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State Convention Set for May 17-19

With a theme of "Making it Politically in New York State," the 1985 state convention of the Free Libertarian Party will be held on May 17th - 19th in Middletown. A keynote address by Jim Lewis, a banquet speech by noted tax rebel, Irwin Schiff, and three political forums on "The Third Party Dilemma" will highlight the libertarian gathering.

The convention officially opens at noon, Saturday, May 18th, with Jim Lewis' keynote speech. Other speakers at the Saturday session include Phillip Fixler from the Local Government Institute of the Reason Foundation, a California-based libertarian think tank, and Doris Delaney, a representative of a group of New Yorkers opposing the use of eminent domain by the Power Authority of the State of New York (PASNY).

Saturday's events will also include two forums. The first will focus on the "Media View" of 3rd parties and will be moderated by Audrey Caposi of the Suffolk County FLP. Representatives of the press and broadcast media will make up the forum panel. The other forum will focus on the "Professional View" of the 3rd party dilemma and will be moderated by Guy Riggs of the Dutchess County FLP. The panelists will be politicians from other parties, including a former Congressman, Ned Pattison, and former Assemblyman, Benjamin Roosa.

Irwin Schiff, the Saturday evening banquet speaker, is the author of "How Anyone Can Stop Paying Income Taxes." Schiff is well known in the tax resistance movement. The theme of his speech will be "Taxation is Theft."

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GIVE IT BACK...NOW!

by Tom Lowy

On February 16th, the FLP State Committee unanimously passed a resolution condemning the \$10,000 pay raise that the New York legislature passed for its members and called on party members and chapters to begin actively opposing the increase.

Shortly after the FLP endorsement of the "Give it Back" effort, Dottie-Lou Brokaw, the Central New York party leader, debated Assemblyman Rappleyea on a Cortland radio station. This was sort of poetic justice for Dottie-Lou, since she had run against Rappleyea in 1982 for the Assembly seat. The salary that legis-

lators received was an issue raised in her campaign. She received 2,263 votes in that race, over 7% of the total. In her home county of Cortland, she received 15% of the vote.

The New York City chapter formally passed a "Give it Back...NOW!" resolution at its March 20th business meeting and committed the city party to a petition drive aimed at forcing the legislature to repeal the pay hike. The resolution charges that the increase "can only be seen as a raid on the public treasury." Vowing to make the raise an issue in the 1986 legislative elections, the city party stated:

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"It is an outrage that the taxes paid by men and women earning less than \$12,000 per year are being used to give pay increases of such magnitude to politicians."

In mid-March, George Wager, an FLP State Committeeman from Menands, joined the founder of the "Give it Back" campaign, Ed Robinson, a 72-year old political activist from the Liverpool area, in a demonstration at the State Capitol. Robinson was one of the founders of the Conservative Party in 1962, although he has since left that party because he feels they sold out to the Republicans. Ed's campaign has already brought in some 50,000 signatures on petitions calling for the repeal of the raise.

The Capitol District demonstration resulted in an interview of Tom Lowy, the FLP's "Give it Back...NOW!" coordinator in New York City, by Dan Janison, legislative correspondent for the Gannett newspaper chain. A story headlined "Give it Back Fever Spreads" appeared in the March 17th Staten Island Advance reporting that "the Free Libertarian Party...also joined the 'Give it Back' campaign." The FLP, wrote Janison, "looks to make mincemeat of traditional political thinking. After all, how many other political organizations can you name that, like the Libertarians, zealously call themselves 'pro-choice' on abortion but oppose all gun controls; support legalization of all drugs while demanding drastic tax cuts; oppose the new seat belt law, and think the Legislature should meet for a short time every other year?"

On April 11th, the Long Island daily Newsday reported that the Nassau County FLP will begin the local phase of the "Give it Back" campaign. The news report described the issues involved with the pay raise and the FLP's petition drive. The Nassau libertarians are kicking off their effort at a April 15th (tax protest day) meeting at a place called the Jolly Swagman Inn. This is a fitting enough place to meet on Tax Day, since the word "swag" means "goods acquired by unlawful means" and a "swagman" is a person carrying a club for the purpose of obtaining "swag." New York City Chairman, Tom Lowy, will be speaking at the meeting.

