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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 17-- NJLP State Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM at Farrell's Ice Cream Parlour, Route 18 South, (Brunswick Square Mall), East Brunswick. All NJLP members invited and welcome.

February 27-28-- 1988 Regional Workshop--"Improving Our Political Campaign Skills", sponsored by the Council of LP State Chairs. To be held in the Baltimore, Md. area. Contact coordinator Alicia Clark at 818/796-8231 for more information.

March 5-- 15th ANNUAL NJLP STATE CONVENTION, Kenilworth Holiday Inn, Exit 138 Garden State Parkway, 201/241-4100. Speakers: **Ron Paul**, LP candidate for President; **Karl Hess**, Editor of LP News; **Dick Zimmer**, Republican State Senator from Hunterdon County; and **David Walter**, Vice-Chairman of National Libertarian Committee.

March 13-- New York City LP Convention at La Maganette Restaurant, 3rd Ave. & 50th St. Don Ernsberger of the Society for Individual Liberty will be the keynote speaker. For information call 212/966-5772.

NJL MASTHEAD

Many thanks to John Langdon for designing our new New Jersey Libertarian masthead. We used it first in January and have received many complimentary comments. Thanks, John, it looks great!

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!!! NJLP CONVENTION !!!

Don't miss our 15th Annual NJLP State Convention on March 5, 1988 at the Kenilworth Holiday Inn. Enclosed is a convention brochure. Clip the registration form and send it in before February 12 for the \$55 Early Bird Special. Note: Because of federal regulations, John Galendak cannot appear. In his place will be State Senator Dick Zimmer, a Republican from Hunterdon County.

STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

By Len Flynn

On January 13, 1988 the NJLP Steering Committee met at Farrell's Ice Cream Parlour in East Brunswick. Present were Flynn, Maiullo, Friedlander, and Peters. Zeldin and Harris were absent. (Rich Duprey had resigned as Chairman in December.) The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Secretary Flynn.

Rich Duprey's resignation letter was circulated for information. Rich urged the NJLP to promptly select a replacement, but he said he would be willing be an unofficial chairman if no substitute could be found until the NJLP convention. Len Flynn announced his intention to nominate Dan Karlan to be NJLP Chair at the next State Committee meeting on February 17, 1988. (Other nominations will be accepted at the meeting.)

Publicity for the NJLP convention was discussed. A motion to send up

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Military draft always in bad taste, Libertarians say

By MICHAEL PAOLICELLI
Courier-News Writer

NEW BRUNSWICK — A celebration commemorating the 15th anniversary of the end of the military draft will have members of the Civil Libertarian Party eating their own cake today.

The meeting, planned for 7 p.m. in front of the Rutgers University ROTC building, comes in response to a letter local party members received from the Libertarian national headquarters in Washington, D.C. The letter called for members to celebrate Jan. 27 as Volunteer Day.

New Jersey Libertarian treasurer Dan

Maiullo and other members responded to the suggestion by planning to give a "thank-you" cake to the cadets and officers at the ROTC building on College Avenue, thanking them for outstanding service during the past 15 years without the draft.

But the Libertarians found out the the Army could not accept the cake because of its apolitical stance. So the Libertarians are eating the cake themselves.

"We'll have to have our (own) cake and eat it, too," Maiullo said in response to the Army declining the offer.

Libertarians plan to distribute party literature and discuss their political views with interested passers-by. This includes the group's opposition to the military draft, and

registration.

"The draft is slavery," Maiullo said. The Libertarian Party is "opposed to draft registration" of any kind, including all types of national service drafts, "such as (those) supported by presidential hopeful Gary Hart."

The Libertarian Party also favors a totally non-interventionist government and supports pulling out U.S. troops from all foreign soil. The present problem, Maiullo said, is that the United States is trying to "police the whole world."

Libertarians would oppose a military draft even if the direct security of the United States were to be threatened, Maiullo said.

"There would be more than enough volunteers," he said, to defend the country without

a draft if its security were threatened.

But Lt. Col. Michael V. McKay, who is stationed at the ROTC building on College Avenue, holds another view.

"We have the best Army today that we've ever had," the 22-year Army veteran said. He said the all volunteer program has been very successful and attributed its success to "good recruiting, solid citizens and good training."

