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## NEW BYLAWS APPROVED

by Len Flynn

At the November 17, 1979 general meeting, the NJLP membership unanimously approved the revised NJLP Bylaws as recommended by the Bylaws Review Committee (as published in the September 1979 N.J. Libertarian) with two amendments. First the membership deleted Article VIII. Arbitration by an 8-3 vote. Second the members unanimously approved addition of the requirement that "all State Committee members must be NJLP members" as a new part V.A.(2).

By a 6-5 vote the membership also temporarily revised the new Bylaws (before unanimous approval) to permit vacancies to be filled by a general meeting. This permitted the NJLP Treasurer Jeanne Macron and the NJLP Recording Secretary Bonnie Swirsky to switch positions, as they had requested. The meeting unanimously elected Jeanne as Recording Secretary and Bonnie as Treasurer, than a motion to restore the Bylaws to permit only the State Committee to fill vacancies passed 8-5.

A motion to allocate 10% of each NJLP members dues to county committees was defeated.

The meeting attendees also received literature and petitions in opposition to Sen. Kennedy's "Grandson of S.1" (S. 1722), the recodification of the Federal criminal statutes which abolishes much of the Bill of Rights. The members were urged to contact their representatives and request a copy of the horrendous bill.

Mike Fieschko distributed petitions to get Ed Clark on the ballot. (See next article.)

## LP VP NOMINEE DAVE KOCH TO SPEAK DEC. 21

Dave Koch, 1980 LP Vice-Presidential nominee, will wind up the NJLP Supper Club's Fall/Winter schedule by appearing Dec. 21 at 7 p.m. at Sir Arthur's Pub, Route 18, East Brunswick.

Attendance is limited to the first 50 persons, so NJLP members are urged to send in their checks or money-orders immediately to avoid disappointment.

The price is \$20 per person, and covers a prime rib dinner complete with salad, baked potato, ice cream cakeroll and coffee.

Full payment should be remitted to P.O. Box 444, Westfield, N.J. 07091. Make checks payable to "N.J. Libertarian Party."

All of the NJLP's Assembly candidates for 1979 are encouraged to attend, as this event will be combined with the "Salute to the Candidates" dinner. Through the generosity of Tom Palven, medallions are being struck once again this year for presentation to the candidates.

The October and November Supper Club events brought in another \$104.98 profit for the NJLP treasury, with income of \$455 and outgo of \$350.02.

Union County LP won the five "free" tickets to the Koch dinner, edging out Middlesex-Somerset in the dinner attendance contest.

Altogether, a quarter of the tickets to the Koch affair were purchased at the Nov. 16 dinner. Time is of the essence, so everyone who hasn't purchased a ticket is urged to do so before they're sold out.

Proceeds from the Koch dinner will be used to defray the start-up expenses for the 1980 NJLP State Convention, LIBERTROPOLIS 80 (see other article). - \* -

GOVERNMENT IS THE PROBLEM  
FREEDOM IS THE SOLUTION

## "LIBERTROPOLIS 80" PLANS FIRING UP

The 1980 NJLP State Convention, LIBERTROPOLIS 80, will be held on Feb. 29 and March 1 at the Jersey City Holiday Inn (near Holland Tunnel). As its name indicates, it will carry an urban theme and will feature some of the best speakers ever brought to New Jersey.

Dr. Walter Williams of Temple University, the black free-market economist whose study of the effects of the minimum wage on minority youth employment was almost suppressed by the U.S. Senate Banking Committee, will be banquet speaker and will conduct a workshop.

Karl Hess, former Goldwater speechwriter who ran a self-sufficiency project in the Adams-Morgan section of Washington, D.C., will be luncheon speaker and will also conduct a workshop.

Murray Bookchin, whose breakfast talk at the 1978 LP National Convention in Boston was the only presentation to receive a standing ovation, will conduct a workshop based upon his book, THE LIMITS OF THE CITY.

