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NATIONAL TAX PROTEST DAY

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 8-10-- New York Free Libertarian Party State Convention, Albany, NY. Call the FLP at 212/226-6483 for info.

April 9-10-- Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania State Convention, Harrisburg area. \$35 pkg. inc. breakfast with National LP Chair Honey Lanham, banquet with LP founder Dave Nolan and debate on foreign policy with Sheldon Richman and Frank Bubb. Call 215/387-6952.

April 12-- School Board elections-- Good luck to Jack Moyers and Randy Corman!

April 15-- Tax Protest Day! Demonstration planned for Newark Post Office at noon. Call Ralph Fucetola at 201/998-6998 for info.

April 20-- Libertarian Supper Club of New York presents The Promethean Theatre Company at Garvin's Restaurant, 19 Waverly Pl., NYC. Dinner, 7:30 pm (\$20). For reservations and info. call 212/858-5754.

April 25-- Andrew Melechinsky head of Constitutional Revival will speak at the BQF Restaurant, Route 51, Chippewa, PA. For details call 412/573-9624.

April 28-- 4 PM--deadline for filing petitions for independent (i.e. Libertarian Party) candidates for November elections.

April 30-- NJLP State Committee Meeting, 2 PM. (Lunch at 1 PM.) Franklin Park Inn, Route 27, Franklin Park, NJ.

May 14-- JOHN HOLT will hold a workshop on "unschooling" from 1:30 to 5:30 PM at Friedaine Picnic Grounds, Hwy. #33, Freehold. Tickets \$7.50. Call Nancy Plent (201/938-2473) or Meg Johnson (201/447-4044) for details.

May 18-- Libertarian Supper Club of NY presents Prof. Paul Avrich on "George Bernard Shaw, Eugene O'Neill, and James Joyce: The Anarchist Connection." See April 20 for details.

Second Thursday of each month-- Constitutional Freedom Committee meeting, 8 PM, Ollie's Restaurant, Route 9 and Tilton Rd., Northfield, NJ. Guest anti-tax speaker at each meeting. Call 609/927-2320 after 5 PM for details.

Every Thursday-- PHILAVOID anarchist study group meeting, 8 PM, Community Education Center, 3500 Lancaster Ave., Philadelphia, PA. Call 609/962-8238 for details.

NJLP ACTIVITIES

NJLP Chairman Bob Shapiro reports the following list of Activities Coordinators. Anyone interested in being a coordinator for one of the vacant positions please contact Bob at 201/836-6741

Media.....John Hurley
Elections.....Jon Steele
County/State Fairs..Dan Maiullo
Speakers Bureau.....Sid Pope
4th of July.....Bob Rothhouse
Finance.....John Schafer
Supper Club.....open
Lobbying Activities..open
Blitz Activities....open
Internal Education...open

GENE BURNS AT CONVENTION

Gene Burns, the only announced candidate for the national LP nomination for President, came to New Jersey to seek delegate support and spoke during the Business Meeting at the annual NJLP State Convention. Burns, who has a radio talk show in Orlando, FL, is a native of New Brunswick, NJ. He has been in broadcasting for 22 years, and has traveled widely on foreign assignments. He told his NJLP audience that the Middle East is his specialty and mentioned that he had been in Vietnam during the war there.

In explaining the reason for his candidacy, Burns said that 5 years ago he began the transition from liberal Democrat to Libertarian. He believes this country has "one fundamental problem and one fundamental question--What is the nature and role of government in a free society?" He pointed out that the major parties won't ask this question because the answer will lead to their own demise.

Burns believes the answer is easy. "As small as we can make it in our own creativity--as VERY small. People were here first. They created government. Government is subservient to people."

Burns decided it was easier and more efficient to run for the nomination himself than to find and help someone else to run. He said he talks to people every day on his radio show. People who are fed up and who feel they've been screwed by Reagan. He believes people are ready for an alternative.

If he becomes the LP Presidential candidate he plans to point out to people that their choice is not just between "Tweedledum and Tweedledummer." He believes the alternative must not be a compromise candidate. "If you compromise a little to serve a strategic issue people won't listen because they've already got 'dum' and 'dummer.'"

Burns said that the "concept of liberty built this country and the principle of liberty can save it."

