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Fountainhead Goes to the NJLP Con!

Howard Roark, a founding father of libertarianism, lives in Liberty Corner; he teaches architectural rendering and a sensitivity seminar for macho males at a cartooning school. At the editor's request, he reported on the NJ State Libertarian Party convention. Be warned: Some of the following material will offend someone.



Howard Roark

Damn, it's great to see a lot of libertarians in one place but the real flash is hearing them talk the talk.

I got to the Holiday Inn before 9 a.m. Met the Pressers (she a Doc of psych), who spoke of Manhattan's newly-bombed Twin Towers as being perfect symbols of Dem-Rep parties: "They look the same, with minor differences, they're structurally the same — and both are rotten at the core." Love it!

A guy walked up to me and said, like, "Need is not a right." Or maybe he said, "Need is not all right." Or maybe it was, "Need you tonight." Whatever, it *sounded* libertarian. My kind of guy. At 10:00 a.m. the business meeting started and I ambled into the low-ceilinged, underlit room. For a while, it was just Robert's Rules of Order. I yawned. Then several guys used the rape analogy to explicate a libertarian point and I felt right at home among

the politically incorrect and socially graceless.

One question non-libertarians ask me is, "What kind of politics do libertarians practice in the privacy of their own party?" It's your basic town meeting-type democracy — long speeches on abstract philosophical points... until the exigencies of time make people table the question rather than miss the banquet table.

Overthrowing Established Power

King Michael of Pierone stepped down before his head was lopped off by the empowered multitude. His hand-picked successor, **Spencer Layman**, appeared at the convention in his ready-to-be-elected power suit and red necktie. But surprise! Transition was not as smooth as the power brokers had hoped; indeed, the victory speech in Layman's pocket (*see page 6*) almost didn't get used. During open nominations, the name of **Laura Stewart** was proposed.

Consternation amidst the crowd as they considered the awful possibility of a woman holding power in the Libertarian party. Are not all their heroes male except for the goddess Ayn? Indeed, the

whisperers who line the corridors of power were buzzily trying to put a negative spin on Stewart's candidacy. Although one gossip spread the rumor: "It's a setup," it was obvious that Stewart was also much surprised by the nomination. "She's anti-Choice," some said. (Actually, she explained, her position is: Pro-Choice in everything BUT abortion violates the Principle of Non-Aggression.)

Layman squeaked in by 27 to 8.

Again Ms. Stewart was nominated! To run against male candidates **Reinaldo Aviles** and **Len Flynn** (incumbent) for the Vice Chair position. Again the male-dominated establishment was confronted with the consequences of its, perhaps unconscious, sexist attitudes. Again Ms. Stewart scored credibly but was disallowed

access to the Supreme Soviet... er, excuse me, the Power Structure.

However, the males now realize they cannot continue to overlook the presence of at least one and probably more, strong females, fully capable of chairing the party.

Things I discovered:

Found out from Treasurer **Lou Stefanelli** that, by collecting national dues from its members, the state party splits the fee, and makes a profit. Tasty!

Of all the state Libertarian parties, NJ is 8th in membership, says **Dan Karlan**.

However, in '92, for each new member we lost one, no net gain. Someone spoke up, "If we don't grow, we die." Okay, class, that's the conventional wisdom, but is it true? Depends on how simple a model you use. It's true

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about a simple tree. It may be true about a corporation that depends on the stock exchange for its lifeblood. The human organism, *mucho complejo*, stops growing early in its lifetime, but continues to go through phases. Planet Earth's the same. My modest proposal: adopt a phases model.

Stefanelli proposed an adjustment to a bylaw on certification, to make it say "whatever the national LP requires, we'll do." That would allow the state to collect national dues without asking for two signatures on two separate pledges. The motion failed, the apparent consensus being that at the state's meeting in November the members could handle whatever the national party did in September.

After Karlan explained the notorious Atlanta proposal, it seemed obvious that while there was considerable unity on the necessity for a pledge of some sort, its exact phrasing is debatable. Gratefully, the convention postponed debate until the July 4 picnic and meeting. I don't know if you want the opinion of an "old timer" but I'm going to give it to you: the suggestion that the "pledge" or "oath" dissuades people from joining the party is spurious. Compared to some of the outrageous stands libertarians take, and the outrageous ways we state these stands, the pledge is innocent. Do you really think "Do away with government" doesn't scare off more potential joiners than the pledge against aggression?

