

FREE LIBERTARIAN

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CAMPAIGN NEWS

The month of July brought with it several changes in the statewide campaign of the Free Libertarian Party. There is a new campaign director for the gubernatorial campaign, a new slogan, and a new trip: an upstate campaign tour with candidate Jerry Tuccille and Virginia elector Roger MacBride, who cast his vote in the Electoral College for 1972 LP Presidential Candidate John Hospers.



The new campaign director, longtime libertarian Laura Wertheimer, is a professional campaign manager who acquired much of her expertise while working with the firm of F. Clifton White. Laura was a leader in the libertarian caucus of Young Americans For Freedom prior to the libertarian-conservative split, and has since worked with several libertarian organizations. She attended the 1973 National Libertarian Party

Convention in Ohio, and was a professional advisor to the Youngstein For Mayor Committee during the 1973 mayoral campaign. Laura is a member of the American Association of Political Consultants. She brings to the campaign much needed experience in campaign strategy, having worked for libertarian candidates in other states.

The new campaign slogan is designed to summarize the goal of the campaign and the significance of that goal in a single sentence: "Send them a message they can't ignore: 50,000 votes." The target of the campaign is the mass of taxpayers who are tired of seeing their money wasted by the government in its increasing frenzies of taxation, expenditure and regulation. The ultimate aim of the campaign is to garner 50,000 votes for Jerry, which will automatically give the FLP the fifth permanent line on the ballot in New York State in future elections.

The campaign tour, a plane trip to several upstate cities, was scheduled to extend from Thursday, July 25 through Sunday, July 28. Stops were planned at more than a dozen cities from Poughkeepsie to Buffalo. The purpose of the trip is to bring the Tuccille for Governor Campaign to the upstate press, and the agenda included meetings with the editors of various major newspapers and representatives of several local television and radio stations. Roger MacBride of the Virginia Libertarian Party flew Jerry and 6 campaign assistants upstate in his private plane.

Although the FLP is a minor party, Campaign Director Wertheimer does not see the goal of 50,000 votes as unrealistic. Noting that Fran Youngstein, the 1973 mayoral candidate, outpolled all four other minor parties by far with almost 9,000 votes, Ms. Wertheimer says that it is not inconceivable that we can get 40,000 votes in New York City, Long Island and Westchester alone. With that as a base, we could easily get 10,000 more votes north of Westchester. Stressing a realistic approach, she says, "It is clear that Jerry will not be the next Governor of New York, and we are not pretending that he will be. We want 50,000 votes, so that, with that achievement, we can make a powerful statement concerning the disillusionment with the political process that causes the taxpayer to look to alternative political solutions." Ms. Wertheimer insists that it is possible for the FLP to attract the vote of the average taxpayer in the state, despite its independent party status. "When they vote, the taxpayers will be sending a message to the powers that be. We are the vehicle for that message."

Jerry Tuccille and a small staff left on the upstate tour from White Plains on Thursday afternoon with Poughkeepsie the first scheduled stop. The group planned a second stop that day in Plattsburgh. On Friday, the itinerary included press interviews in Ogdensburg, Watertown, Syracuse, Utica and Ithaca (an appearance on the campus of Cornell University was slated for Friday evening). Elmira, Binghamton, Albany and Rochester were on the Saturday schedule, with stops in Jamestown and Buffalo planned for Sunday. The campaign director also expressed the hope of arranging a rendezvous with "our Canadian compadres" sometime during the weekend.

OTHER CAMPAIGNS

In other campaign news, Mary Jo Wanzer, Free Libertarian Party candidate for State Assembly from Nassau County has obtained the necessary signatures to get the Conservative Party line on the ballot. Ms. Wanzer expects to withstand a Democratic Party challenge to her (and other Conservative Party) petitions. (For further news about Nassau County, see County News section).

Two FLP candidates in Brooklyn, Joseph Gentili (for U.S. Congress) and Stewart Feigel (for State Senator) have received both Republican and Conservative Party endorsement. A third Brooklyn candidate, Lawrence Penner (for City Council) has received the GOP nod. (See also County News section.)