Ed Clark, 1980 LP Presidential nominee, also is expected to attend but has not confirmed yet.

Famous libertarian artist Gil Smith is designing an attractive red-and-yellow poster for use on the college campuses. Volunteers will be needed to put up these posters.

LP National Committee members Dan and Mitch Feldman already have volunteered to set up a van relay to shuttle New Yorkers in to attend the convention, which could be the most successful yet.

The format will be somewhat similar to last year's, with a Friday night cocktail party at which NJLPers will be able to informally chat with our speakers.

Through the generosity of Ralph Mallamase, we will raffle off a weekend for two at the Jamesport Grandview Resort Motel, high in the beautiful Catskill Mountains, using \$5 Federal Reserve Notes as raffle tickets.

Ticket prices and a schedule of events are being finalized at this time. Mark your calendars now, and watch your mailbox for further details as they become available.

LIBERTROPOLIS 80 is one State Convention you won't want to miss!

## CLARK PETITION DRIVE UNDERWAY

At the Nov. 17, 1979 General Meeting the NJLP officially began the petition drive to get Ed Clark and David Koch on the ballot in N.J. this year. A contest was announced to award free tickets to the Dave Koch dinner on December 21 to the top 3 petitioners. The contest will end at 12:01 AM on Friday December 14. Petitions should be given to Mike Fieschko, Len Flynn, or your county LP chair before the contest ends for tallying. (Refunds of prepaid Koch tickets will be allowed, so don't wait to order your tickets or you may miss out!) For more petitions call Mike at 998-6998 or 998-6014.

-- Len Flynn

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### Election Report - Flynn for Assembly '79

On Election Day 1979 voters in the 9th Assembly District (mostly Ocean County) cast 1518 ballots for Ginny Flynn. This represents far more than the margin between the leading vote gatherer Republican Hazel Gluck (36,821 votes) and the losing Democrat Dan Newman (36,062). (The other Democratic incumbent John Paul Doyle was re-elected with 36,761 votes.) Ginny's running mate Cindy Kretchman gathered 1283 votes. (Cindy was out-of-state through most of the campaign, so she could not actively participate.) Ginny's vote total and proportion (over 2%) represent new highs for Ocean County LP candidates. (Len Flynn got over 1100 votes and 1.3% in the 1977 9th District State Senate race.) For more than 1 out of 50 N.J. voters to cast their ballots for a Libertarian Party candidate in an "off-year" election when many libertarian-oriented voters stay home, is most encouraging.

The campaign saw Ginny participate in five debates, and she achieved substantial press coverage, both in newspapers and on radio. Thanks to the generous support of libertarians throughout the state, we could purchase 19 one minute spots of radio advertising on three south Jersey stations, and the campaign was able

## Flynn for Assembly (cont.)

to print and distribute 5000 flyers.

Strong, issue-oriented positions on energy and the Pinelands controls achieved good media coverage. Ginny presented a five point energy program at the October 27, 1979 Ocean County Energy Fair: 1) abolish the energy bureaucracy, 2) no subsidies for energy production, 3) eliminate energy taxes, 4) abolish utility monopolies, and 5) repeal the Price-Anderson Act.

Libertarians of Ocean County set up a table at the fair with the theme "the best energy alternative--the free market." So timely was the display that a speaker from the N.J. Dept. of Energy specifically attacked us when he saw our sign "Ration Government not Energy"!

On the Pinelands issue the Flynn for Assembly Committee prepared a position paper advocating: 1) abolition of the Pinelands bureaucracy and an end to all controls in the over 1,000,000 acres in the area, 2) creation of property rights in clean water to curtail pollution, and 3) liquidation of the 200,000+ acres of government land in south Jersey. In 1980 Republican Congressman Ed Forsythe (6th District), a big supporter of the Pinelands controls, faces re-election. We're ready for him.

(If you would like a copy of either the energy or Pinelands position papers, please send a SASE to the Flynn's at RD#3 Box 370; Jackson, NJ 08527.)

