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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 9 - NJLP Steering Committee Meeting at the Karlan residence in Jamesburg, 2 PM sharp! Call Dan 201-444-2846 for info.

June 11 - Don Smith will speak on the 2nd Amendment at The Constitutionists meeting at 8 PM at the union hall on Locust St., Elmwood Park. Call 201/327-7878 for details.

June 15 - Libertarians of Monmouth County (LMC) meet at Steve Enterline's, 8 Church St., Matawan at 8 PM. Call Steve at 566-2036 for directions.

June 15 - An evening with Kay Nolte Smith, "What's Right With the Literary World?" sponsored by The Institute for Objectivist Studies at 8 PM at the Doral Inn Hotel, Lexington Ave. & 49 St., NYC. Admission \$25.

July 8 - Annual NJLP Picnic & Gen'l Meeting at the Flynn's in Morganville. See insert for details.

July 21 - Delaware State Convention. Call 302/653-4904 for details.

Aug.10-14 - Joint Convention: Int'l Society for Individual Liberty (ISIL); Future of Freedom; and Advocates for Self Gov't at the Holiday Inn Golden Gate, in San Francisco, CA. Call 415/864-0952 for info.

SMAL (Somerset-Middlesex Area Libertarians) holds regular meetings on the 4th Mon. of each month. Call 201/572-0207 for details.

Mercer County Libertarians hold meetings on the last Sunday of each month at 7 PM at *Wildflowers* restaurant, Pennington

Circle, Rt. 31 at 546 near Trenton. Call Carl Peters for info. 609/737-7667 or 609/882-8432.

Nat'l Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (NORML) holds regular monthly meetings. Call 201/968-8226 for details.

NJLP STATE COMMITTEE MEETING

By Len Flynn

The New Jersey Libertarian Party State Committee met on May 12, 1990 at Dan Karlan's parents home in Cranbury. The meeting was called to order at about 2:00 PM. Present were Karlan, Zeldin, Stefanelli, Flynn, Radder, Michelle Maloney (for Edelston), Kaplan, Schoen, Peters, Montelione, and John Paff (new Representative from the Somerset/Middlesex Area Libertarians). Absent were Hill, Harris, Meinshausen, Kerr, and Agnew.

Chairman Karlan presented two communications to the Committee at the beginning of the meeting. First, the Bergen County LP advised the NJLP State Committee of their resolution to support "the legalization of hemp and hemp products in the State of New Jersey." The Bergen Libertarians urged the more aggressive pursuit of a coalition with NORML for electoral support and suggested the state party propose a unified intoxicants act to "treat (alcohol, tobacco, and

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COUNTY ORGANIZATIONS

	<u>State Committee Representatives</u>	<u>County Chairs</u>	
Bergen County	Mike Harris	Mike Harris	201/891-3395
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Hudson County	Don Meinshausen	Don Meinshausen	201/659-6786
Hunterdon County	Joe Kerr	Joe Kerr	609/397-8119
Mercer County	Carl Peters	Carl Peters	609/737-7667
Monmouth County	Claudia Montelione		201/583-8721
Somerset/Middlesex	John Paff	Laura Stewart	201/264-4492
Warren County	Jim Agnew	Howard Schoen	201/873-1251
		Jim Agnew	201/572-0207
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NJLP STEERING COMMITTEE

State Chair:	Dan Karlan	201/444-2846
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Advertising and editorial material must be received by the editor on or before the 27th of the month to be in the following issue. We are currently on a monthly schedule.

NEEDED: Volunteers for Libertarian booths at fairs in Lakeland, So. Jersey on Aug. 2-4 (call Jack, 609/767-2753) and Monmouth County on July 25-29 (call Michele Maloney, 201/572-1614). Michele will speak about the Monmouth County Fair at the LMC meeting on June 15. Hope to see you there!

Libertarians begin run

METUCHEN — "Earlier this month, members of the Borough Council publicly bemoaned the fact that they couldn't find places to cut their budget. We believe that we can show them how."

With those words, John Latsko and Eric Meltzer launched their campaign for Metuchen Borough Council under the banner of the Libertarian Party.

"One place where we'll begin is with ourselves," said Meltzer. "If we are elected, we'll accept the salary of \$1 each, thus saving taxpayers \$2,398 off the top of the budget."