Kenneth W. Kalcheim has withdrawn his candidacy for the U.S. House of Representatives seat from the 17th C.D., leaving Joseph Gentili (from Brooklyn) and Sanford Cohen (from Poughkeepsie) as the Party's only two candidates for the House. Percy L. Greaves, Jr. is the Party's candidate for U.S. Senate.

EDITORIAL

Henceforth, the editorial policy of the *Free Libertarian* will be as follows:

1. The newsletter will print only news articles, ads, letters to the editor, "From The Chair" columns, and reprints of campaign literature or party literature. Long, philosophical debates will be replaced by news.
2. All ads must be paid for in advance, must be type-written or handwritten legibly, and must be submitted prior to the deadline. Neither the editor nor any other member of the Free Libertarian Party shall be understood as endorsing any product or service advertised in the *Free Libertarian* unless otherwise specified.
3. Letters to the editor will be printed, space permitting, only if they deal with some article or letter that appeared in a previous issue of the newsletter. Personal attacks directed against any libertarian will not be printed.
4. The deadline for all copy shall be the 20th of the month preceding publication. Exceptions will be made, on occasion, when an article is written to cover an event which occurs near, on, or soon after the deadline.
5. Letters to the editor dealing with the above editorial policy will be printed, space permitting.

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LETTERS

Dear Marty:

I just thought I'd drop a line to praise you for your service as Editor-in-Chief of the FLP newsletter. I know this was a time-consuming and potentially powerful job. The temptation is great for those who work hard and are in high positions to try to use that position to advance oneself or one's views. In the case of an Editor-in-Chief that would mean using the newsletter as a monolithic propaganda sheet for his views or those of his friends.

Instead of stifling dissent, you have allowed robust, unfettered debate and manifoldly diverse opinions to appear. Some articles I found inane, others riled me — but I'd rather see an occasionally annoying article than an antiseptic newsletter devoted to self-worship or blind devotion to our leaders.

With praise,
Zachary Rousso

The present editor of the Free Libertarian welcomes this opportunity to acknowledge the debt we all owe to the previous editor, without whom the difficult work of editing and publishing the newsletter would not have been done. It should be noted that the work that Marty Nixon did for over a year, frequently with little or no help, is now being done by three people.

The following letter to the "Voice Of The People" column was printed in the July 19 issue of The Daily News:

"Brooklyn: A Voicer wrote recently that we should give up on the Democratic and Republican parties, and join the Conservatives. That is like changing from cognac to brandy. A real change is needed in America in which the repressive and hypocritical stance of the Conservatives, and the excess spending and government control of the liberals is eliminated. Try the Free Libertarian Party."

Glenn Webster

SATURDAY NIGHT SPECIALS

After a long week on the streets, petition workers need a place to gather: to talk about the wonderful people we met, the crazy responses we got, the good spots, the bad spots, the heat, and whatever else strikes our fancy.

This year, all of these gatherings (dubbed "Saturday Night Specials") will be held at the **KANGAROO PUB, on First Avenue between 80th and 81st Streets in Manhattan**. Those of you who keep up to date on these things will realize that it's Rod Drayer's **CROOKED FENCE** — with a new name but the old (pre live entertainment) policy. It was the Youngstein For Mayor Election Night Headquarters last year. Food and drink are available (for a price, natch).

The Saturday night gatherings are not formal parties; they're just a good relaxing way to meet for complaints and rejoicing. Drift in after you turn in your petitions — most people arrive about 8:00 P.M. I'm looking forward to seeing you there and swapping stories.

general meeting



The Free Libertarian Party's General Meeting on July 14 sounded the bell for the party's third political campaign. Ray Strong, Fran Youngstein, Jerome Tuccille and Howard Rich all addressed the gathering. The climax of the meeting was a multi-media show on the libertarian movement produced by Doswell, Inc.