New Chair Spencer Layman, for instance, took a moderate position: rather than advocate the "pure" position of total abolition of

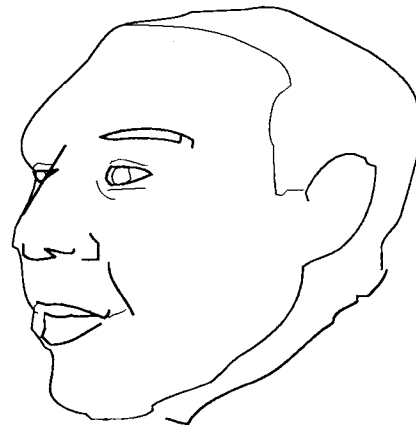
taxes, he spoke in favor of a "phase down". He said elimination of taxes has to coincide with other programs that move government in the libertarian direction, to implement the limited government that could be supported by voluntary taxation. My modest proposal: put the NJLP on a voluntary support structure, to prove we believe what we preach: no more "taxes" (dues).

When time came to elect delegates to the national convention (*September, Salt Lake City*), **Jerry Zeldin** pointed out that delegates have to be ready to put up at least \$1,000. That leaves me out, unless I find a sponsor. Another member maintained that it is possible to attend, and vote, for much less. Drive, don't fly, and share a ride with another delegate or two. Don't pay for costly sessions or dinners. And find someone to share a room with.

NJLP has an allotment of 22 delegates. There was a feeling that the membership should elect them according to their stand on the Atlanta proposals, rather than let size of pocketbook determine who goes. However, the slate couldn't be filled with those present, and some of those elected aren't certain they can go. The result: the meeting elected everyone who volunteered and all that accepted nomination; at the July meeting members will select the balance.

Main Event

By then the meeting had run too long through the lunchbreak, people were eating however they could (I brought my avocado and cheese sandwich and cadged a Coke from **Bill Stewart**).



Joe Clark

The main speaker of the afternoon had arrived in a rush, with entourage of wife and daughter. The oft-quoted, quixotic educator/crusader, self-appointed gadfly **Joe Clark**. The former principal of Eastside High School in Paterson, author of *Laying Down The Law*, and hero of the movie "Lean On Me". He spoke without notes, spoke from the heart in his head, spoke without a fee. He wore a red power tie and matching pocket handkerchief. My kind of joe—a stand-up guy who says what he believes and you better believe what he says. Here's what I learned from him:

"No man or woman is free who is afraid to speak the truth as he knows it.

"When you try to bring about change in our society, the system goes ballistic.

"Be firm or the dastards will wear you down. If you stand on principle, you must be willing to take the consequences of your actions.

"People only throw stones at trees with fruit on them. The only time a whale is in danger of harpooning is when he surfaces and spouts off.

"A grapefruit is a lemon that had an opportunity for advancement and took it.

"Two frogs got trapped in a 5-gallon milk container. They kicked and tried to get out, but could not. One gave up and drowned. The other did not give up; she kicked and bucked and kicked some more, all night long. By morning

the milk had turned to butter and she was safe on top."

You know that baseball bat that became Clark's icon? It was placed in his hand by an enterprising photographer and that became the cover photo on **Time**. Rather than emphasize the aggressive posture, Clark made it a positive message: "Kids, you got your time at bat." [*Also, the NJLP made a buck out of selling bats to people for Joe to autograph.*]

No Dis for Joe

"If you force someone on me I'm gonna hate them, but if you give me freedom, I can at least respect you." *Then, in case the point wasn't clear:* "You may not like me but by God you will respect me!

"I don't think the government can be trusted to run an educational system."

What specific steps would he take to ameliorate governmental control of schools? "Demand that the tax dollar be returned to the consumer by a tax credit or a voucher."

"I agree with libertarianism." *But he won't join.* Libertarians should stop asking him to take the pledge and

just give him freedom literature to carry around as he talks to people on campuses.

As Joe Clark signed bats and copies of his book, and fielded inquiries from a reporter, one lady waited patiently for his attention, but others were too pushy. Disappointed, she turned away. He was talking to someone else, but Joe reached out and gently touched her with a don't-go gesture. She stayed.