According to Latsko, the borough gives plastic containers away to Rutgers for use in insulation. "Taking the containers with five-cent deposit labels to collection facilities will generate \$20,000 of revenue," he said.

Meltzer cited another problem.

"Most people wouldn't consider paying a \$3,000 or \$4,000 bill without having it itemized, but that's exactly what they do with their property taxes," he said. "When people are out of touch with the true costs of services, they act as if the services are free."

"For example," he continued, "if people realized how much they're paying, right now, per bag, for garbage pickup, and that they had an opportunity to save money if we switched to a pay-per-bag system, we'd see much more support for a pay-per-bag system. This could save the borough in excess of \$200,000 and help us toward the goal of recycling more. This program is currently being used successfully in High Bridge, and it's high time that we brought it here to Metuchen."

The Parking Commission has a surplus of \$2.5 million dollars which is currently drawing 2 percent interest, Latsko said.

"You don't have to be a banker," he added, "to realize this is a raw deal for Metuchen taxpayers. We should be earning at least 7 percent on that amount of money."



JOHN LATSKO



ERIC MELTZER

Meltzer cited another savings in the area of cable television.

"Cable viewers would be better served by having more than one cable company, better prices through competition and better services," he said. "The Borough Council has given a monopoly to TKR, and borough residents pay monopoly prices."

Latsko said that the initial reforms his team is proposing could save Metuchen residents \$425,000.

Latsko spent five years as a general contractor and now runs his own wholesale tool business. He served four years in the Navy and is active in the Naval Reserves.

Meltzer holds a master's of business administration degree from the University of Chicago and is an executive at Chemical Bank, New York. Previously, he worked with the National Taxpayers' Union and the Taxpayers' Foundation to lower federal taxation.

The Libertarian Party describes itself as America's third-largest and fastest-growing political party. Meltzer calls it "the small-government alternative for people who are fed up with high taxes and big government."

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hemp) products, consumption, and legal liability equally, and with due regard for individual liberties."

The committee received a letter from Sam Edelston who could not attend the meeting because of a prior commitment. Sam urged the State Committee to oppose the proposed resolution on NJLP funding of County Committee activities. He said in his letter that the proposal would penalize the "entire NJLP by limiting our outreach and by limiting our growth."

The Treasurer's report again was a high point of the meeting. Lou Stefanelli delighted the committee with his report of good NJLP finances and steadily growing membership--approaching new highs.

The State Committee next heard about County activities from the State Committee Representatives. Claudia Montelione told of the latest Libertarians of Monmouth County meeting where the members enjoyed the anti-IRS video "Harry's War." John Paff mentioned a recent press release announcing the Libertarian candidates for Metuchen Town Council. Jerry Zeldin said the South Jersey LP is "growing big." Mercer County Libertarians had a successful Operation Political Homeless (OPH) booth at the Computer Fair with seven LP candidates meeting fair attendees there. Dan Karlan mentioned the Bergen County Libertarians met two weeks ago with activist and 1990 NJLP convention speaker Lee Altman participating.

Essex/Morris Libertarians are reorganizing according to Ken Kaplan with a meeting scheduled for May 15 at Ken's home. The scheduled program is OPH starring Michelle Maloney. Passaic County recently found NJLP Chair Dan Karlan and Lou Stefanelli discussing LP issues with Ringwood Township residents

who presently suffer the highest tax rate in the state. Discussion ran from 7 PM to after 12 midnight. Local host Lou Serafini plans to do further political work in Ringwood.

Other counties were discussed. Dan Karlan said he has been unable to reach the Warren County Chair for a report on local activities. Hudson County Chair Don Meinshausen has informed Dan Karlan about the recent smoke-in/demonstration in New York City. Hunterdon County activists are being sought to restart activity there.

NJLP Secretary Len Flynn was directed to mail out the NJLP "Level of Activity" questionnaire again to the counties in order to inform the NJLP membership about county activity--or lack thereof. The Committee then recessed for 15 minutes at 3:15 PM.