"Give it Back...NOW!" petitions are now available for circulation. Members and supporters of the party should contact their local FLP leader to get petitions. (See the list of county and city leaders on the back

F.L.P. CANDIDATE LOSES RACE FOR COBLESKILL TRUSTEE POST

by Les Hendrix

True to FLP tradition, Schoharie County's first Libertarian candidate lost his bid for Village of Cobleskill trustee on March 19.

Libertarian Harry Kublin won 106 votes from 501 voters in a three-way race for two seats. Both opponents were incumbent.

The two halves of the Demopublican Party do not field candidates in village elections in Schoharie County. The Citizens Party has been the Cobleskill incumbents' party for the past 14 years and the appearance of a statewide party on the ballot was a modern precedent.

Kublin is retired from Cobleskill State College and entered the race primarily to keep the Libertarian movement active in Schoharie County. County Chair Robert Hills gathered about half the petition signatures and Kublin gathered the remainder. Kublin then campaigned door-to-door, primarily on local issues but also spreading the Libertarian word.

Hills said he had several inquiries about the party while petitioning, and that no one declined to sign after learning about the party.

Capital District FLP offered to assist with people power.

The Schoharie FLP Club expects to field candidates in at least two of the 16 towns this fall.

page of the newsletter.) Please send completed petition sheets to the state party headquarters or to your local leader. The "Give it Back" issue is an excellent vehicle for libertarians to use to open up the question of what constitutes the legitimate functions of government. This is definitely outreach petitioning. So get your petitions and get working. Let's build the party.

Arkansas Draft Resister Rouses New York

by Richard A. Cooper

(Richard Cooper's report on the visit to New York City by Paul Jacob is reprinted from the April issue of Big Apple Libertarian, the city chapter's newsletter. Paul appeared on the Barry Farber talkshow, WMCA-AM radio, and the Sherrye Henry talkshow, WOR-AM radio.)

Libertarians assembled under the auspices of the Libertarian Supper Club, at the Thomas Street Inn on March 7th, to come to the aid of one of their own. Paul Jacob, 25, of Little Rock, Arkansas, the former chair of that state's LP, presented a stirring account of his struggle for individual liberty against the demands of government.

Married with a ten-month-old daughter, Jacob fell victim to the Reaganite campaign against vocal non-registrants. Seventeen others, mostly objecting on religious grounds, essentially dared the Federal agents to come and get them, by writing to the Selective Service. Jacob took a different path: he went underground. He has traveled the country, speaking out against the aggression against individual rights represented by registration and the draft. He recalled for his audience candidate Reagan's forthright denunciation of draft registration, and his broken promise to abolish it.

Jacob outlined his defense plans, and urged his audience to organize politically to defeat the draft, to counter the tax-paid propaganda to register young men, and to raise the issue in electoral campaigns. He condemned the belligerent moves the administration has taken and coupled the libertarian position against government interference in the economy.

Led by organizer Dyanne Petersen, the 50 attendees enthusiastically contributed to the Paul Jacob Defense Fund (P.O. Box 15724, Little Rock, AR 72231). Over \$1,000 was raised. Tapes of Paul Jacob's talk will be available from Laissez Faire Books.

The New York City Chapter of the FLP issued a press release notifying local media of Jacob's availability in town, and he was subsequently featured on some radio talk shows.

Southern Tier Chapter Holds Convention, Elects 1985-86 Officers

by Jay Fields, Chapter Chair

On March 5, 1985, the Southern Tier chapter of the FLP held its annual meeting. Out-going Chair, Linda Jowett reported on chapter activities. Among the successes were the Wanda Hudak campaign for Broome County Executive, several successful party functions and a positive balance in the chapter's bank account. The flip-side of the coin showed a less than successful Bergland petition drive and a failure to draw adequate numbers of new members

A new slate of chapter officers was elected: John Fields, Chair; Jim Buttolph, Vice-chair; Kevin McKeown, Treasurer-Secretary; Dean Grimes, State Committee Representative; and Wanda Hudak, State Committee Alternate.

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Lewis Startles NYC-FLP Convention

by Jon Carriel

(Jon Carriel's report on the New York City FLP Convention is reprinted from the April issue of Big Apple Libertarian, the city chapter's newsletter.)