Lots of Dis for NJ Auto Insurance Regulation

Then without a pause, the Auto Insurance Panel assembled and pretty much disposed of the current system of auto insurance in NJ, as Joe Clark had disposed of Continued on page fiddled with education.

Michele Davis, an economist with Citizens for a Sound Economy, made this analogy to homeowners insurance, "You don't hope the burglar who robs your home has liability insurance. Auto insurance doesn't eliminate risk, if an uninsured driver hits you. Get rid of mandated liability insurance, which is unaffordable."

John Walsh, of Hanover Insurance, agreed: "The 1972 legislative compromise kept the fault system so you could

sue and additionally gave everyone unlimited access to all the health care they would need to make them better after an auto accident... Both systems have been pared back, but it is still too expensive. Some companies left the state before it got too expensive to get out; rates were kept below the real cost. Insurance companies were forced by state mandate to subsidize urban areas. **There is a 5-8 billion dollar deficit that is hidden for political purposes.** Our rates should

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Minute by minute (the official version)

These are the minutes of the NJLP Steering Committee for Earthdate February 27, 1993, and of the NJLP Annual Convention, March 7, 1993

Secretary Emerson Ellett (you know you can trust this person) recording...

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:24 pm at John Paff's house in Somerset county. Present: Pierone, Flynn, Ellett, Stefanelli, Grindlinger, Layman, Paff and Zeldin. Absent: none. Also present: two visitors. **Newsletter Editor.** MOTION, Resolved, that the chair be authorized to offer Don Hinkle \$60 per newsletter edition for miscellaneous production costs. PASSED. **Legal Defense.** There was a lengthy discussion of the different ways in which the NJLP might become involved in legal defense actions. (No such actions are contemplated.) **Draft Budget.** In accordance with the by-laws, the Steering committee is required to prepare a non-binding annual NJLP budget for presentation at the convention. MOTION, Resolved, that a draft budget of \$14,816 for 1993 be recommended. PASSED.

Trenton Computer Festival, April 17-18. MOTION, Resolved, that the NJLP pay the \$51 fee for an OPH booth. PASSED. The meeting was adjourned at 4:42 pm.

The Convention, which was held at the Holiday Inn in Runnemede, was called to order by the Chair, Mike Pierone, at 9:58 am. Upon adoption of the agenda, the secretary read the minutes of the Steering committee meeting of Feb. 27, 1993, and the treasurer presented the 1993 budget.

By-laws proposal. The proposal to amend our by-laws to automatically change the certification statement so that it would correspond to that of the national party was defeated.

Atlanta proposal. After much debate it was decided to select as many delegates as possible at the conven-

tion, and the rest at the General Meeting in July. Between now and the national convention in Salt Lake City, our delegates can study the Atlanta proposal.

Dan Karlan, our region's NATCOM representative, proposed two resolutions, which were passed: that the NJLP demand that our representatives to the National Committee diligently attempt to introduce and pass a revocation of the National Committee's goal to 1) effect specific changes in platform criteria, and 2) eliminate the membership statement, incorrectly called an oath, in the mission statement.

Election of the Steering Committee. Four officers were elected: Chair, Spencer Layman; Vice Chair, Len Flynn; Secretary, Emerson Ellett; Treasurer, Lou Stefanelli. The members-at-large are Rick Aviles, John Paff and Doug Stoxen.

Election of Trustee. Pierone will fill a three-year term.

Delegates to the National Convention. Seventeen of New Jersey's 22 delegates were elected: Pierone, Layman, Len and Ginny Flynn, Ellett, Aviles, Paff, Stoxen, Diane Adler, Phil DeBlock, Ben Grindlinger, John Hill, Barbara Jones, Carl Peters, Jim Salzano, Laura Stewart and Robert Tannen.

Gubernatorial candidate. Ken Kaplan is our nominee. **State Senate and Assembly candidates.** Of 120 seats in the legislature, Libertarians will be running in the following districts: Senate: 11th, Barbara Jones; 12th, Layman; 14th, Grindlinger; 23rd, Roger Bacon and Carl Peters; 24th, Bill Dundas. Assembly: 12th, either Len or Ginny Flynn, and Helen Radder.