State Chairperson Ray Strong opened the meeting with several announcements, including the news that Laura Wertheimer, professional campaign manager and longtime libertarian, had agreed to become the campaign director for the Tuccille For Governor campaign.

Fran Youngstein, last year's FLP candidate for mayor, set the tone for the meeting by reviewing our accelerating success with petition drives. In 1972, with two Manhattan candidates and one Poughkeepsie candidate, we almost got on the ballot, but were knocked off by a technicality in the election law after the petitions of two candidates were challenged. Still wet behind the ears, we managed to collect 3500 valid signatures for Gary Greenberg, our candidate for U.S. Congress. In 1973, we got over 20,000 signatures for our mayoral standard-bearer and put six of our eight aspirants (including three citywide and three Manhattan-wide candidates) on the ballot. This year we need 40,000 signatures to assure a full statewide slate of seven candidates of a position on the ballot. The trend of success is there. The momentum is with us. Fran urged everyone to take part in what may be our last petition drive ever.

Jerry Tuccille, 1974 gubernatorial candidate, followed Fran with a description of his experiences at the National Libertarian Party Convention in Dallas (June 12-16) and then went on to drive home the importance of achieving permanent party status. Looking forward to the 1976 Presidential campaign, Jerry explained that a permanent spot on the ballot in New York (the media capital of the world) would help insure greater coverage for the LP candidate.



At the conclusion of Jerry's remarks, the lights went out,

the Liberty Bell began to toll, and the multi-media show — complete with film, slides, special effects, sound and music — was on. Lasting about 15 minutes, the show highlighted the libertarian movement, beginning with a glimpse of the American Revolution and ending with film clips from the victory celebration on election eve 1973.

With everyone still excited by the show, Howie Rich, Mr. Petition Drive, spoke and explained the nuts and bolts of "the petition drive to end all petition drives". The goal of the petition drive is 40,000 signatures. The goal of the campaign is 50,000 votes. The budget for the Tuccille campaign is \$165,000, of which \$30,000 has already been collected. **The petition drive begins August 2. Petitions will be distributed in the party office beginning on Thursday, August 1.**

petitions

In order to get an independent candidate(s) on the ballot in New York State, citizens of the State must file a nominating petition with a specified number of valid signatures. The higher the office, the greater the number of signatures needed. Requirements range from 1500 valid signatures for a State Assembly candidate and 3500 for a (U.S.) Congressional candidate to 20,000 for a candidate for Governor of New York. In addition, there is a special requirement for the gubernatorial nominee: the 20,000 valid signatures must include at least 100 from each of half of New York's 39 Congressional Districts. In order to protect our petitions against challenges by one of the other parties, we aim for roughly two or three times the number of required signatures. Last year we gathered 20,562 signatures in order to be sure that we had the necessary 7500 for our mayoral candidate.

Obviously, the petition drive to get independent candidates on the ballot in the general election can exhaust even the stoutest of minor parties even before the campaign begins. The only way for a minor party such as the FLP to overcome the problem is to become a major party. Under the current election law, it is necessary for a party to get 50,000 votes in the race for governor in order to secure a permanent place on the ballot. Once that happens, a candidate of that party is assured a place on the ballot (barring a primary within the party) so long as he or she can obtain valid signatures from 5% of the registered party members in the political subdivision that office in question covers. (For example, a candidate running for Governor of New York State would need 5% of the state party members' signatures, or about 15. Needless to say, 15 signatures is easier to obtain than 20,000. Even as the party grows larger, the number of required signatures does not increase very rapidly. We wouldn't need to get 20,000 signatures for our gubernatorial candidate again until the FLP membership reaches 400,000!)

Before all this happens, however, we have to get on the ballot this year and get 50,000 votes. We have a full slate of statewide candidates and a host of local ones. Some of the local aspirants have already been endorsed by one of the permanent parties, and thus are assured of a line on the ballot in November. But they will not have our line unless we get it for them. And that takes work. But if we do it now, we may never have to do it again!

Please note: Anyone who votes in a Democratic Primary may be disqualified from witnessing an FLP statewide petition.