Jim Lewis (1984 LP Vice Presidential candidate) startled the forty-plus attendees at the City Chapter Convention March 2nd, with the assertion that the Libertarian Party is not moving this country fast enough toward libertarian goals. He proceeded to suggest a "marketing strategy," involving the creation of a new third party, for which he offered the name "Constitutionalist." The proposed new party "would emphasize the principles upon which our country was founded, as expounded in the Declaration of Independence." It would be composed, he surmised, of all those Americans who favor, in a general way, smaller, more limited government. Libertarians could serve in it as a radical caucus, and would thereby get their ideas heard more frequently.

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New York Libertarian Convention '85



JIM LEWIS

Jim Lewis, our 1984 Vice-Presidential candidate, will be the keynote speaker. He also ran for the U.S. Senate and recruited and organized the entire slate of 16 candidates in Connecticut in 1982. Jim is a businessman, co-founder of the Connecticut Institute, and founder of the Foundation for constitutional Education. Jim's keynote address will be "A Strategy for Reclaiming Liberty".



IRWIN A. SCHIFF

Irwin Schiff will be our featured banquet speaker. Mr. Schiff is an economics and accounting graduate of the University of Connecticut. He has earned a C.L.U. degree, is a licensed securities broker, and has testified before the Senate Committee on Banking and Currency opposing the removal of gold backing from U.S. currency.

May 17-19

FRIDAY:

8:00 PM COCKTAIL PARTY (OPEN BAR)

SATURDAY:

9:30	AM	REGISTRATION AND LIBERTARIAN FILM FESTIVAL
11:00	AM	LUNCH BREAK (ON YOUR OWN)
12:00	AM	KEYNOTE ADDRESS — JIM LEWIS
12:30	AM	FORUM — "THE 3RD PARTY DILEMMA: MEDIA VIEW"
1:30	PM	SPEAKER — PHILLIP FIXLER
2:15	PM	COFFEE BREAK
2:30	PM	FORUM — "THE 3RD PARTY DILEMMA: PROFESSIONAL VIEW"
3:30	PM	SPEAKER — DORIS DELANEY
4:15	PM	COFFEE BREAK
4:30	PM	SPEAKER — JIM McCLARIN
5:15	PM	BREAK
6:30	PM	COCKTAILS (CASH BAR)
7:30	PM	BANQUET — IRWIN SCHIFF

SUNDAY:

9:00	AM	CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
		SPEAKER — REBECCA SHIPMAN
10:00	AM	SPEAKER — PAUL JACOB
10:30	AM	SIRLOIN BRUNCH
		FORUM — "THE 3RD PARTY DILEMMA: WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED?"
11:30	AM	BREAK: (LAST CALL TO CHECK OUT OF MOTEL)
12:00	M	BUSINESS MEETING —

New York 1985 Libertarian Convention



PHILIP E. FIXLER, JR.

Dr. Philip E. Fixler, Jr. is Director of the Local Government Center, a research institute that studies privatization at the local and state government levels. He edits "Fiscal Watchdog", the nation's only monthly newsletter on privatization of local government services. Dr. Fixler has written for the "Wall Street Journal", "Los Angeles Times", "American City and County", "Human Events", and "Dollars and Sense", and is currently co-editing a privatization reader on behalf of the Reason Foundation. Dr. Fixler's topic will be "Privatization for State and Local Candidates".



REBECCA SHIPMAN

Rebecca Shipman, a doctoral candidate, is Associate Professor of Human Services at Massasoit Community College. The 1982 Libertarian candidate for Governor in MA, Ms. Shipman presently serves as National Director of the Association of Libertarian Feminists. She will speak on "Reaching Out to Feminists".

GENERAL INFORMATION

LOCATION: The Middletown Howard-Johnson's Motor Lodge, located at 551 Route 211 East, Middletown, NY. Take Exit 120 (Middletown Exit) off the Quickway (Route 17). Turn East on Route 211 (Toward Montgomery). The Lodge will be about 1/4 mile down on your left. If you get lost, the Lodge's telephone is (914) 342-4200.

RESERVATIONS: You are responsible for your own reservations. Call Toll-free (800) 654-2000 and ask for "New York Libertarian Convention" rates.

Single Occupancy.....\$40.00

Double Occupancy.....\$44.00 (Plus 6 1/4 % tax)

In the event the lodge is booked, we have arranged for alternate rooms at the 8-Days Inn next door (same prices).

The Friday Cocktail Party will be held in our hospitality suite and the terrace overlooking the Lodge's heated pool. If you intend to swim, please wear suitable attire...skinny dipping is considered a serious social crime in the local area.