Local candidates. Ed Weissman will run for Freeholder in Sussex county. Meeting adjourned: 1:58 pm.

(Meanwhile the UNofficial version continues)

increase from 15-20% just to cover current costs. To cut overall costs, encourage competition; to give companies incentive to write more policies, we need a choice system."

Assemblyman E. Scott Garrett, R-24th District: "The debate now is about cost shifting versus lowering costs. Florio forced the premiums down, which shifts the costs from one pocket to another. **Fraud adds 10-20% onto the cost of auto insurance in NJ.**"

Walsh: "We [insurance companies] would like to see mandatory insurance abolished along with the dual system of liability and no-fault, which makes costs increase geometrically, has bred certain groups in which certain attorneys refer all cases to certain doctors to build bills and push liability costs ever higher."

Garrett: "Write or phone the president of the NJ senate and the chair of the senate insurance committee, tell them to post the bills to get

rid of regulation."

Forfeit Forfeiture, or Limit It

Again a fast cut to legal eagle Terry Reed, to discuss Forfeiture: the other political parties have not addressed this issue; they choose to view it as a law-enforcement issue rather than one of abuse of civil liberties. NJ has particularly aggressive use; although the statute is not particularly broadly written the fault is in the way it's interpreted; the state attorney gen-

eral says that if any piece of corporate property is used unlawfully then the entire property of corporation can be grabbed. If property is used improperly by anyone, not necessarily the owner, the property is the criminal. Government can seize property that "facilitates" a crime; the car the drug dealer drives to the scene of the deal. In order to recover property, it's necessary to prove "super-innocence" — that not only am I not a criminal, but I didn't have knowledge of any im-

proper use of my property by anyone else. Thus doth civil forfeiture allow law enforcement to disregard the Bill of Rights. If a person fits the profile of a drug seller and has more than \$100 in cash, that money becomes forfeit because of *probable cause*, and the person has to prove their innocence to get it back. Probable cause could be innuendo, hearsay, gossip, that some piece of property is used unlawfully. *So, probable cause could be that it's desirable property somebody in government would like to seize.* Law enforcement can keep what they kill, use it for internal budgetary needs; this leads to the reality of impropriety and abuse.

Gee whillikers, Uncle Sam! This makes police work easy and profitable. Why spend time and money gathering evidence or on long trials? My modest proposal would be to expand the principle to all kinds of law-breakers: if a person fits the profile of a reckless driver (sports car equipped with fuzzbuster; wears driving gloves) then the car is forfeit and the driver loses her license; and I'm *sure* the IRS would appreciate some sort of provision whereby they could confiscate property from people who are rumored to be insufficiently generous to the government!

Has the Time Come for Term Limits?

Have you digested all that? I hadn't but *wham, blam*, it was time to talk about term limitations on legislators and how to get them passed by legislators. **Tom Blomquist**, who founded Registered Voters Organized to Limit Terms (R.E.V.O.L.T.) termed term limits "an idea that can

sweep the country, a second American revolution".

Arguments against: "If you want to get rid of him, throw the bum out" — you *can't* if they don't have well-financed competitors. "We need the experienced legislators" — too much of the *wrong kind* of experience.

Tom Blomquist says that Tom Jefferson warned that failure to apply a principle of rotation in office would result in abuses.

To get the bill, which proposes that consecutive terms not exceed 12 years, on the ballot for the people to vote yea or nay, it has to be approved by the state legislature and they have a veto-proof majority in both houses. "There is a strategy in legislature to defeat this thing." So, he asks libertarians to help put pressure on legislators.

When you see a legislator and ask about term limits, say: "Don't you agree that I, the citizen should have the right to vote on this question on the ballot?" They can't say no to that.

The Food Thing and the Health Thing

After paying \$3 for an unleaded beer in the cash bar, I joined 55 stalwarts in the banquet. With our chocolate mousse we heard **Teree Wasley**, an economist, author of *What Has Government Done to Our Health Care*:

Surprise: most people are happy with their health care; 70-80% are insured; most people are happy with their doctor, don't want to change. The "crisis in health care" is with the uninsured: but, of the 34 million uninsured, the vast majority are uninsured for only 4 months or less, not

chronically uninsured; these are people between jobs. Of those, however, 10 million are "chronically uninsured"; this is not the same as having no access to health care; almost anyone has access to some kind of care; federal law says anyone at the doorstep of a hospital must receive care.