After reconvening the State Committee considered several motions. A motion by Ken Kaplan to spend up to \$150 for a 3' by 6' banner with statue of liberty logo, if possible, passed unanimously. Purchase of NJLP and liberty logo stencils for up to \$50.00 passed unanimously. These stencils will be used to prepare signs for demonstrations and rallies which LP activists attend. Ken Kaplan will follow up on both items.

Another NJLP phone chain will be developed. Dan Karlan and Claudia Montelione (alternate) are designated as National LP contacts for the phone chain. The media contact list is under development by John Hill and Bob Alpert. The list will be available for NJLP candidates to use.

The NJLP annual picnic was set for Sunday, July 8, 1990 at 2:00 PM at the Flynn's home in Morganville. The General Membership Meeting is scheduled to start at 4:00 PM. The State Committee unanimously voted to spend up to \$50.00 for items needed for the picnic, such as

paper products, ice, charcoal, munchies, and soda. Picnic attendees should bring their own meat and one dish to share.

The meeting concluded with discussion, amendment, and final approval of the following resolution on NJLP policy on funding county activities: "(1) It shall be the policy of the NJLP that County Committees fund their own activities. (2) Notwithstanding the foregoing, the NJLP may from time to time decide to fund all or part of an activity of a County Committee. Such decision will not alter the basic policy of the NJLP as

stated herein, nor shall it obligate the NJLP to fund other activities of that County committee or the activities of other county committees." The meeting adjourned at 4:55 PM.

On May 17, 1990 the NJLP Steering Committee unanimously approved by phone vote spending up to \$300 for reprinting literature and restocking OPH brochures originally ordered from National LP. This emergency expenditure came about due to the heavy demand for libertarian outreach brochures during the demonstrations against the state ban on semiautomatic weapons.

As a follow up to the protests against the gun bill in Trenton, Ed Huser did his homework and enlightens us with the following:

Do you want to know WHY Public Officials are voting to take away your firearms? Go to almost any library and ask the librarian where the United States Code books are shelved (NOT the U S C Annotated). There are twenty five reddish-brown books in the set. They were printed by the Government Printing Office in Washington, D C.

Open Volume 9. The page numbers are set in the center near the middle binding. The Section numbers are along the edges.

Turn to Page 554. Here you will find Public Law 87-297 which calls for the U S A to eliminate its armed forces. This law was signed in the U S A in 1961. John F. Kennedy SIGNED it and every President since has worked to enact its provisions. The Government knows you will not approve, which is why they want to take away your firearms.

Turn to Page 555. Here you will find the definition of what the Government means by "Disarmament". Find it on the lower right hand side of the page. The disarmament calls for the ELIMINATION OF OUR ARMED FORCES. It also calls for the elimination of weapons of all kinds.

Turn to Page 559. Here you will find it stated as item (a) ... "Elimination of Armed Forces..." What you need to know is that your Armed Forces are to be ELIMINATED FROM NATIONAL CONTROL, which in turn wipes out our sovereignty as a Nation. In two stages we shall have NO ARMY, NO NAVY AND NO MORE AIR FORCE. In the third stage we shall have a "zero Military". Before Stage One closes, ALL CITIZEN-OWNED GUNS WILL BE BANNED. HOW SAFE WILL YOU BE THEN? UNLESS YOU KNOW THIS.....YOUR GUNS ARE GONE.

A four-page report "Part of the plan to completely disarm the U S A to include all private arms" is available on request with a self-addressed, stamped (25c) envelope to P R C, POBox 565, Flora IL 62839.

I just learned this. Seems like the Supreme Court would have to overturn it. Has it been challenged?

Second Amendment must apply equally

To the Editor:

I am not a gun owner, and probably never will be. Nor am I a member of the NRA. I am a firm believer in the Second Amendment, which guarantees American citizens the right to bear arms. It is often said that the first thing a would-be totalitarian government does is confiscate weapons from private hands.

Nazi Germany is often cited as an example, but we needn't go back even that far in history. Just two weeks ago, Mikhail Gorbachev ordered Lithuanians to turn in their guns. When individuals are deprived of the means of defending themselves against tyranny, then tyranny triumphs.

It's easy to say, "It can't happen here," but that is a meaningless phrase without stating why. I submit that a key reason for the belief that tyranny will not arise here is that we have the means to resist it. That ability is what checks the abuse of government power.