Name(s): _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Home () _____ Work () _____

Friday Cocktail Party.....\$ 7.00 _____

Registration.....\$ 7.00 _____

Saturday Program.....\$25.00 _____

Banquet.....\$36.00 _____

Sunday Program.....\$25.00 _____

Individual Price Total.....\$100.00 _____

Fri & Sat Package (Before May 10th)....\$65.00 _____

Saving— \$10.00

Total Package (Before May 10th)....\$85.00 _____

Saving— \$15.00 _____

I want to be a convention booster.\$ 5.00 _____

Total Remittance.....\$ _____

Send This Form Together With Your Check Payable To:

New York Libertarian Convention

c/o A. Svensson

RD 1 Box 237, Pine Bush, NY 12566

To the Secretary of the FLP:

The person(s) named above intend to vote at the 1985 Convention.

CONVENTION BOOK: You may place an ad, business card, or be listed as a booster in the convention book. For information on rates and deadlines, call Mike North (914) 679-2733.

TABLES: A limited number of tables will be made available for organizations and entrepreneurs at no cost. Call Darryl Mentro (914) 361-4268 evenings.

VOTING: The bylaws of the FLP require that you register your intention to vote at the convention with the secretary at least 14 days beforehand. To assure your right to vote, make sure your membership is current and return the registration form so that it is received by May 5, 1985.

This issue's selection of libertarian letters to editors of newspapers and magazines features three letters by the following writers: Dave Kahn of the New York City chapter; John Sproul of the Rochester chapter; and Gary Carlson, Yates County Chairman. Several other good letters were received, but could not be published in this issue due to space considerations.

Defining responsible investments

To the Editor:

"Socially Committed Investments" (October 1984) is misleading because it takes at face value its self-righteous title and phrases such as "market conscience criteria" and "socially responsible investing." The pompous words disguise the essentially political nature of a movement that emulates the guilt-by-association type blacklist of the McCarthy era. While it is true, as author Clark Moeller states, that some church groups have long chosen to avoid investments involving alcohol or tobacco, this was not part of a concerted effort to eliminate these vices.

While Moeller mentions that so called responsible investors must first define a policy of social responsibility, in practice the blacklist is based on double standards designed to help special interest groups. For example, companies with "retrogressive labor policies" translates into companies that seek to avoid contracts that would require union membership as a condition of employment.

The vilification of companies doing business with South Africa is designed both to placate black propagandists who push the white devil theory of politics and to assuage white liberal guilt. The blacklist is not supported by the alleged beneficiaries — the black residents of South Africa. Moeller's people, so far as I know, have never sought to discourage investments in the dozens of black and Arab ruled countries of Africa whose human rights record makes South Africa look Utopian by comparison.

Finally, the do-gooders who condemn firms doing business with the military apparently have no qualms about investments in the government that pays these firms. It takes considerable arrogance to set yourself up as judge and jury for what and from whom the Defense Department should buy.

It is not surprising that investors using Moeller's criteria may fare no worse than others. There are sufficient alternative investments available. I suspect that boycotted firms, too, do as well as others because of the ample supply of non-politically motivated investors.

It is a trust officer's obligation to invest for the benefit of the trust and not to serve a political agenda. Any other criteria violates established principles and, in the case of pension funds, the provisions of ERISA. On April 16th the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals upheld a lower court ruling assessing union officials \$500,000 for using pension funds to further compulsory unionism under the guise of social investing.

Ultimately, political investors are unconcerned with returns on investment. United Auto Workers President Owen Bieber admittedly would "invest in some projects which don't 'make money' in the commercial sense but which do produce desirable social returns on investments."

DAVID KAHN
New York, N.Y.

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On common good

To the Editor:

In your article on the Town of Jerusalem Rehabilitation Law (originally written "Beautification Law"), I was accurately quoted as saying this kind of law is passed "...for the detriment of the individual and the betterment of the common good."

The phrase looks considerably more benign in print than the way I felt as I said it. I think that in the years to come we will see more and more things done for the common good. We may even see the time when nothing of any significance will be allowed unless it be deemed for the common good.

That is why I am a Libertarian now. By then it will be too late.

Gary L. Carlson
Yates County Chair
New York State Free Libertarian Party

Chronicle Express, Penn Yan, N.Y.
Feb. 21, 1985

Legalize drugs

YOUR story headlined "Drugs flow on, panel warns U.S." (March 7) informed us sales of illegal drugs reached \$110 billion last year, increasing \$10 billion annually since 1978.