The uninsured have more doctor visits or more days in hospital. Public support for national health care changes according to how much it costs; most people have no idea what health insurance costs, so they make low estimates, i.e., "I dunno, \$40 a month?"

Causes of crisis? Most guesses include: high malpractice insurance costs, greedy doctors; hi-tech; too many unnecessary tests. Wasley maintains that the main reason for high costs is the creation of employee provided health care, which put someone else in charge rather than consumer.

"Why don't I buy car insurance or home insurance through my employer?" This system developed in WW II, when companies, laboring under wage and price controls, used generous benefit plans to lure employees from the depleted pool of available workers. Congress made these plans tax exempt for employees and employers,

helping to entrench it. Basically, it has given people a credit card for unlimited use. Now, people run to doc with sniffles or a sore throat; why not? It "only costs \$5" (the balance paid by the plan) — if it cost the individual more, people would go less.

Medicare was adopted in 1964 and brought about more increases in health care costs. When government saw costs go out of control, they put on more regulation to stop folks from consuming so much; coming "reform" appears to be more of the same.

The media love the Canadian model. Most Canadians say its great — unless you get sick. The majority of the country's population doesn't get sick in the hi-tech expensive long-term care mode. Since voters like the system and don't use it and its "free", they insist on perpetuating it, and politicians do. But, Canada is going to get out of the health care business in next 5 years because of runaway costs; each province will be responsible for administering its own plan.

The President and Bill Clinton will put out a proposal in May. Wasley says, the real answer is: return to a situation where the consumer has autonomy over the choice of health care. Per-

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haps individuals can be provided tax credits to buy their own health insurance directly; if everyone gets the tax credit the insurance can travel with the employee who won't be locked into an unliked job because of "great benefits". Most people want some coverage from really bad problems. With a consumer-controlled system, the costs would lower quickly, she predicts, because people are doing what's right for them. The really poor may need some medical coverage; if so, keep it at the closest local level of administration, at the city level.

Q: Why isn't there more emphasis on health where you could get reduced costs if you stayed healthy?

A: As insurance companies get more beholden to consumers, you'll see more packages like that.

My Conclusions

Generally, I had a great time; it's exhilarating to be around people who live according to principles and who look for right ideas. BUT one thing about some libertarians drives me up the wall: the assumption, spoken or unspoken, that "we libertarians are more intelligent than they are". Not only is it untrue, it's a loser's snivel, an unattractive point of view that won't bring people into the party. You can't persuade anyone to believe what you say if they sense that you think they're stupid. If we believe in liberty for everyone, let's give others the benefit of the doubt. They are at least as intelligent as we are; perhaps they are uninformed. *Are we intelligent enough to transmit the information in a sensible manner?*

— Howard Roark

Letter from the (New) Chair by Spencer Layman

I am honored to be the New Jersey Libertarian Party Chair.

This past year saw some positive developments from our activities. We ran candidates in every Congressional district. A Libertarian candidate drew some 8,000 votes in a county clerk race. There is a real chance for ameliorating the worst aspects of New Jersey forfeiture law, thanks to the efforts of F.E.A.R., spearheaded by libertarians. We may yet achieve recognition of the fully informed jury concept. Our membership has increased, thanks to the actions at our last convention, as well as to our continued traditional efforts. A good beginning.

But not enough. We must achieve a significant breakthrough if we are truly to stem, and then reverse, the tide of growing statism and erosion of choice at the local, state, and federal levels.

The *only ones* who can achieve this are *us* — *you*. The *only way* to achieve this is by expanded participation.

To accomplish expanded participation, I intend to reorganize our efforts along operational categories. This will provide more direction and cohesion to all of our activities, incorporating our county organizations but additionally allowing you to participate in these efforts on a statewide basis as well.

As in any organization, a small percentage of members are the consistent activists. But we are *not* just any organization, at least not if we really want to see our ideas come to fruition. I believe what I propose offers us that opportunity. It is up to you to

take advantage of it. In fact, you *must* take advantage of it if our existence is to have any meaning.