"We have the numbers we need and the quality," McKay said, referring to the Army's improvements since the introduction of draft registration during the Carter administration.

"We feel confident we could accomplish any mission" that threatened the security of the United States, he added.

Libertarians and others "certainly have that right" to express their opinions, McKay added, referring to the several demonstrations hosted by various organizations that occur in front of the ROTC building each semester. He was unable, because of the Army's policy that all recruits remain apolitical, to elaborate further.

But when asked about his feelings about draft registration and a potential military draft in the event of crisis, whether here or abroad, McKay had some personal comments. One referred to his service in Vietnam.

"I have fought and put my life on the line to protect what they're (Libertarians) saying," he said.

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ELECTORS WANTED

By Ken Kaplan

Sixteen (16) electors are needed to represent Ron Paul on petitions for President in New Jersey. Qualifications are 25 or more years of age, a registered New Jersey voter, and a citizen of the U.S. for at least 7 years.

If you qualify and would be willing to serve, call me immediately at 201/992-3991 (nights after 6:00 PM) or 672-5500 (9-5 daily, leave message with secretary). A slate of Electors will be nominated at the February 17 meeting of the State Committee, so do not delay!

Name that dictatorship — Here's a quiz: What third world dictatorship, annoyed at the activities of a certain group of its citizens, recently proposed legislation that would: 1) Prohibit those individuals from congregating in public in groups of two or more; 2) Prevent them from remaining on public streets for more than five minutes at a time; and 3) Empose a dusk-to-dawn curfew on them? Did you guess South Africa? Nicaragua? Afghanistan? Sorry, the correct answer is Los Angeles, where the city attorney recently requested those powers against a street gang called the Crips. Fortunately, a Superior Court judge denied the request, and so the city will be forced to use constitutional means to combat crime. (Reported in *The Boston Globe*)

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A DRAFT IS SLAVERY

A military draft is not only unwanted by Americans, but is also unnecessary to the defense of the United States.

The American military did not always rely on conscript soldiers. The large bulk of the army that served under George Washington was volunteer. Only in a few colonies was the draft employed. During the War of 1812, the last time the United States was actually invaded by a foreign power, the administration of President Madison pressed for a draft. Congress rejected it as inconsistent with a free America. It was called a "fabric of despotism . . . a Magna Carta of slavery." During the Civil War, bloody riots in New York resulted from the use of the draft for a short time in the North. At the outbreak of World War I the change from earlier ideals to the current popularity of conscription was almost complete. From the beginning of World War I U.S. politicians were so mesmerized by the success of totalitarian Prussia's conscript army that they did not even allow volunteering. World War II also brought coercion through the draft as the means for recruiting an army. The draft allowed America to launch its unwise adventures in Korea and Vietnam, adventures which lost for the U.S. world respect and alienated millions of young Americans.

To the believer in individual rights, there can be no compromise on the draft issue. The forced conscription of young men must not begin again. Already some have been convicted and jailed for refusing to register for the draft under current laws, including the Libertarian Party National Director, Paul Jacob.

America has a proud tradition of resistance to the draft. The call for men to be drafted in 1812 was answered by threats of internal revolution. The response in New York and Pennsylvania to the draft during the Civil War was rioting and dodging. Immigrants flooded America in the late 19th century fleeing the draft in Poland, Germany and Russia, and today from the Middle East and Central America. In World War I individuals went to jail rather than serve. During the Vietnam war, thousands escaped to Canada, refused to register or report, faked physical ailments, or went underground to avoid compulsory servitude.

Advocates of individual rights must oppose compulsory registration laws, for the requirement of registration is the first step to the return of selective servitude. In the long run all of our lives and principles are on the line.

by Donald C. Ernsberger
edited by Dan Maiullo

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Coercion gives men no special powers or abilities that they do not otherwise possess. All that which is truly worthwhile can be accomplished without aggression. Free men are not idiots or brutes - they do not need governments to force them to provide for their education, their sick, their poor, or for their old age. Historically the greatest advancements in human welfare have been made in precisely those periods with the least governmental regulation of human action.