All this despite the continual (and expensive) efforts of police officials, with optimistic predictions of how the effort "put a big dent in drug dealing operations."

If the failure of alcohol prohibition in the 1920s taught us one thing, it should have been that making a substance illegal does not stop its use, but only increases the profit incentives for distribution by criminals. (You don't see smugglers abandoning expensive boats and airplanes to import grass baskets from Columbia.)

All drugs, including heroin, should be legal, not because they're good for people, but to remove the incentives for pushers.

JOHN C. SPROUL, Rochester

Democrat and Chronicle, Rochester
March 24, 1985

Lewis, author of Liberty Reclaimed with Jim Peron, foresees promotion possibilities for this idea due to the circumstance of the forthcoming bicentennial celebration of the the Constitution: "A presentation of the true principles of our country," he wrote B.A.L., "and an account of how they were betrayed, and the consequences of this betrayal should generate interest and support."

He noted the example of Thomas Jefferson's tactical coalition-building for reduced government during the 1790s; and then observed that many contemporary commentators have discerned the existence of a loose "populist" coalition in favor of both economic and civil liberties. On this subject he quoted no less than Richard Viguerie: "Today the important political battle is not between Republicans and Democrats, or between corporations and unions, or even between liberals and con-

servatives. It is the establishment versus the people."

Lewis' suggestion, which would effect a fundamental change in tactics, elicited a lively discussion. While most participants viewed the idea with guarded interest, David Miller's objections that it would destroy the educational function that the LP now serves, and force libertarians to lie down with unacceptable political bedfellows, met with considerable applause. However, coming from the valiant Lewis -- who, as a matter of principle, hasn't paid any taxes for some years -- such ideas at least merit further consideration in what should be a constant re-examination of methods for securing a libertarian society.

Other convention business included the election of the proposed slate of City Chapter officers, discussion of finances (not the greatest), and reports on the newsletter and the Introductions to Libertarianism.

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Children's Rights

by George Wager

New York State Libertarian Party

In 1857, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that Dred Scott, a black slave, did not gain his freedom when he entered a free state.

In 1985, the Court ruled that children compelled to enter public schools have lost their freedom to IV Amendment protection.

Searches and seizures will now be made without search warrants. Libertarians believe children own their own bodies and personal effects and that the IV Amendment should apply to children as well as adults.

When students now recite the pledge of allegiance, "With Liberty and Justice for All," perhaps they'll question who "All" means.

(Broadcast on Noon, 6 pm and 11 pm news, Feb. 8)

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The chapter's primary 1985 goal is to increase membership. A local speakers bureau will also be organized. Contacts and lists of social clubs built during past campaigns--especially the Hudak campaign--are being updated and expanded to help in this effort. The chapter plans to use its monthly meetings as an "Introduction to Libertarianism" for prospective members. The prospect of running a candidate for Mayor of Binghamton is being discussed, but unsettled at this time.

The push for new members and dissemination of the libertarian message to the general public this year is geared to improving the party's chances of obtaining ballot status in next year's gubernatorial election.

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Sunday's session will kick off with an address by Jim McClarin, a key figure in the Placer County, Calif., LP election victory last year. His speech will focus on building successful libertarian organizations and running successful libertarian electoral campaign. Rebecca Shipman of the Massachusetts LP will return by popular demand to address the breakfast gathering. The final convention forum will focus on "What We Have Learned?" and will

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consist of panelists drawn from the FLP itself. Jim Lewis will moderate this forum.

Paul Jacob, the libertarian draft resister and former chair of the Arkansas LP, may be at the convention as a special guest speaker if the government hasn't put him in jail by then.

The business part of the convention will begin at noon Sunday. New officers will be elected, including a replacement for John Francis, who is stepping down as State Chair.

The convention is being held at the Howard Johnson Motel in Middletown, which is located in Orange County. The motel is conveniently located near Route 17. The weekend convention package, which includes all speakers, a Friday evening cocktail party, the Saturday evening banquet and brunch on Sunday, is \$85. This does not include room reservations. Room rates at Howard Johnson's are \$44 double-occupancy and \$40 single. An 8-Days Inn is nearby as well.

For further information on the convention, see pages 4 and 5 in the newsletter--or call Arthur Svensson, Convention Committee Chair, at (914) 744-3698.



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