Poughkeepsie, with 28 persons in attendance. The meeting was chaired by Guy and guest speakers were: Ralph Blanchette (Guy's Campaign Manager); Joe Fretale, who is on the staff of WKIP Radio and responsible for a considerable amount of favorable publicity for Guy during his recent petition drive; Jerry Klasman, State Chairperson of the FLP; Paul Lepanto, author of "Return to Reason" and an early New York State LP organizer and Jim Marshall, an IBM Planner.

Anyone living in the Poughkeepsie area is urged to contact Guy to join and/or help get the FLP flying and active in Poughkeepsie.

Following is a listing by area of clubs now in the process of forming. If you wish to spread the "secret" philosophy of Libertarianism, please join now.

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

BROOKLYN: Contact Ray Strong at (212) 624-3206.

COMMACK: Contact Richard Lerner at (516) 543-9463.

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.

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

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

WHITE PLAINS: Contact Art O'Sullivan at (914) 946-5616 or Roger Eisenberg, Founders Hall, Manhattanville College, Purchase, New York 10577.

WHY NOT BE THE FIRST PERSON ON YOUR BLOCK TO START A LIBERTARIAN CLUB?

FOR ALMOST WEEKLY COVERAGE OF THE GREENBERG-BLOCK CAMPAIGNS, SEE THE GRAMERCY HERALD NEWSPAPER. THE HERALD COVERS THE NEWS ON THE EAST SIDE OF MANHATTAN BETWEEN 14TH AND 40TH STREETS FROM FIFTH AVENUE TO THE EAST RIVER. THE HERALD HAS PROVIDED THE FLP WITH MORE COVERAGE THAN ALL OTHER MEDIA COMBINED. IT HAS WELCOMED THE EXISTENCE OF THE FLP EDITORIALY, AND HAS EDITORIALY CONDEMNED THE CHALLENGES OF OUR OPPONENTS. TO GET REGULAR CAMPAIGN NEWS, SUBSCRIBE TO THE GRAMERCY HERALD, 162 EAST 23RD STREET, NEW YORK, N. Y. \$3/YR.

THE SCORPIO SHOW: Starring Gary Greenberg, Sunday nights, 2 AM, WHBI-FM, 105.9.

Committee News (CONT'D.)

Operations

The operations committee needs workers desperately to get out mailings, work meeting tables, etc. This is a most important committee! All the creativity and intelligence we have goes to waste without those people who are willing to do the nitty-gritty work. If YOU really want to "get the word out" call Mike Higgins at 914-408-1485. Any amount of time - even thirty minutes - is priceless to the FLP.

Finance

The finance committee has the tough job of raising funds. If YOU have any ideas or time, call Cal Beatty at 879-5362.

Membership

If you want to help the FLP grow - call Chris Graf at 427-2334 and offer YOUR help and time.

The Publicity, Operations, Finance and Membership committees are all equally important. No one of the four can function effectively without all the others. If the prospect of a Libertarian Society is not important enough to get YOU to work, we are doomed!

State

AUGUST 9th MEETING

The resignation of Les Davidson, Membership Chairperson, was accepted and Ms. Chris Graf was chosen to fill the vacancy.

SEPTEMBER 11th MEETING

The resignation of Mel Hirschowitz, Vice Chairperson of the FLP was accepted. Committeeperson-at-Large, Andrea Millen, was elected to fill this office. The now vacant committeeperson-at-large position will be filled at the next State Committee meeting.

The Committee also chartered two FLP clubs--The Greenwich Village Libertarian Club and the Mid-Hudson Libertarian Club.

Platform

This committee was appointed at the September 17th FLP general meeting by Jerome Klasman to write a State Platform for the FLP. The members are: Jack Brookner; Joseph Castrovinci; Michael Donohue; David Friedman; Eugene Guccione, Chairperson; Paul Hodgson; Guy Riggs; Leland Schubert and Jerome Tuccille. The committee was presented with a written keynote message by Mr. Klasman in which he urged that the platform, in its control and language, reflect neither anarchist nor limited government viewpoints but, rather, should emphasize the principles upon which all libertarians agree.

When the first draft is completed, it will be published, along with minority reports, and sent to all members. A general meeting will be held three to six weeks after the mailing for the purpose of adopting the platform. Instructions will be sent with the draft on procedures by which any member may submit an alternative plank(s).