He pledged to campaign FULL-TIME from Jan. 1, 1984 to Election Day if he gets the nomination. His slogan will be THE ISSUE IS FREEDOM. THE TIME IS NOW.

GENE BURNS

- Gene Burns...an understanding of both the country's problems — and its potential for greatness.
- Gene Burns...a commitment to individual liberty.
- Gene Burns...a belief that personal responsibility is the basic tenet of this country's government
- Gene Burns...the *issue* is freedom...

Nuclear Disarmament: Since we are the nation which by its past expansionist and interventionist policies has escalated the disastrous nuclear arms race, we can certainly lead the way back to sanity by taking unilateral steps toward mutual disarmament...We are long past the minimal deterrence we need for the national defense.

Abortion: The state has no role "in utero." Abortion is clearly a matter of individual choice. Quite candidly, there being suitable alternatives, I personally would not counsel an abortion but I certainly respect the right of others to elect that option.

Social Security: This is the premier government fraud of the twentieth century. A confiscatory tax sold to decent hard-working citizens as an investment. If a private insurance company operated such a scheme its officers and directors would be in jail.

Draft Registration: Since the draft is no more than government-enforced involuntary servitude, registration for the draft is an immorality which must be stopped.

Foreign Policy: Our current policy of stealing from hard-working Americans to send billions of dollars to distant places in support of oppressive governments which we would not willingly tolerate is grotesque. We must terminate our involvement in NATO, our involvement in the Pacific Perimeter and foreign aid. Such moves incidentally represent an annual saving currently of at least one hundred-eighty BILLION dollars.

Taxation: The society we envision is a voluntary one in which it will not be necessary for the government to rob our fellow citizens. We must move to that society as creatively and rapidly as our ingenuity will permit.

Inflation: We recognize that government is the cause of, and not the solution to inflation. A hard stable currency and the dynamics of the free market will not only control inflation but also provide the employment opportunities which will end the disaster caused by the present policies.

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CONVENTION

1983 NJLP STATE CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

--Officers Re-elected

Chair.....Bob Shapiro
Vice Chair.....John Schafer
Secretary.....Len Flynn
Treasurer.....Jane Rehmke

--Steering Com. Members-at-Large

Sid Pope
Dan Maiullo
Les Heller

--Delegates to 1983 National LP Convention in NYC

Ginny Flynn, Len Flynn, Harold
Leiendecker, Jane Rehmke, John
Schafer, Bob Shapiro, Dan Maiullo,
Dick Siano, Bill George, Ken
Kaplan, Les Heller, Chris White,
Jon Steele, Ralph Fucetola, Sid
Pope, and Jack Moyers.

--Alternate Delegates

Dick Roth, Margaret Lutz, Joe
Kerr, Lucille Bender, Kathy McAdam,
Don Meinshausen.

--NJLP Trustees Elected

Bob Shapiro----3 year term.
Len Flynn-----2 year term.
John Schafer---1 year term.

--New NJLP Dues Structure

\$250--Lifetime Sustaining.
\$150--Lifetime.
\$35--Sustaining.
*\$15--Regular.
\$5--Student.
\$10--Newsletter subs. only.
* Second member at same address
may eliminate newsletter and
deduct \$10.

--Banquet Fund Raising

Approximately \$2000 in cash and
\$1500 in pledges was raised for the
NJLP's activities.

SIANO'S CONVENTION KEYNOTE

Dick Siano's keynote address at
the NJLP State Convention made one
thing resoundingly clear--ONE per-
son CAN make a difference! His
election to the Kingwood Township
Committee has made a difference--a
measurable difference in his town.

Dick encouraged others to run
for local offices, but cautioned
that it takes a lot of hard work.
When running in the general elec-
tion he knocked on every door in
his town--which is admittedly very
small. Before the special election
(which was held after he tied in
the general election) he and cam-
paign volunteers made 1500 phone
calls in three days reminding
people to get out and vote.

Dick seems more than satisfied
with the results. The year before
he was elected the township budget
(not including schools) was
\$460,000. Dick was able to pare
this down to \$405,000 his first
year in office. Dick is 1 of 3
committeemen, so he really has a
voice in what happens.

This year Dick again attacked
the budget line by line, but was
only able to get it reduced a fur-
ther \$2000 to \$403,000. He is par-
ticularly pleased, however about
having been able to convince the
committee to take \$95,000 from sur-
plus funds to reduce school taxes
by 11%.