The omnipotent state is the archaic remnant of tribal war lords and witch doctors; it is the super-parent who tells us that we are not fit to run our own lives. But there comes a time in the life of every man and society when they must leave the stifling safety of a programmed existence, discard the myths of childhood, and venture forth into the world of self-responsible adults. There are, to be sure, risks in abandoning the nursery, but no human development is possible without risk.

As libertarians we say to the world: Wake up and cut the cord. There is a world of infinite pleasure, variety and adventure open to the person with the courage to be free.

by Jarret B. Wollstein

If we are made in some degree for others, yet, in a greater, are we made for ourselves. [It is] indeed ridiculous to suppose that a man had less rights in himself than [did] one of his neighbors, or indeed all of them put together. This would be slavery . . . Nothing could so completely divest us of that liberty as the establishment of the opinion, that the State has a perpetual right to the services of all its members.

- Thomas Jefferson, from a letter
to James Monroe, 1782.

IN SUPPORT OF A DRAFT:

[The citizen] willingly subordinates his own ego to the life of the community and, if the hour demands, even sacrifices it.

- Adolph Hitler, "Mein Kampf".

by Lynn DeFilippo

When Eleanor Smeal stood on the steps of a federal building in Washington DC this fall addressing an anti-Bork pro gay rally, in the name of the National Organization for Women (NOW) and in the name of feminism, she shook her fist in the air, and chanting victory at Bork's defeat said, "Feel the power of the moment."

It is more than just a little scary, today's minority leaders as the Machiavellian manipulators of our time, using the emotions of special interest politics to gain control, all in the name of equality. Modern liberal feminism, as it is represented today by NOW, has strayed so far from the pietistic and principled vision of its foremothers that it is no wonder many women feel alienated from the movement.

American mainstream feminism draws its roots from individualism. For the individualist, equality is a political term referring to the protection of the moral jurisdiction that every human being has over her or his own body. Freedom is the sovereignty of the individual.

Contrary to popular academic belief, American feminism has nothing to do with socialism. The

first feminists in this country were abolitionists, highly committed and principled women who saw the parallels between black slavery and female slavery. They demanded an immediate cessation of slavery on the grounds that each man was a sole owner of his body. They naturally extended this to include themselves as the reality of women as chattel to their husbands, via state coercion, became clearer as their struggle pressed on.

To socialist feminists freedom is a socio-economic concept, having little to do with the individual. The roots of socialist feminism was if anything a breeding ground for animosity between the sexes. Women were expected not to compete with the male labor force and at the same time the institution of the family was suspiciously regarded. As for Marxist feminism (a contradiction in terms) women cannot be free until the socio-economic problems of capitalism and the accompanying private property and family relationships it encourages are eliminated. To this righteous and equal end socialist feminists are willing to employ the violent power of the state, through taxation and legislation.

This is the essential contradic-

tion facing liberal feminism today: use coercion and slavery to bring about liberty and equality. Having strayed far from its individualistic, that is libertarian roots, feminism today calls upon the government to protect women from the consequences and responsibilities of their autonomy. When an authority (government) coercively interferes in a voluntary exchange for the benefit of either, both or other parties, as opposed to the aggressor, that is paternalism. If women ask the government to discriminate on their behalf because they cannot get the intended result, then they are asking the government to act as a parent. Have we substituted Big Brother for Big Daddy?

It makes no difference whether the state is invoked to protect women from exploitation or to make up for past discriminations. As individuals the only rights we have are equal protection under the law. When women claim autonomy it is with full knowledge that other individuals have this right also. To petition the government for special privileges, whether in the form of taxation for daycare centers, affirmative action quotas, or anti pornography legislation, is to say that other people must bend to our will

whether they want to or not. The responsibility and autonomy that is freedom has many risks and consequences, none of which call for collective coercion.

Liberal socialist feminism calls for enforced socio-economic equality. This concept of justice is ends oriented. As a result the government must decide what is good or bad and then institutionalize its judgements. All in the name of equality. The liberal feminists of today will be substituting one form of discrimination for another: sexism with statism.