FLP HOLDS BANQUET

BIDS FAREWELL TO FOUNDER CLARK

Annual dinners are usually held in the month of October as fund-raising affairs for campaigns. However the annual dinner of the FLP was held August 29th, not merely for the purpose of fund-raising, but to honor the man who decided the idea of a Libertarian Party was a good one and then did something about it.

The dinner was held at the West Lake Restaurant in Manhattan with about 90 persons in attendance.

One of the biggest hits of the meal seemed to be the "Libertarian Fortune Cookies." There was quite a parade of guests to the microphone to read such "fortunes" as: "Recipe for Libertarian Salad: Lettuce alone." and "Commit Thomas Szasz."

BANQUET (CONT'D.)

Opening remarks were made by Jerry Klasman and the three candidates gave brief run-downs of their campaigns. Gary Greenberg spoke of the backbreaking work of the petition drive and the emotional bonds which had developed among those people who were actively engaged in the political process for making their ideals known to the public. He stated that even though other FLPers will participate in future campaigns, the experience will never be quite like the first one.

Some fine and funny homegrown entertainment was presented with Andrea Millen hosting. The skits were funny, particularly to those who had participated in the petition drive. We thought Marjorie Caines did a great job of singing on the calypso number and we know Sam Konkin is headed for Broadway!

A number of non-serious awards were presented, among them the Wally Waffle, the Yours in Liberty and the Omar Khayyam Moving Finger.

Ed Clark and his wife, Alicia, were in attendance at the dinner and a plaque was presented to Ed by Jerry Klasman in behalf of the FLP membership as a token of gratitude for his organizing efforts.

All in all, the dinner was a success. We had a chance to socialize and get to know each other better and it was a welcome break after the long work of our petition campaign.

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Calendar

FLP GENERAL MEETING TO BE HELD NOV.
12, 2 PM, AT THE WILLIAMS CLUB,
24 EAST 39TH STREET, N.Y.C.

FESTIVAL FOR LIFE: Libertarian Conference, Hunter College Auditorium, Park Avenue & 68th St., Sunday, Oct. 8 - 10 AM, Monday, Oct. 9 - 12 PM, \$.50 per day admission. Featuring: "REEFER MADNESS" (1936 classic government anti-drug propaganda film) and "LENNY BRUCE WITHOUT TEARS". Speakers: WALTER BLOCK, GARY GREENBERG, KARL HESS, JOHN HOLT, VIVIAN KELLAMS, ROBERT LEFEVRE, CARL OGLESBY, MADALYN MURRAY O'HAIR, LOWELL PONTE, SHARON PRESLEY, MURRAY ROTHBARD, JEROME TUCCILLE, JARRET WOLSTEIN and FRED WOODWORTH.

MS. TONIE NATHAN, Libertarian Party candidate for vice president will be in New York October 16 & 17. Media appearances are being arranged.

POLIFAX SURVEY: Fernand V. Solara has been commissioned by a leading national publication to do a feature article on the libertarian movement for Spring 1973 publication. To participate, send stamped, self-addressed envelope to: POLIFAX SURVEY, P. O. Box 20067, Denver, Colorado, 80220, immediately.

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

SLAM! STUDENT LIBERTARIAN ACTION MOVEMENT: A radical anarchist libertarian group, meets monthly. Call Samuel E. Konkin, III at 355 - 4434.

THE FREE LIBERTARIAN PARTY NEEDS OFFICE SPACE IN MANHATTAN

We have \$25. per month pledged from various members for this purpose. If at least 125 more members would donate \$1 per month we could easily rent space.

As you know, such contributions are tax deductible with the benefits ranging from \$12.50 to \$100, depending variously on your filing status and whether you itemize or take the standard deduction.

WHY NOT SEND YOUR CHECK TODAY FOR \$12.?

All checks will be held until we have received enough checks and/or pledges to pay for one year's rent. These monies will not be intermingled with other FLP funds.

If you wish to contribute, send your check or pledge to our current address-29 West 26th Street, New York, N. Y. 10010. Make checks payable to FREE LIBERTARIAN PARTY, INC., and be sure to mark it "Office Donation."

***** THANK YOU *****

To those 75 people who gave so freely of their time and effort to collecting petition signatures, collating the petitions and working days at the Board of Elections and nights at the "party office" to refute the Koch and Stein challenges.

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