STATE COMMITTEE

On July 14, just prior to the FLP General Meeting, the State Committee held its latest meeting. A seventh statewide candidate was endorsed, the first FLP County Committee was chartered, a second county had a temporary chairperson appointed, and several other matters were discussed.

Kings County became the first county in New York to have a chartered FLP County Committee. The Brooklyn organization, which held its organizing convention on July 13, elected Elliott Capon Chairperson, making him an ex officio member of the FLP State Committee. The Kings County Committee has endorsed three local candidates, who will thus be listed as FLP candidates in November if they obtain the required signatures in the upcoming petition drive (See County News for more information). John Caulfield was appointed temporary chairperson for the purpose of forming a County Committee in Manhattan to be chartered by the FLP.

State Committeeperson and Party Treasurer Dolores Grande was endorsed as the second FLP candidate for the New York State Court of Appeals, filling out the statewide slate for the upcoming election (for a full listing of FLP candidates, see page 5). Alan Le Page, who had been endorsed by the State Convention in April, has had his Assembly District redrawn. The State Committee re-endorsed Alan, this time as candidate for the State Assembly from the 70th A.D.

In addition, the State Committee took the following actions:

- A motion was passed setting a price of \$50.00 per thousand for non-libertarians who wish to rent the FLP mailing list. The State Chairperson was given discretion to negotiate more advantageous arrangements.
- Another motion was passed allowing the FLP to make its mailing list available to other state LP's at cost, provided said parties are willing to reciprocate.
- Discussion of the merits and propriety of the newsletter editorial policy (particularly as regards "polemical articles") was begun. The discussion will be continued at the next State Committee meeting on August 17 in Nassau.

• The Treasurers report was delivered and discussed:

Balance [as of 5/18/74]	612.66
Income	417.00
	1029.66
Expenses [checks 250-257]	545.75
Balance [7/12/74]	483.91

Income	
donations (office fund)	250.00
memberships	136.00
subscriptions	16.00
mailing labels	7.00
newsletter ads	7.00
miscellaneous	1.00
	417.00

Expenses	
rent	250.00
telephone	24.20
electric	8.32
newsletter (two months)	
printing	90.16
postage	110.00
miscellaneous	63.07
	545.75

meet the candidates

GOVERNOR

Jerry Tuccille, 36, is an author and teacher who lives with his wife and two children in Tarrytown, New York. A graduate of Manhattan College, Jerry has taught at the New School for Social Research and is the author of several books including **Radical Libertarianism**. In addition, he has written several articles for such publications as **The New York Times**, **The Wall Street Journal**, **The Nation** and **The Village Voice**. This is his first venture into elective politics as a candidate. The goal of his campaign is to obtain 50,000 votes in the November election to get the Free Libertarian Party a permanent place on the ballot in New York State.

"All my life," Tuccille has said, "I have opposed Big Government. As a citizen, not a politician, I feel strongly that the 'spend, spend, spend — tax, tax, tax' policies of both major parties must be challenged."

"People are upset, not only at the blatant corruption that permeates both major parties, but at the politicians' insistence that the way to solve the people's problems is to spend the people's money. Bureaucracy is rampant, and it is time to say 'STOP'."

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Louis J. Sicilia, 39, was one of the founders of New Yorkers for Abortion Law Repeal, and was later the organizer of the Libertarian Anti-Censorship Committee. A former senior clerk in the Manhattan Borough President's office, Lou was the Free Libertarian Party's candidate for Manhattan Borough President in 1973. He outpolled all the other minor party candidates with 2507 votes.

STATE COURT OF APPEALS

Jack Martin, 45, is a lawyer specializing in trial work, both civil and criminal (though he does more civil litigation). A graduate of Brooklyn Law School, Jack was a member of the now defunct Metropolitan Young Republican Club and an activist in the Goldwater for President campaign in 1964. He attended courses at the Nathaniel Branden Institute from 1960 to 1968. Jack is divorced and the father of two sons, the elder of whom will be entering law school in September.