-- Len Flynn

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### NJLP Leaflets ACLU Dinner

For the second consecutive year the NJLP was present at the annual NJ ACLU awards dinner on Nov. 10, 1979 to bring the libertarian message to the attendees. Three NJLP members joined your Chairman on very short notice (6 hours) to help man the NJLP literature table and distribute all 250 of the leaflets that were specially printed at 2 PM that afternoon. (Better late than never!)

Thank you Chris, Dan, and Kathy.

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Bob Shapiro

# With liberty for all . . .

By **MARK FITZGERALD**

Herald-News Staff Writer

"If you hear somebody saying we've got to get rid of welfare, legalize drugs and prostitution, stop printing paper money, bring our troops home from Europe — well, it sounds a little ridiculous unless you know the reasoning behind it," Libertarian Party member Bob Shapiro says.

The reasoning behind all Libertarian Party positions goes back to an old idea held by the Founding Fathers that government governs best which governs least.

Bob Shapiro — once and future Congressional candidate, organizer of Libertarians of

Bergen County — puts that phrase on his business card, but in conversation takes it a bit further.

"We Libertarians like to quote H.L. Menck- en who said that the best government is that one that is so small if it got any smaller it would disappear completely," he said.

While many conservatives in both major parties would also subscribe to those senti- ments, Libertarians bristle somewhat at being considered "conservatives."

"Conservatives want less government in economics, but not in social aspects. Liberals want less government in social relationships, but more government in economic matters," Shapiro said in a recent interview in his Tea- neck Home. "We consider both those positions inconsistent."

The government, Libertarians argue, is the cause, not the solution, of most of the nation's problems. Get the government out of peoples' lives and they'll be a lot better off.

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TOMS RIVER — A solution to the energy crisis lies in the free market, not with the government, according to Virginia Flynn, Jackson Township, the Libertarian Party's Assembly candidate from the 9th District.

"Government energy controls, taxes and regulations are the problem, and freedom is the solution. Get government out of energy so the free market can provide safe and abundant energy," she said.

Mrs. Flynn made her comments in a press release issued during the Alternative Energy Fair yesterday sponsored by the Ocean County Youth Energy Council and the Youth Environmental Society.

She presented a five-point program to stimulate energy production by eliminating what she termed "government interference in the energy market.

Mrs. Flynn called for abolition of the

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Ocean Energy Council and the state and federal energy agencies.

"Government regulatory agencies ... should be abolished so that the choices of energy consumers in a competitive market can replace the political favoritism and pressure group conflict of government regulation," she said.

Alternative energy sources should not be receive government subsidies, she added.

Private entrepreneurs on a free market can develop alternatives such as wind, solar and geothermal energy more efficiently and cheaply than tax-subsidized government projects, Mrs. Flynn said.

She called for the repeal of taxes on ener- gy to provide capital for investment by ener-

gy industries.

"The resulting active competition would produce the most effective answer to the energy crunch - higher production of energy for all," she said.

The privileged monopoly status of the utility industry should be eliminated so that anyone who wishes to produce energy commercially should be free to do so without per- mission of the state, she said.

Finally, Mrs. Flynn called for repeal of the Price-Anderson Act, which limits the li- ability of nuclear power plants in case of an accident.

"If nuclear power is as safe as its propo- nents claim, there should be no need to pro- tect the nuclear industry like this," she said.

"Government cannot solve the energy problem. It is the problem. If given the chance, the creative and industrious genius of free Americans will restore and preserve our economic strength," she said.