I suggest the following areas of activity: (1) Elections; (2) Specific issue-oriented action; (3) Media relations; (4) Fundraising; (5) Membership. For each of these, there would be a sub-chairman of a coordinated, statewide group. I believe this will offer each of you the chance to participate in activities that interest you most, and that make the best use of your individual talents and expertise.

I truly believe that our major organizational problem is one of duplication of effort and uncoordinated efforts by the various county groups, compounded by a burnout or overload factor caused by the dilution of abilities of a relatively small number of members who are trying to participate in several or all of the above activities at a high level of involvement.

The role of the officers and State and Steering committees will be to coordinate these sub-groups, provide overall direction, and to give advice based upon their experience. These groups would not be mutually exclusive, of course; but each of you will be able to concentrate in areas in which you are most interested and will therefore be most productive. In varying degrees, some of this is occurring now; however, it must be expanded to include more of us in an active role.

Elections

Some of us like electoral activity. We like campaigning or helping out in campaigns. But we also need as-

sistance, to research issues, to track voting records of the republicrats, and to generate approaches to issues that will capture voter attention. If you don't care to run for office, such efforts will help those who do.

Specific Issue-Oriented Actions

Forfeiture; fully informed juries — these are in progress. But there are so many other issues, some of which must be especially of concern to each of you: fire-arms, Libertarian party registration, education, taxation, religious freedoms, Bill of Rights issues. You can help by writing state and national legislators, by attending county meetings or legislative hearings, by generating public actions, distributing leaflets (after you've written them).

Media Relations

We are ignored by the media. Some of this is their fault; some of it is *ours*. We should have a coordinated media effort, centered on the press, but including radio talk shows, local access cable and the like. A year-round letters to the editor program is a possibility; coordinated press releases of our activities is another. Researching the media for potentially friendly reception of our ideas is a critical need; so, too, is finding out how newspapers are organized, whom to contact, etc., so that others in the party who are involved in other activities have this information available to them rather than having to spend more of their time on it.

Fundraising

We will not become more significant on the political scene if we do not develop

the ability to raise money beyond our dues. Not just for elections, but for ads, supplies, transportation, all the factors where financial backing makes a difference. We need professional assistance in this area, but, with professional guidance, some of you may find this to be your area of enthusiasm.

Membership

Operational Politically Homeless is a natural starting point for this, coupled with our county organizations. However, this outreach must be expanded. Those of you

who have a particular burning issue can make serious, structured efforts to reach like-minded people. We've totally failed to take advantage of this potential with the N.R.A., taxpayer groups, college students and others. We probably have the contacts; we do not yet have the program to utilize them.

All of us have time constraints and other obligations. But if you are serious about advancing libertarianism and the New Jersey Libertarian Party, the time you do have to devote to the NJLP must

be used effectively. This approach I've outlined offers that opportunity and it is this approach that I intend to implement. Below is a self-explanatory form for you to complete and send to me.

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Calendar

Members should submit their notices well in advance of each month's publication date.

To get information on the State Legislature hearings, votes, etc., Office of Legislative Services, 1-800-792-8630.

The State Committee will meet on April 11 at Alibi Inn, Manville, 1 pm.

The Steering Committee will meet on May 16 at Alibi Inn, Manville, 1 pm.

New York State Convention, on May 22 at White Plains Hotel. For more info: 212-966-5772.

Pennsylvania State Convention, "The Rebirth Of Liberty". March 26-28. POB 4451, Allentown, PA 18105. 215-264-1921.

The Sussex County Area Libertarian Party (SCALP) sponsors a debate on Wednesday, March 31, at 7:30 pm at Upsala College's Wantage campus. Former NJLP Chair Mike Pierone will debate Upsala College professor Frank Gallagher. Topic: "Property Rights: Friend or Foe of the Environment?" For details, phone 201-764-7289.

Forfeiture Bill Advances

About 20 NJLP members were present when, on March 4, the Assembly Judiciary Committee voted 4-3 to release Assembly Bill 1536 for consideration by the full assembly. The bill, sponsored by Sussex Assemblyman E. Scott Garrett, would require a criminal conviction before law enforcers could confiscate property. The debate that preceded this vote pitted libertarians against prosecutors. Prosecutor Fava of Passaic County declared that he had read Ayn Rand and considered himself a libertarian, but nonetheless opposed this bill. His claim to be a libertarian served as comic relief to the tension in the room.

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