Dolores Grande, a longtime active member of the FLP, is currently the Party's State Treasurer. Dolores was active in the petition drive last year. This is the first time she has run for political office.

COMPTROLLER

Robert S. Flanzer, 39, is a dentist practicing in Brooklyn. He is a member of the Association of American Dentists & Physicians, an organization devoted to the application of free market principles to the delivery of health care services. Bob was elected Vice Chairperson of the Kings County Committee of the FLP at that organization's convention on July 13 of this year.

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Leland Schubert, currently the Free Libertarian Party's State Secretary, has been active in the FLP since its

inception. Lee served on the State Committee in 1972, and was elected to his present position at the FLP State Convention in April. Lee is a private investor in New York City.

U.S. SENATE

Percy L. Greaves, Jr., 67, is an outstanding free market economist and disciple of the late Ludwig von Mises. An expert on money and monetary problems of inflation and credit expansion, he is the author of several books, including **Understanding The Dollar Crisis**. Running against incumbent Jacob Javits, Percy is determined to bring a devotion to the free market to the Senatorial campaign this fall: he believes that the most important issue in his campaign is the current economic situation of the nation.

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Sanford Cohen, who lives with his wife and children in Poughkeepsie, is trying to unseat the incumbent Republican Congressman, Hamilton Fish, Jr. Sandy, a teacher and specialist in reading instruction, began his campaign more than a year ago, in order to have enough time to reach the voters of the 25th Congressional District. In accepting the nomination of the Free Libertarian Party, he said, "It is time to return to the spirit of '76. It is time to give America back to all the people. It is time to restore property rights, individual liberties and the free enterprise system."

Joseph Gentili, 27, is the candidate for U.S. Congress from the 16th Congressional District in Brooklyn. Joe is one of the founders of the Libertarian Republican Alliance, whose efforts are focused on obtaining cross-endorsements between the GOP and the FLP for libertarian and libertarian-oriented candidates. He has also obtained the endorsement of the Republican and Conservative Parties.

NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY

Virginia Shields Walker is running for the State Assembly seat now held by Speaker Perry Duryea. A founder of the Committee for the Repeal of Condemnation Laws, Virginia has made the doctrine of eminent domain a political issue in Suffolk County. Formerly an English instructor, she has her master's degree in English from St. John's University. Recently she worked as a newspaper reporter in Suffolk County.

Mary Jo Wanzer, the candidate for State Assembly from Nassau County's 21st A.D., has a bachelor's degree from Adelphi University in political science and her master's degree from SUNY at Albany in American government and law. Her experience working as an officer of the Internal Revenue Service convinced her of the dangers of unbridled power vested in government agencies. Mary Jo appears to be assured of the Conservative Party endorsement.

Running for State Assembly for the second time is 50 year old Guy Riggs. Failing to get on the ballot for Assemblyman in 1972, Guy made up his mind to run again. A former Republican Committeeman and Goldwater campaigner, Guy has been active in the FLP since its beginning in 1972, and helped to form the largest upstate organization within the FLP, centered around his home Poughkeepsie.

One of the youngest candidates of the FLP is 22 year old Alan Le Page. Running for State Assembly from the 70th

A.D., Alan hopes to make rent control an issue in his campaign. He is the only local FLP candidate running this year in Manhattan. His district includes West Harlem and Morningside Heights (surrounding Columbia University).

NEW YORK STATE SENATE

Stewart A. Feigel, another member of the Libertarian Republican Alliance, is the Party candidate for State Senator from the 20th Senatorial District. Stewart has also been endorsed by the Republican and Conservative Parties.

NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL

Lawrence Penner, 21, is the youngest candidate of the Free Libertarian Party. Larry is running for the City Council from the 24th Councilmanic District with Republican and Free Libertarian Party endorsement.

sign of the times

Free Libertarian Party candidate for Congress (25th C.D.) Sanford Cohen has run afoul of local bureaucrats in his campaign to unseat incumbent Congressman Hamilton Fish, Jr. Below are two letters which explain the situation, the first from the "Zoning Enforcement Officer" of the Village of Wappingers Falls, and the second from Sandy Cohen in response:

"I was greatly surprised to note that a sign had been hung on 109 East Main Street prior to receipt of any communication from this office in reply to yours of June 24.

