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STATE COMMITTEE MEETING

The next meeting of the NJLP State Committee will be held on Saturday, March 24, 1979 at 2:00 PM in the Franklin Park Inn. The Inn is located on route 27 between New Brunswick and Princeton (7 miles from each). All NJLP members are welcome to attend if they wish. TANSTAAFL--all attendees are advised that the Inn expects most of us to order lunch! ("Good food & reasonable prices"--Bill George)

The tentative agenda is given below:

1. Petition Drive for N.J. Assembly
2. Initiative & Referendum Proposal
3. N.J. Election Law "Reform"
4. N.J. Drinking Age Increase
5. IRS Proposal on Private Tax-Exempt Schools
6. Committee for Revision of NJLP Bylaws
7. Libertarian Dinner Club
8. Treasurer's Report
9. Nonprofit Postage Permit
10. NJLP Telephone

All committee members should call me by Tuesday March 20, 1979 whether or not they plan to attend. Other NJLP members who plan to come should also call me so we can advise the Inn as to how many places to prepare. My phone is 201/434-3000 (M-F, 9-5) and 928-0758 (7-11 weekdays and anytime weekends).

-- Len Flynn

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Anyone who is interested in participating in a Libertarian Supper Club is invited to contact Bill George for details. Bill handled the successful Moyers for Senate cocktail parties, Salute to the Candidates Dinner and 1979 NJLP State Convention and has contacts at 150 restaurants in the Central Jersey area. Possible speakers include the IP Presidential hopefuls and movement intellectual leaders. Bill's phone number is (201) 233-4082, noon to 5 p.m. Your non-libertarian friends are welcome to participate in this program, too. ✓

NATIONAL CON IN NEW JERSEY?

A few NJLP State Committee members have expressed interest in putting a bid in to hold the 1980 Libertarian Party National Convention in New Jersey (that's right, NEW JERSEY!). The 1980 Convention would be a non-business convention under the party by-laws. Possible sites are Atlantic City and the Playboy Club at McAfee.

A national convention would mean a lot of work for the NJLP, but could result in a hefty boost for our Treasury (like \$2,000-\$5,000). Massachusetts IP, about the same size as the NJLP, did it in 1978. If we held it in Atlantic City, there are indications that Pennsylvania IP would assist us, too.

Let the State Committee (phone numbers listed elsewhere) know how you feel about this opportunity.

"FREE BY THE SEA" REACTIONS SOLICITED

Did you attend the 1979 NJLP State Convention? What did you like/dislike about the program/scheduling? Your views are wanted NOW so that next year's convention (probably in Hudson County) can be even better. Keep your letter short and to-the-point. Favorable and unfavorable comments, as long as they are constructive, are equally welcome. Please limit your remarks to areas which were under the Convention Committee's jurisdiction.

NJLP Convention '79

As all who attended could see, the 1979 NJLP Convention was a resounding success. Thanks to the considerable efforts of Bill George, the entire program was well attended, surpassing earlier projections, and the NJLP managed to turn a welcome profit.

Ron Wishart's key note speech (and some good coffee) got the ball rolling with some encouraging remarks, describing the NJLP's past accomplishments, and future possibilities.

The late morning and early afternoon agenda consisted of lunch and the interesting and informative workshops of educator John Holt, tax rebel Irwin Schiff, and lawyer Gary Greenberg. These drew substantial numbers of non-Libertarians, thereby providing excellent exposure for the Party and contributing to the financial success of the convention. I feel that these 'outsiders' went home quite impressed.

Later in the afternoon, before dinner, the program concluded with a panel debate on the legalization of abortion. Like so many of these debates, the two sides of our panel could find little opportunity for agreement. The two sides repeatedly drew diametrically opposed conclusions from each set of facts. One thing is certain, however. The intensity of conviction exhibited by all the panelists indicates that this is indeed an important issue, warranting extremely thorough examination, discussion and thought before the LP takes any cut and dried stand.

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I think that the financial success of this convention suggests the desirability of similar fund raising affairs wherein the Party can gain exposure, have a good time and raise cash simultaneously.

-Dan Hurley

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DATA DESIGN LITHO

After the NJLP's highly successful annual convention what will the party do next? Well, petitioning for the N.J. Assembly races this fall must begin immediately. Unlike the chaotic scramble last year, the NJLP's petition coordinator Chris White should have ample signatures to file well in advance of the April 26, 1979 deadline. Anyone who can help collect signatures for candidate petitions should contact Chris at 201/842-3604.