And I thought that all along women had been fighting for the freedom to choose to live their lives free from state instituted restrictions. As far as cultural restrictions are concerned, any individual on this planet has the right to think, say, read, watch, offer for payment, or publish anything she or he wishes. If women don't like it, tough. It is our responsibility to offer alternatives instead of turning to the government to force someone else to do it for us. That is what a free market society is all about.

The question is not the end result but how we get there. For libertarians the concept of justice is means oriented. The freely chosen actions of individuals

must be respected. If all individual rights are respected then justice is achieved, and that is the only end result that any of us is responsible for.

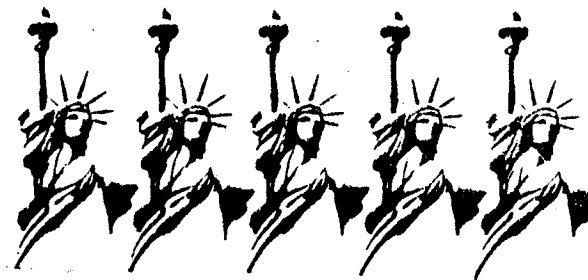
The question arises; do we seek authoritarian means to a non authoritarian end? No twist of logic can make this seem like a workable proposition. If the means are authoritarian, then the end will be also. While it is valid and true for feminists to reject a patriarchal hierarchy that keeps women on the down side of the oppressor/oppressed relationship, turning to the government for solutions in the form of hand-outs and special favors only institutionalizes another kind of discrimination.

Women are if anything individuals. Haven't women worked hard to break social and cultural prejudices which judge them as a collective? Why have women now turned to the greatest oppressor in history of the world, government, to ask that it intervene in women's affairs, to protect us from the big bad men who will exploit us? Would you ask a rapist to protect you from a rapist?

Our abolitionist sisters knew that only by dismantling laws that infringe on individual rights can freedom and choice be made

available. They asked for no special favors for their sex. They asked only for the equal opportunity before the law, to be right or wrong, to fail or succeed as individual merits would have it. They broke more social taboos just by their appearance as freedom activists in the 1830's than any law or protective legislation has ever done.

So I say sisters, are we free and equal, or aren't we?



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Jefferson Speaks



I am not among those who fear the people. They, and not the rich, are our dependence for continued freedom. And to preserve their independence, we must not let our rulers load us with perpetual debt. We must make our election between ECONOMY AND LIBERTY, OR PROFUSION AND SERVITUDE. If we run into such debts, as that we must be taxed in our meat and in our drink, in our necessities and our comforts, in our labors and our amusements, for our callings and our creeds, as the people of England are, our people, like them, must come to labor sixteen hours in twenty-four, give the earnings of fifteen of these to the government for their debts and daily expenses; and the sixteenth being insufficient to afford us bread, we must live, as they now do, on oatmeal and potatoes; have no time to think, no means of calling the mismanagers to account; but be glad to obtain subsistence by hiring ourselves to rivet their chains on the necks of our fellow-sufferers. Our land-holders, too, like theirs, retaining indeed the title and

stewardship of estates called theirs but held really in trust for the treasury, must wander, like theirs, in foreign countries, and be contended with penury, obscurity, exile, and the glory of the nation. This example reads to us the salutary lesson, that private fortunes are destroyed by public as well as by private extravagance. And this is the tendency of all human governments. A departure from principle in one instance becomes a precedent for a second; that second for a third; and so on, till the bulk of society is reduced to mere automats of misery, to have no sensibilities left but for sinning and suffering. Then begins, indeed, the BELLUM OMNIUM IN OMNIA, which some philosophers observing to be so general in this world, have mistaken it for the natural, instead of the abusive state of man. And the fore horse of this frightful team is public debt. Taxation follows that, and in its train wretchedness and oppression. --T. Jefferson to S. Kercheval, 1816.

MEETING...

to 1,000 pieces of brochures First Class (more with Treasurer Maiullo approval) passed unanimously.

Volunteer day activity was next reviewed. A motion passed unanimously to gather at the Rutgers ROTC building to celebrate the 15th anniversary of the all-volunteer U.S. armed forces at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, January 27, 1988. The NJLP Steering Committee meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

**"THAT GOVERNMENT
IS BEST WHICH
GOVERNS LEAST."**

—HENRY DAVID THOREAU

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