It is regretted that the sign is not only in poor taste but is hung on a place which is unknown as to whether it is a residence or a combination of residence or office, as there is no Certificate of Occupancy to cover the use of this building and it is in violation of our Zoning Ordinance.

You are hereby put on notice that the sign shall be removed forthwith but not later than ten (10) days from July 9, 1974 as it is in violation as to size and location. A copy of our Zoning Ordinance pertaining to signs is attached for your information.

I indicated to you in our telephone conversation that the Board of Trustees of the Village had been most lenient to all parties in permitting signs to be displayed but not the type and size of sign such as you have installed.

Yours truly,
John W. Haubennestel
Zoning Enforcement Officer"

"I have no intention of complying with Mr. Haubennestel's irrational demands. Mr. Haubennestel's demand for me to remove my campaign sign located on private property at 109 E. Main St., facing Rt. 9 in Wappingers Falls, N.Y., is in violation of the most basic human rights: the rights to LIFE, LIBERTY, and PROPERTY.

Mr. Haubennestel says that my sign is in 'poor taste'. Perhaps he is referring to the words 'Free Libertarian Party'. Certainly the sign does not say Republican or Democratic Party — which would probably suit Mr. Haubennestel's taste much better.

The sign incident shows clearly what my campaign for United States Congress is all about. As far as I am concerned, every individual has the right to his life, liberty, and justly acquired property. No person or government has the right to violate those basic rights. When I am elected to Congress, I will fight to take power away from the politicians and bureaucrats and return decision-making power to individual citizens — where it belongs. This incident also illustrates how government uses and abuses the powers which we have given it. Politicians and bureaucrats use zoning laws and taxation as political tools to enhance and secure their own power."

My sign hits the bureaucratic nail right on the head. It says,

**STOP BIG GOVERNMENT
elect
SANFORD COHEN
TO
U.S. CONGRESS
Free Libertarian Party**

I have two attorneys working on this problem at the moment. I will take all steps which I consider to be necessary and just in order to prevent any power-broker from interfering with my individual liberties and property rights. My last words to Mr. Haubennestel are 'PRIVATE PROPERTY — KEEP OFF.'"

COUNTY NEWS

BROOKLYN

The Kings County Committee held its organizing convention on July 13 and adopted a set of by-laws, endorsed three candidates for public office in November, and elected its own officers.

Endorsed by the Brooklyn organization were the following: Stewart A. Feigel for State Senator from the 20th Senatorial District, Lawrence Penner for City Councilman from the 24th Councilmanic District, and Joseph Gentili for U.S. Congress from the 16th Congressional District. All three candidates have already been endorsed by the Republican Party, and all but Lawrence Penner, by the Conservative Party as well.

Elected officers of the Committee are: Elliott Capon, Chairperson; Robert Flanzer, Vice-Chairperson; Daniel Kogan, Recording Secretary; Lawrence Penner, Corresponding Secretary; Robert Klar, Treasurer. The Kings County Committee also noted that Vice Chairperson Robert Flanzer was endorsed as the candidate for Comptroller of New York State by the FLP at its statewide convention in April of this year.

NASSAU

The Nassau County Committee held its organizing convention on July 21, and expects to be chartered as an official County Committee of the FLP at the next State Committee in Nassau on August 17. The upcoming petition drive was discussed with Nassau members by Howard Rich and Gary Greenberg.

At this point, Mary Jo Wanzer, FLP candidate for State Assembly (endorsed at the state convention) appears to have captured the Conservative Party endorsement for that office.