The 1980 LP presidential candidate race is underway with Bill Hunscher, Chairman of the New Hampshire LP, and Ed Clark, '78 California LP candidate for Governor (375,000 votes), as announced contenders for the nomination. We hope to schedule dinners for both candidates so NJLP members can meet and hear them. Watch future issues of the N.J. Libertarian for more information.

Several state issues bear watching. Our legislature is considering an election law "reform" (Assembly Bill 744) which would greatly increase the petition requirements for candidates to get on the N.J. Ballot. For more info. call Chris White. In addition our paternalistic representatives are considering raising the N.J. drinking age to 19--or 21. If anyone is interested in challenging this action, please call me at 201/928-0758 to volunteer to be NJLP coordinator on this issue.

Barry Siegel (201/743-8686) and Ken Kaplan (201/672-6692) have prepared a draft NJLP proposal for Initiative and Referendum as an alternative to the half-hearted bills in the N.J. legislature. Finally, NJLP Vice Chairman Lee Schubert is scrutinizing the latest IRS proposal on private tax-exempt schools. It's better than before, but still deficient, so the NJLP will again submit comments in opposition. Call Lee at 201/540-8318 for more information.

All in all there is plenty for NJLP members to do this year. Our successful convention is an excellent start, so let's keep going strong.

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LIBERTARIANISM vs. ANARCHY

When Libertarians are asked to name the proper (Libertarian) functions of government, their answers range from "It has none." (Anarchy), to "It has very few." (perhaps to enforce the laws and provide national defense).

Some have even proposed a third answer: "Who cares?". Proponents of this argument claim that, so long as the current trend is towards bigger government, our primary concern need only be to reverse that trend. Someday the question of 'How small' will become relevant, but for now, it is academic.

I believe there are serious flaws in this argument.

To start, such a nebulous, indecisive, non-position can only injure the credibility of the Party. By offering our candidates as alternatives to Tweedledee and Tweedledum, we are distinguishing ourselves from the ACLU, the National Taxpayers Union, and other single-issue organizations. We are a political party (i.e., we run candidates for political office) and as such, require a comprehensive, coherent stand on issues of importance. Any indecisiveness on an issue so fundamental to our entire platform will detract from the voters' perception of our candidates.

Secondly, as Ayn Rand has recently pointed out, we must distinguish ourselves from Anarchists - in our own minds and the minds of the voters. We are not Anarchists (hence our unique name). In fact, Libertarians widely regard Thomas Jefferson as one of the first Libertarians and, while he never underestimated the danger of powerful government, Jefferson clearly saw the need for some form of constitutional government.

Lastly, the recent developments in the Middle and Far East, as well as the obvious implications of the nuclear war preparations of the Soviet Union, will inevitably raise issues that will force our candidates to either reconsider or defend our isolationist foreign policy. I seriously doubt their ability to face this without a firm grasp of our non-anarchistic position on government.

In view of these ideas, I suggest that the Libertarian Party should:

1. Form a committee to clarify it's position, and,
2. Stand by that position with the same uncompromising dedication with which we support Jefferson's inalienable rights.

We are neither Anarchists nor 'conservatives', and the number of votes that we lose to the conservative candidates will be directly proportional to the extent to which we are associated with Anarchy.

-DAN HURLEY

NJLP STATE COMMITTEE

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JOIN THE STATE COMMITTEE

If you would like to take a more active role in the NJLP, consider joining the State Committee. The NJLP Bylaws provide that any NJLP member who submits a petition with 10% of the membership (17 signatures) plus 5 (total 22) shall immediately be a member of the Committee. (No NJLP member may have his name on more than one such petition.)

Alternatively, organize a county committee--the county chairman is the county representative on the NJLP State Committee. A meeting at which at least 25% (or a minimum of ten) of the NJLP members in the county attend can select a county chairperson and secretary and organize an "official" NJLP county organization upon approval of the State Committee.

So if you are an activist, become active in your State Committee. Call me if you need further information (210/928-0758).

-- Len Flynn

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Benjamin R. Tucker

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To the Editor:

In response to your January, 1979 NJ Libertarian article: the right of a woman to choose an abortion is certainly in keeping with the libertarian philosophy and belongs in the LP platform. I have a right to terminate my pregnancy, whatever the reason--failure of contraception, fetal deformity, financial hardship, rape, juvenile or middle-aged pregnancy, or even "inconvenience."