Dick pointed out that Liber-
tarians bring a whole new, fresh
view that can lead away from old
traditional ways of doing things.
He stressed that the MOST IMPORTANT
thing he has done is to create real
discussion in his town for the
first time. For example, last year
Dick's salary as committeeman was
\$1170 which he refused to accept.
This had NEVER been done before.
This year he introduced a ZERO
salary resolution which passed 2-1.

The formula for Dick's success:
"With every issue have a good case,
be businesslike--AND always state
the principles involved." Dick
closed by saying "Because our posi-
tion is right and their position is
wrong, when you view every act of
government with a suspicious eye,
you know that they have the weak
position to defend and we have the
strong one."

TAXATION IS THEFT

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MIDDLESEX/SOMERSET LIBERTARIANS MEET AT RUTGERS

On March 15 Middlesex/Somerset Libertarians held a meeting at Frelinghuysen Hall at Rutgers in New Brunswick. The film "Incredible Bread Machine" was shown to an audience of about 20. (The "We Hold These Truths" film was scheduled but did not arrive.)

After the film Dan Maiullo, who organized the meeting, introduced Les Heller. Heller began by telling his audience that "Libertarianism goes back as far as recorded history as a movement. It is a movement toward freedom." He went on to say that "We have turned our lives over to the government and it is abusing us."

Heller then asked people in the room to tell what problems or issues held their greatest interest. The resulting list included Social Security & taxes, the draft, foreign policy, drug & alcohol laws, abortion, El Salvador, monopoly, poverty and unemployment. A discussion of these issues in relation to the libertarian philosophy followed.

WANTED: Legal secretary to work in office with anarchist/atheist atmosphere. Vegetarian preferred. Reply to Jack Moyers 201/566-3512

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GIVE ME LIBERTY NOT THE DRAFT



Your Opinion

Carrot-and-stick Socialism

To the Editor:

I should like to comment on "Our Opinion" of Feb. 23—"No Loans for Draft Resisters." To most Argus readers, my own Libertarian, individualist anti-draft views are well known. So what I say next may come as a surprise, but I hope you will understand my views after reading this complete letter.

You are quite right in urging that students who don't register for the draft should be denied federal student loans. Unfortunately, your reasons are wrong and only reinforce my view that your paper simply does not grasp all the principles of individual liberty.

Not only is the draft, which you

apparently think necessary to defend America, a slap in the face to freedom, but so is your idea that student loans are okay as long as they go to students willing to sign away their lives to the government. No person has a right to expect others to be forced, via our Marxist Income Tax (yes, that tax is demanded in Karl's Communist Manifesto of 1848), to finance his college education. Some will argue that it's only a loan which must be paid back. Whether students pay them back or not is totally irrelevant, even though quite a few don't bother to do so! A person's freedom of choice as to what they do with the fruits of their labor is certainly being denied by tax-funded student loans, or tax-funded activities of government, of any kind, for that matter!

Further, there is no provision in the Constitution that gives government (especially at the federal level) any authority to be involved in funding education by any method, whether it be student loans or by direct Federal aid to schools.

The idea of Sign up for the draft or lose your student aid" is nothing more than the carrot-and-stick method of socialism that the government has used since Roosevelt's infamous New Deal Era to bring independent-minded folk into line. So it's truly too bad that a paper such as The Argus, which no doubt stands four-square behind freedom of speech, can't make that important connection between free speech and economic freedom, and other forms of personal liberty, as well.

Sincerely,
Mark Richards

Tax Rebellion

WASHINGTON TIMES, Feb. 17, 1983

WALTER WILLIAMS

Rebellion as an antidote

In the four years this column has been appearing in newspapers around the United States, a lot of mail has been received — some favorable, some critical.

The one criticism that has surfaced most frequently in my mail has to do with the fact that while many columns cite what's wrong in this great nation of ours, seldom do we propose a specific course of action for the ordinary citizen. This writer pleads guilty.

Much of the time I'm not sure what the ordinary person can do and at other times what I'd propose might lead to an arrest. You'd be

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arrested because I'd propose activity, as advocated by our Founding Fathers in the Declaration of Independence, which reads, "...but when a long train of abuses and usurpations (by government) pursuing invariably the same object evinces a design to reduce them (the people) under absolute despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such government, and to provide new guards for their future security."