I take the Bill of Rights as an inviolate cornerstone of our freedom. That doesn't mean "you can own some guns but not others," no more than the First Amendment means Congress may accord freedom of the press to one newspaper and withhold it from others. It is, therefore, improper to draw distinctions between assault weapons and other firearms.

It is the use of weapons, not their ownership, which is the proper province of law enforcement. Perpetrators of violent crimes should be dealt with severely, but law-abiding citizens should not have their constitutional rights abridged by new laws regarding assault weapons.

KENNETH R. KAPLAN
Essex/Morris Coordinator
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Members speak out -- in print!

← Daily Record, 4/26/90

Gloucester County Times, 4/30/90 ↓

2nd Amendment is vital

To the Editor:

I do not like guns. I have never shot a gun. I do not like being around guns. I am not a member of the NRA (National Rifle Association) nor have I ever been a member of the NRA. However, I cannot support any of the current legislation to ban semi-automatic weapons.

How does a "non-gun" person such as myself come to such a seemingly contradictory viewpoint? It starts with the Bill of Rights. (Notice I did not say the Second Amendment.)

When the Constitution was written, there were many who were opposed to it because they felt it gave the federal government too much power. . . . In order to placate their opponents the founders agreed upon the Bill of Rights.

The objective was to maximize the rights of the people and minimize the rights of the government.

Because of their fear that there could still be loopholes in enumerating the rights of the people, they felt compelled to write the Ninth Amendment, which states, "The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people." . . .

The Second Amendment states, "A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State,

the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed."

George Mason said, "I ask who are the militia? They consist now of the whole people, except a few public officials." . . .

The Founding Fathers, many of whom were historians, analyzed history and found that tyrants always banned weapons. Is that true in the 20th century? Absolutely. For every person killed defending their country in the 20th century, five have been killed by their own government.

Russia, China, and Germany under Hitler have killed millions of their own people. All of these countries have strict gun control. . . .

The concerns of an oppressive government are probably more true today than when the Constitution was written 200 years ago.

In this country, we are probably more free than any country in the world. The anti-gun lobby states that we would have fewer deaths if we were to ban assault weapons.

It is possible, though unlikely, in the short run they may be right. In the long run, history shows us that we most assuredly would have more deaths as the result of an oppressive government. . . .

John S. Hill, Mantua
Founder/Chairman, Southern
New Jersey Libertarian Party

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How did your legislators vote?

Assault-gun bill role-call vote

TRENTON (AP) — Here is the state Legislature's roll-call vote giving approval to a bill to ban assault weapons in New Jersey. The Senate voted 21-17 in favor of the ban. The Assembly approved the bill 43-33.

Senate

Yes: Ambrosio, Codey, Contillo, Costa, Cowan, Dalton, Feldman, Girgenti, Gormley, Lesnick, Lipman, Lynch, O'Connor, Orechio, Paterniti, Rand, Rice, Russo, Stockman, Van Wagner, Weiss.

No: Bassano, Bennett, Brown, Bubba, Cafiero, Cardinale, Connors, DiFrancesco, Dorsey, Ewing, Haines, Laskin, McManimon, McNamara, Palaia, Zane, Zimmer.

Not Voting: Dumont, Jackman.

Assembly

Yes: Aduato, Baer, Brown, Bryant,

Bush, Charles, Cimino, Cohen, Deverin, Doria, Doyle, Duch, Ford, Foy, Gill, Hudak, Impeveduto, Jacobson, Kalik, Kenny, Kronick, Marsella, Mattison, Mazur, McEnroe, McGreevey, Mecca, Menendez, Mullen, Naples, Otlowski, Patero, Pelly, Roberts, Salmon, Scerni, Schwartz, Smith R., Spadaro, Villapiano, Watson, Yannarelli, Zangari.

No: Arnone, Colburn, Collins, Connors, Cooper, Crecco, De Croce, Farragher, Felice, Frelinghuysen, Haytaian, Kamin, Kavanaugh, Kelly, Kyrillos, Littell, LoBiondo, Martin, Moran, Ogden, Penn, Randall, Rocco, Roma, Rooney, Russo, Schluter, Schuber, Shinn, Shusted, Smith J., Stuhltrager, Zecker.

Not voting: Albohn, Franks, Hardwick, Pascrell.





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