In regard to the rights of the fetus, I don't believe any such rights exist. As I see it, the fetus is not a person entitled to protection of the law.

But suppose some fetal rights do exist--just what are they and, more importantly, who will decide what they are? As an expectant mother will I be violating the fetus' rights by smoking, drinking, taking aspirin or tranquilizers, or using an anesthetic during delivery? Would I be tried for murder if I took a drug to induce abortion? If I fell during volleyball, thereby inducing premature birth, would I be guilty of assault? In short, if the fetus has the rights of a child, then logically the law must dictate lifestyle to protect the "unborn citizen."

Certainly, the issue is a difficult one--but it is and must be decided by the individual and not dictated by the law. Wrestling with the morality of abortion is the sole responsibility of the pregnant woman. Keep the law and the state out of it!

Ginny Flynn

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THOMAS JEFFERSON

Libertarians of Bergen County

244 FIFTH ST., RIDGEFIELD PARK, N. J. 07660

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BOB SHAPIRO
CHAIRMAN

Editor, the N.J. Libertarian:

The panel on abortions at our state convention session would have been more effective if a clear statement of the rules of procedure had been provided. At the dinner which followed, some of us concluded that such a statement should be prepared, both to facilitate in retrospect understanding of the panel discussion and as a guide in preparing any future panels. We therefore constituted ourselves as a Volunteer Committee and prepared the following list of regulations.

ABORTION PANEL

RULES OF PROCEDURE

1. Four members of the panel will be called "Panelists", two being chosen to present each side of the question. Each will be given in turn 15 minutes to state his/her position, and then each will have 5 minutes for rebuttal. Following this, each will be given the opportunity to respond to questions from the floor.
2. An additional member will be called the "Moderator", and will serve as neutral chairman, maintaining order throughout the discussion and question periods.
3. A sixth member of the panel will be called the "Panelist of Supreme Authority". He will be selected from among the Party leaders and/or candidates for high office, and will preferably be a practicing gynecologist. He will have the following responsibilities:
 - 3a. He will identify the panelists whose position is WRONG, and point out the flaws in their arguments.
 - 3b. Lest his position appear to be biased, he will point out some flaw in presentation made by each panelist whose position is RIGHT.
 - 3c. Lest the identification of flaws required in item 3b. mislead anyone as to his own position, he may announce that he is looking for something to criticize in the RIGHT panelists in order to avoid accusations of bias.

- 3d. The Panelist of Supreme Authority will close the discussion with a statement of the CORRECT basis for decision on the question. He may, for example, point out the irrelevance of arguments by both sides as to rights of mothers, fathers, the fetus, etc., directing all Libertarians to base their judgments on the number of regulations, without distinction between unjust and just laws.
4. The Panelist of Supreme Authority shall not be subject to rebuttal by the panel or question from the floor.

We recommend that these regulations be amended for use in future panels on other subjects:

1. In lieu of the requirement that the Panelist of Supreme Authority be a gynecologist (for a panel on abortion), he should be an active practitioner of the discipline under discussion, as an IRS agent (for a panel on prohibiting income tax) or a burglar (for one on protection of private property by the state).
2. A seventh member of the panel should be designated to write appropriate letters of apology to any organization or individual invited to present an argument as Panelist, but who relies upon standard rules of debate and is not forewarned of the role of the Panelist of Supreme Authority.

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Adoption of these rules may be expected to rid the party of dissidents, dissenters, and others who are not ready to defer to leaders, candidates for high office, and other persons IN CHARGE. The resulting unanimity and consent can bring party discipline to the level of other political parties.

- John Hurley

February 18, 1979

To the Editor:

Although I have been credited with pulling off our latest successful convention, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the people whose help was needed to make it the success that it was.

First of all, I would like to thank Mitch and Dan Feldman, the convention guards, who handled ticket-taking and ticket-checking for the 133 people who attended our convention. Experienced from the LP National Convention in Boston, they handled their duties smoothly and confidently, not knowing in advance what to expect (like the 112 attendees at John Holt's workshop!).

Then there are Ron Wishart, Ken Kaplan and Bob Shapiro, who donated their time to the convention program, adding a familiar face to the half-dozen or so unfamiliar faces on our agenda and putting our members at ease in the process.