NOTICES

NEW LP HEADQUARTERS

The National Libertarian Party has a new headquarters:
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San Francisco, California 94108
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FLP MAILING LIST

The Free Libertarian Party maintains a libertarian mailing list which is for sale. We do **not** make this list available to all applicants. **If you wish your name and address to be used only for party business, please let us know.** We also maintain a private list (not computerized) and not available outside the FLP.

Please address correspondence to:

The Free Libertarian Party
15 West 38th Street, Room 201
New York, N.Y. 10018
Att: Ray Strong

STATE COMMITTEE MEETING

The next meeting of the State Committee is scheduled for Saturday, August 17 at the home of Mary Jo Wanzer in Nassau. Members of the State Committee are planning to collect petition signatures for Mary Jo (who is an FLP candidate for State Assembly) before the meeting begins. Petition gathering will begin about 11:30 A.M. Contact Cy Arnone at 516-536-0711 for further details.

LYRICS WANTED

I am looking to set to music, lyrics which express the *spirit* of the Libertarian Party, for possible use during Libertarian Party campaign activities. Write or call:

John Stanton
51 Remsen Street
Brooklyn, N.Y. 11201
874-3474 or 791-7678 (office)

KALCHEIM WITHDRAWS

Kenneth W. Kalcheim has withdrawn his candidacy for Congress from the 17th Congressional District. Ken had been endorsed by the Free Libertarian Party at its annual state convention in April of this year, and had also sought Republican and Conservative Party endorsement.

miscellany

HOSPERS DEPORTED

The first issue (July 4, 1974) of the *California Libertarian News* (not to be confused with the newsletter of the California LP) reported that Dr. John Hospers was deported from the Bahamas last May. Calling him a "dangerous political agitator", the Bahaman government ordered Dr. Hospers to leave the islands almost immediately after he arrived. It seems that Dr. Hospers' book, *Libertarianism*, offended the powers that be in the Bahamas, causing them to send the former LP Presidential candidate back to the U.S.

PEACE & FREEDOM PARTY

On a more positive note, the same issue of the *CLN* reported that the California Libertarian Alliance has made inroads into the Peace & Freedom Party of California. The PFP's candidate for Governor of California, Elizabeth Keathley, is a libertarian. The Alliance hopes, eventually, to gain control of the party and turn it into a libertarian organization.

NATIONAL EXPOSURE

Elizabeth Keathley, a libertarian and the Peace and Freedom Party candidate for Governor of California, has found an unusual way to win votes: campaigning in the nude. Ms. Keathley was interviewed on nationwide television a few weeks ago in a special on nude sunbathing in California. OK, Sandy Cohen, let's see you top that one!

ARTICLE ON LIBERTARIANISM

The Capitalist Reporter, the money magazine published in New York City, is planning to run an article on the libertarian movement in an upcoming issue. *CR* has a nationwide circulation of almost 100,000.

SMOKEY BEAR

From the Importance-of-Being-Earnest file comes this bit of news reported by the *New York Times* on July 11, 1974. A House Agriculture subcommittee approved a resolution worded as follows:

"That it is the sense of the Congress that when Smokey Bear goes to that great honey tree in the sky it is just and fitting that he shall be returned home to his place of birth, Capitan, New Mexico, for proper disposition and a permanent memorial in or near Capitan among the cool green mountains where he was born."

It seems that Smokey, the real live bear who became the symbol of the federal government's fire prevention program, is growing old, and the good Congressmen were concerned that... well, you understand. In response to charges that the resolution was frivolous its author, Democrat Harold Runnels of New Mexico, replied that if Congress "did more sensible things, rather than some of the way-out things, the people would think more of us."

OPEN FORUM

A QUESTION OF STRUCTURE REVISITED

In the past two issues of this newsletter, the latest in a series of polemical articles by Howard Katz was printed. This article is a brief rebuttal.