Today, Americans have complaints similar to those of our Founding Fathers. Let's briefly examine a few of the grievances listed in our Declaration of Independence: "He has erected a multitude of new offices, and sent hither swards of officers to harrass our people and eat out their substance." "Imposing taxes on us without our consent." "He has

obstructed the administration of justice..." And these founders complained of other abuses. Re-read the Declaration of Independence, and while you're at it, the Bill of Rights — those precious first 10 amendments to the U.S. Constitution.

The people who settled this country were quite different from today's Americans. They were bold and strong; we, by comparison, are meek and timid. We've lost the guts to defend our personal liberties from attack by domestic totalitarians, and we're losing our will to defend ourselves from foreign tyrants. These great men would probably curse us for what we've become.

What did our Founding Fathers do about government encroachments on freedom? Well, there was the Boston Massacre (1770) and the Boston Tea Party (1774) both of which are familiar to us all. But many Americans are not familiar with Shay's Rebellion (1786) during which tax collectors were shot and the federal arsenal attacked. There are many other examples of early Americans' resistance to unjust laws, including smuggling by men of no less note than John Hancock, the signer of the Declaration of Independence.

You say that's lawless behavior. You're absolutely right, but what alternative do we have? The laws were rigged against them and in favor of the ruling classes both in the colonies and in England. Similarly, today's Congress and courts are rigged against the common man in favor of the ruling class. Who are the members of this ruling class? They are all the people who use Congress to impose their values on the common man. They are the people who get politicians to decide how to spend almost one half of your earnings. They are the lobbyists for labor unions, business and professional groups and do-gooders.

Faced with government-sponsored: disrespect for private property; tampering with our families; confiscation of our wealth; interference in our economic lives, there can be only one recommended course of action. And that course of action is detailed in our early history:

In a phrase: Work to reconvene the constitutional convention, and if the politicians work to subvert that attempt, revolt against the illegitimate use of government power.

CORMAN'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS

by Bill George

Sayreville Board of Education Vice President Randall J. Corman, the NJLP's only elected state official (although elected locally, school board members are STATE—not local—officials), is running for re-election April 12 without opposition. This is the first time in about 30 years that a board member in Sayreville is running unopposed.

Last September, Corman convinced his fellow board members to adopt a resolution calling upon the N.J. School Boards Association, the state's second most powerful lobby (the first is the N.J. Education Association, the teacher's union), to urge adoption of legislation permitting the contracting out of driver education. Previously, Corman had persuaded the rest of the board to go along with his position in favor of contracting for this service, but the board's attorney informed him that existing state law prohibits this.

In December, Corman's resolution was adopted by the NJSBA—against the recommendation of its staff! A bill to permit school boards to contract out driver ed is being introduced by Sen. Wayne Dumont (R-24).

Under threat of contracting out the lunch service, the deficit in that account has been slashed in half, Corman reports. "School lunches were so heavily subsidized that it was costing something like \$14 per lunch," he said. "In another year or two, I expect that account to be a washout."

Corman is now planning to offer a resolution calling on the NJSBA to adopt as policy the position that all budgets—state, county, and municipal—be subjected to popular vote, just like school budgets are.

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Material must be received by the 23rd of the month to be in the following issue.

DAILY REGISTER, Feb. 18, 1983

Candidate charges nepotism

MATAWAN — Jack Moyers opened his campaign for a seat on the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional Board of Education early this week by accusing Superintendent of Schools Kenneth Hall of nepotism in the alleged hiring of his son-in-law as an instructor in the district's Marine Academy of Science and Technology program.

Hall denied the charge, saying he had notified the board that Roger Berghardt, of Oregon, was his son-in-

law before his application was considered.

Hall said yesterday that he saw no problem with Berghardt being considered for the position.

"But I don't think any of this is going to matter because he has decided not to accept the position even if it is offered," he said.

In a press release dated Feb. 14, Moyers said his goal, if elected to the board, would be to "work for excellence in education at a reasonable

cost."

Moyers, of Belle Place, here, could not be reached for comment yesterday.

The release also questioned the desirability of the MAST program, and called the elimination of the committee system last year a "giant step backward."

— RAY GERMANN

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