Mitch again deserves thanks for making the necessary arrangements for Gary Greenberg, and Len and Ginny Flynn likewise for lining up John Holt and putting him up overnight at their home.

Special thanks must also go to Jeanne Macron, for handling the finances; Dan Hurley, for publicity in the newsletter; Jack Moyers and Tom and Jan Palven, for making their homes available for crashspace; Chris Hocker, for National LP literature in our packet, and Babette Smith, for our beautiful convention logo.

And last, but certainly not least, thanks must be extended to all who attended the convention and made it the success we all hoped it would be, for without all of you, all our work would have been wasted.

At this point, I'd like to present a financial accounting of the 1979 NJLP Convention:

INCOME

Tickets	2,315.00
Packet	80.00
Tables	70.00
Door Prizes ...	48.00
Drinks	35.50
	<u>2,548.50</u>

EXPENSES

Hotel	1,075.50
Speakers	926.50
Printing/Publicity .	247.21
Postage	138.67
Security	25.20
	<u>2,413.08</u>
Profit	<u>135.42**</u>
	2,548.50

** This amount goes into our NJLP Treasury

C. William George
Convention Chairperson

Len Flynn,

I would like to thank the New Jersey Libertarian Party for supplying me with a very able and capable Campaign Manager, Bill George, during my run for the U.S. Senate in the past election.

Bill George went well beyond the call of duty in being of assistance in my campaign. He was by far the largest contributor of time, energy, money ideas and materials.

Some of his activities included a single donation at one time of \$200.00, plus other donations of money directly or indirectly. He wrote four position papers, had them printed and assisted in distributing them. He designed and had printed, bumper stickers. He wrote and mailed a letter of solicitation to all of our members and prospects. He took his vacation just prior to the elections in order to travel with me to radio and TV appearances. He solicited and obtained other appearances during the campaign.

Over a period of weeks or perhaps even years he collected a file of newspaper clippings pertinent to the campaign and to my opponent's that he supplied me with. He conceived, booked and participated in three cocktail parties throughout the state which were very successful.

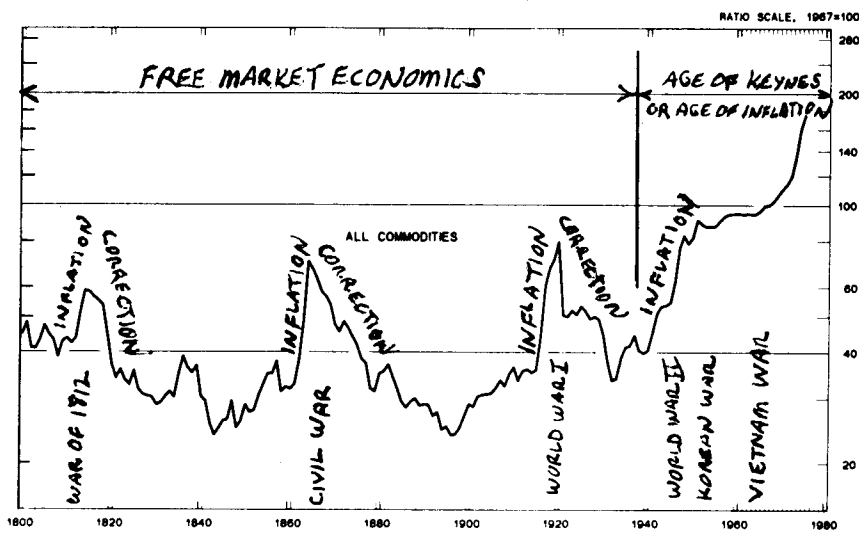
Bill was a constant source of inspiration and knowledge throughout the campaign. His knowledge, creative ideas, energy, devotion and dedication to the ideals of Libertarianism are certainly a great asset to our party and to our candidates.

I wish to thank him most sincerely and know that he will have great success in the current N.J. State Convention.

Jack Moyers

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NJLP GENERAL MEETING

A general meeting was held on February 17, 1979, at the Beacon Manor, Point Pleasant Beach, as part of the NJLP Annual Convention.

Chairperson Len Flynn called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Len introduced Ron Wishart, who spoke on "The Libertarian Success Story".

Following Ron's address, nominations for party officers were held. The following members were nominated and unanimously chosen: Len Flynn - Chairperson, Lee Schubert - Vice Chair, Jeanne Macron - Treasurer, Ken Kaplan - Exec. Secretary, and Bonnie Swirsky - Recording Secretary.