Mr. Katz began by talking about decentralization. This is how he illustrated his point: "At the annual convention Ray Strong spoke of certain ideas and objectives he had for the FLP and of the need for people who would help him to achieve these objectives." But, we were told, a danger lurks below the surface: "Since the bulk of the party has no power, there is no necessity for anyone to go to them and convince them of the merit of the plan..." (in this case, Ray's plans). If that is true (i.e. we of the rank and file are powerless), then why did Ray

Strong come to us at the convention to ask for our support? Who asks for the support of the powerless?

A little later, we were told of the 1973 campaign: "In the mayoralty campaign the plan of action was to appeal to the left." Let me quote from the campaign brochure: "Fran Youngstein says that the way to provide New Yorkers with services is to fire City Hall and hire competitive enterprise..." (the brochure elaborates... private police and fire protection, etc.) Perhaps Mr. Katz thinks this was a naked appeal to the left, a tortured plea for the support of New York's disgruntled Trotskyites; but any sensible person who reads one of the 100,000 or more brochures that were handed out last year will, I think, conclude that an attempt was made to run a balanced campaign. Anyone who followed the campaign itself will find corroborating evidence. (Fran's call for the repeal of all victimless crime laws conflicts with Mr. Katz's unique brand of libertarianism, but that does not justify the misleading statements he made about the campaign.)

He went on: "...the leadership did not try to convince the membership of the validity of its plan. It got uptight and responded to criticism with the rebuttal, 'This is a voluntary organization. We are not violating your rights. You are free to leave if you don't like the way things are being run.'" This was supposedly a direct quote from "it" ("the leadership"). Who, pray tell, was Mr. Katz quoting: the candidate, the campaign director, or the members of the State Committee singing together in high harmony? (Since he was claiming to quote someone or something directly, it would have been nice if he had told us who the speaker was.)

Since I was a candidate last year, I had several opportunities to offer constructive criticism, both to Fran and to her campaign director. I wasn't always heeded, but I was never "driven away" from the campaign. I never heard anything even remotely resembling the statement quoted above by Mr. Katz.

In his never ending battle against factionalism, dear Howard courted the anarchists in the party: "I have not found the anarchist contingent (sic) either knowledgeable or open-minded on the subject of structure... qua anarchists they are ignorant of structure and most of them seem proudly and defiantly intent on remaining ignorant." He recommended the *Federalist Papers* as the cure for this ignorance. Qua historian Mr. Katz is ignorant of history. *Federalist Papers* 3-11 were not an attack on competing defense agencies a la Rothbard, but an attack on a system of decentralized limited governments a la Articles of Confederation. Hamilton (who wrote most of 3-11) was arguing for increased centralization of government (though much less centralized than today). And, believe it or not, he did not mention anarchocapitalism even once. (Incidentally, the proposal to decentralize the structure of the party by providing for largely autonomous county organizations was first drafted by an anarchist, Gary Greenberg, and later reworked by several open-minded people of both persuasions. It passed the state convention and became part of the "structure" of the FLP).

And then we were told about Walter Block. Now Mr. Katz does have some first-hand knowledge about a non-governmental arbitration last year that worked, but instead he chose to tell us about a dispute he has no first-hand knowledge of at all. The only first-hand knowledge I have to relate is that it is utterly false that no neutral libertarians approached any of the disputants to discuss arbitration. I have discussed the matter with more than one of them. I have been present while others

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(including anarchists) have done the same. The matter is much more complex than Mr. Katz has intimated. I am concerned and saddened, but I am not convinced of the folly of free market arbitration because of this one incident. No anarchist I know has ever claimed that everyone who seeks arbitration in an anarchist society will get it. Indeed, one of the points of contention among the parties to this dispute is Walter Block's claim that there is good reason to arbitrate.

I could go on and on, but I don't care to continue polemics in this newsletter. I have decided against publishing a longer, point by point refutation of Mr. Katz's silly article: I think the space better devoted to more important subjects. But I did not want to leave this particular piece unanswered, especially since it was so misleading.

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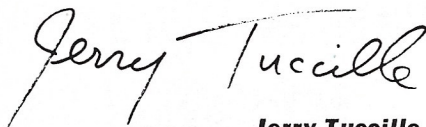
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