LETTER POLICY

The NJ LIBERTARIAN wants to hear from you. Letters and articles must be typed single-spaced in half-page (4") columns. Contributors will receive 1/8 page of advertising space for each page of material. Send to:

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# Libertarian Party

National Headquarters

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October 24, 1979

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TO: Libertarian Party VIP's  
FROM: Chris Hocker, National Director



## 1. Ballot Drives Lead Clark Priorities

The principal focus of the Clark for President campaign has been ballot drives, and will continue to be so for the next few months. Howie Rich of New York, a long-time LP activist, is the National Ballot Drive Co-ordinator, while Clark Field Co-ordinators are Marion Williams of Washington, D.C. and Riki Strandfeldt of California.

Our goal of 20 states to be ballot-qualified by the end of 1979 still looks good. We're awaiting confirmation of status in New Mexico, Utah, and Vermont - this will bring us up to nine - while we're nearing completion in Wisconsin and California. (Both these states will give us party status, as opposed to Independent, a nice change over 1976.) In California, they're up to about 60,000 registrants, with 2½ months to go toward their goal of 73,000+. The major obstacle here will be if the legal authorities decide to get difficult with us; there's evidence to indicate that they never expected us to get this far this fast, and they're not too happy about it.

Ballot drives have started in Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Montana, Ohio, and Oregon.

The Clark Headquarters is functioning smoothly in Washington; the HQ Manager is Kristina Herbert. The Clark number is (202) 333-8263.

Ed Clark already has a full schedule of appearances and events, primarily within California. He picked up good media coverage in Chicago, Memphis, and Arizona recently, and is scheduled for events soon in Des Moines, Denver, New Orleans, and New York.

## 2. National Headquarters Activity

LP National business proceeds as usual now that most of the trauma of moving four years' worth of equipment from one location to another is largely behind us. National shares responsibility for successful ballot drives with the Clark campaign, and we've

been quite busy with that, as well as with candidate development, answering inquiries ( many of which have come from the Robert Ringer book), and other business-as-usual. One of my own goals is to see to it that the party as a whole is far stronger at the end of 1980 than it is now. This means a lot of basic organizational work in close co-operation with the Clark campaign.

3. Smashing the FECA

The Federal Election Campaign Act (FECA) is the major impediment to the growth of third parties, due to the virtual monopoly position which it grants to the Republicans and Democrats. Aside from that, however, the Act has managed to enrage an amazingly broad spectrum of political people, from hard-core socialists to very conservative organizations. These groups are joining with us to bring suit against the FECA, and we're all dead serious about the need to strike down many of its restrictions.

You can do two things to help, and I should stress that we really need it, since we're likely to be a prime plaintiff in the case and we hold the position of being the strongest and most credible third party.

First, make a tax deductible contribution to the Washington Legal Foundation, a non-profit organization which is handling the suit. You can send the check, payable to Washington Legal Foundation, here, and I will see that it is properly earmarked.

Second, if you have had personal experience with the FECA or the Federal Election Commission which has interfered with your right of political expression, let me know. Specifically, I'm looking for instances of actual harassment and, most importantly, people who would have contributed more money to a federal candidate than the law allows them to do.

For instance, if you would have contributed more than \$1000.00, either outright, or a loan, or in-kind, to the MacBride campaign, the Clark campaign, the Hunscher campaign, or any other federal campaign, please let me know. If we can show that the FECA is affecting the First Amendment rights of people in general, we can get rid of that miserable contribution limit.

Please help in this very important effort.

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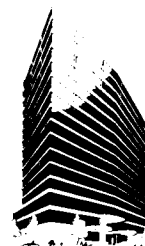


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## Statement of Principles

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.

**YOU MAY BE A  
LIBERTARIAN AT HEART  
WITHOUT EVEN BEING  
AWARE OF IT.**

Do you believe in an economic system based on open competition instead of big-business-controlled government agencies? Do you believe, for instance, that the CAB should be stopped from restricting competition and fixing airline prices for the benefit of the giant airlines?

Do you believe the government — through its meddling, corruption, catering to special interests, awarding of subsidies and bail-outs and special bank privileges — has shown itself to be totally incapable or unwilling to control the declining dollar, or in fact, to act benevolently for the working person?

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.

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