Nominations for State Committee Members At Large included: Bill George, Jane Rehmke, Frank Primich, Dale Sutthoff, Jack Moyers, and Mitch Feldman. A vote by membership resulted in the election of Bill George, Jane Rehmke, and Dale Sutthoff.

Len read the names of those chosen as delegates to the national convention. The 15 delegates are: Jack Moyers, Mike Perry, Henry Koch, Chuck Pike, Mitch Feldman, Dan Feldman, Len Flynn, Jeanne Macron, Bill George, Jane Rehmke, Lee Shubert, Bob Shapiro, Barry Siegel, Jose Stella, and Chris. White.

A motion was passed which reads that all NJLP members who belong to National, residing in New Jersey at the time of the convention, will be alternatives.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m. and resumed at 2:00 p.m.

After brief discussion regarding the Initiative and Referendum proposals prepared by Barry Siegel, a motion was passed to have:

1. - The NJLP call for the state to add Initiative and Referendum to the State Constitution, and
2. - The NJLP form a committee (under Barry Siegel) to put together such a proposal and to submit it to state legislators.

The last order of business was the nomination of candidates to run for General Assembly in November's elections. Those nominated were:

- 9th L.D. - Ginny Flynn
- 10th L.D. - Lucille Bender
- 12th L.D. - Jack Moyers
- 26th L.D. - Dick Roth
- 39th L.D. - Henry Koch

Although his district was unknown at that time, Peter Golomb, from Essex County will be a candidate. Also it was mentioned by Ron Wishart that a candidate will be named to run in the 11th District.

After petitions were circulated, Chris White was named as coordinator of petitions.

All business concluded, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bonnie Swirsky

CANDIDATES WANTED

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY

All 80 of New Jersey's Assembly seats are up for reelection this fall and the NJLP is looking for candidates. If you would like to serve as an NJLP candidate in your area, please call your local NJLP State Committee representative before the January 27 meeting of the State Committee.

Petitioning and campaign assistance will be provided to each candidate to the extent possible. The candidate slate will be formally approved at the Feb. 17, 1979 NJLP Annual Convention.

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Membership Application

Send to: N.J. Libertarian Party
Jeanne Macron
2 Bernice Drive
Freehold, N.J., 07728

Statement of Principles

We, the members of the Libertarian Party, challenge the cult of the omnipotent state and defend the rights of the individual.

We hold that all individuals have the right to exercise sole dominion over their own lives, and have the right to live in whatever manner they choose, so long as they do not forcibly interfere with the equal right of others to live in whatever manner they choose.

Governments throughout history have regularly operated on the opposite principle, that the State has the right to dispose of the lives of individuals and the fruits of their labor. Even within the United States, all political parties other than our own grant to government the right to regulate the lives of individuals and seize the fruits of their labor without their consent.

We, on the contrary, deny the right of any government to do these things, and hold that where governments exist, they must not violate the rights of any individual: namely, (1) the right to life—accordingly we support prohibition of the initiation of physical force against others; (2) the right to liberty of speech and action—accordingly we oppose all attempts by government to abridge the freedom of speech and press, as well as government censorship in any form; and (3) the right to property—accordingly we oppose all government interference with private property, such as confiscation, nationalization, and eminent domain, and support the prohibition of robbery, trespass, fraud, and misrepresentation.

Since governments, when instituted, must not violate individual rights, we oppose all interference by government in the areas of voluntary and contractual relations among individuals. People should not be forced to sacrifice their lives and property for the benefit of others. They should be left free by government to deal with one another as free traders; and the resultant economic system, the only one compatible with the protection of individual rights, is the free market.

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Do you believe that voluntary agreements between companies or individuals are none of the government's business—provided that no force or fraud is involved nor intended against anyone else?

Do you believe the government should stop trying to impose its morality on the American people, that no crime has been committed if there is no victim? Do you believe it is wrong to use the time, budgets and resources of our police, courts and prisons to persecute people who may be harming no one but themselves?

Do you believe government should leave the buying of seatbelts, motorcycle helmets or any other item designed for personal safety up to the individual?

Do you believe government spending and taxation should be cut?

If you answered "yes" to most of these questions, congratulations. You may be more of a Libertarian than you thought.

The Libertarian Party