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RUSSELL MEANS, candidate for the LP Presidential nomination, will make a special appearance at the NJLP Annual State Convention on March 14th in Carteret, NJ. See "NEWS RELEASE" in this issue.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 14--Annual NJLP State Convention at the Holiday Inn, 1000 Roosevelt Ave. in Carteret (Exit 1" N.J. Turnpike). Business meeting at 4-5 PM.

March 14-- NJLP State Committee Meeting at about 5:00 PM following the membership meeting at the Annual NJLP Convention in Carteret. All NJLP members are welcome to attend.

April 3-5-- Pennsylvania LP Convention in State College, PA at the "Holiday Inn Penn State." Call Henry Haller, Chm., 412/241-5828.

April 8-- Signmaking party for Tax Protest Day at Rich Duprey's. Call Rich at 201/743-9425 for information and directions.

April 11-- NJLP Steering Committee Meeting, 3 PM, at Rich Duprey's--152 Belleville Ave., Bloomfield, NJ. All NJLP members welcome. Call 201/743-9425 for directions.

April 15-- TAX PROTEST DAY!! Protest in front of the Newark Post Office with the NJLP. Call Rich Duprey, 201/743-9425 for details.

Every Wednesday--Libertarian Discussion Club, 6:30 PM, Patti's Restaurant, 37 Bartlett St., New Brunswick. For directions call 201/249-7649 (Rick).

!!TAX PROTEST DAY!!

Although 1986's Tax Protest Day was sparsely attended (just one member decked out in "sandwich" cards and handing out LP literature), response to the effort was great. Wearing signs proclaiming "Taxation is Theft" and "Honk if You Hate Taxes!" Chairman Rich Duprey met hundreds of harried taxpayers who greeted him with raised fists and wildly honking horns.

This year a more concerted effort on the NJLP's part can be that much more effective. The protest is scheduled to take place in front of the Newark Post Office on April 15. Make plans to attend. A signmaking party will take place on April 8 at Rich's house. Give him a call for information and directions.

KEEP OCTOBER 3 OPEN!

1987 marks the 15th anniversary of the founding of the New Jersey Libertarian Party! We're planning to have a gala event honoring the people who started the NJLP and it will feature speakers, food, and awards. Make plans to attend this party and watch the New Jersey Libertarian for more information. All attendees will receive reproductions of the NJLP's very first newsletter, "Premise".

NJLP STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

by Len Flynn

The NJLP Steering Committee met on Saturday, February 7, 1987 at Patti's Restaurant in New Brunswick. Meeting attendees were Rich Duprey, Steve Friedlander, Len Flynn, and Carl Peters. Absent were Rick Hoegberg, Christie Brazil, and Stuart Swirsky. Rich called the meeting to order (from chaos) at 3:55 PM.

Steve told the group that the NJLP Political Action Committee LIBPAC has a new address: LIBPAC c/o Steve Friedlander; 100 Stone Run Road; Bedminster, NJ 07921. Steve can be reached at 201/781-6171. Contributions to LIBPAC are needed to help the 1987 NJLP campaign.

Rich reported that the 1987 NJLP state convention was "all set." The annual business meeting will be held during the convention at 4:00 PM on Saturday, March 14, 1987. New party officers and at-large members to the Steering Committee will be chosen along with NJLP candidates and delegates to the National LP Convention.

Because use of bulk rate mailing requires printing at least 200 pieces, first class mailing of a smaller number is often less costly for the New Jersey Libertarian. For this reason the committee unanimously passed a motion to use least cost mailing for this newsletter. The previous month mailing for each issue was reaffirmed.

Alex Pavliv was reported to be interested in running for State Senate from Monmouth County. If you want to volunteer as an NJLP candidate, please call Steve or Rich.

A proposed NJLP budget was presented by Rich and he made a motion to require the NJLP Chairman or his designee to prepare an annual budget for distribution at the NJLP convention. The motion was approved.

The committee noted that new membership categories would need further discussion at future meetings. The meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM.

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by Rich Duprey

The Garden State Libertarian is a valuable tool for outreach but is expensive to produce. The Steering Committee has promised not to bankrupt the party by funding the paper as heavily as before. That means we must raise funds through advertising and sponsors.

You can help the GSL (and yourself) by advertising if you have a business or service. Or a donation of \$25 or more will get you listed in the newsletter and in the GSL as a "Newspaper Booster." Send your ad or donation to the NJLP today.!

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RUSSELL MEANS TO APPEAR AT NJLP CONVENTION

Russell Means, the charismatic leader of the American Indian Movement (AIM), has announced that he will seek the presidential nomination of the Libertarian Party. He will be making a special guest appearance at the New Jersey Libertarian Party state convention to be held on March 14 in Carteret.

In a recent interview with libertarian magazine Reason, Means stated that his goal is "self-determination for (Indians), and a leave-us-alone policy." He has advocated the complete abolition of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the only government agency that directly regulates the lives of a specific ethnic group.

Means, an Oglala Lakota Sioux, gained widespread notoriety in 1970 when he led hundreds of Indians in a 71-day takeover of the town of Wounded Knee, SD, to protest the refusal of the U.S. government to honor an 1868 Indian treaty. Wounded Knee was the site of a massacre of 200 Indians in 1890 by the Seventh Cavalry in revenge for the death of General George Custer.

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Russell Means At Convention

In recent years Means has travelled to Nicaragua where he has taken up the cause of the Miskito Indians who are resisting the Sandinista government.

Another declared candidate for the LP presidential bid is former Texas congressman Ron Paul. A "Ron Paul for a Free America" committee has been established and his candidacy has received wide support in the libertarian movement.

The NJLP state convention will be held at the Holiday Inn, 1000 Roosevelt Ave. at Exit 12 on the New Jersey Turnpike in Carteret. Other speakers include national LP chair Jim Turney and president of New Jerseyans for a Balanced Budget, Lance Lamberton. Tickets are available through the NJLP by calling (201) 937-9674. Registration will begin on March 14 at 8:00 am.

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WANTED

People to sit on the Publicity & Issues Committee. The purpose of this committee will be to review topics of concern to New Jerseyans and to issue press releases to the media on a monthly basis. Time required: one night per month! Call Rich Duprey (201/743-9425) for more information or come to the next NJLP meeting--check Calendar of Events for time and place.

Operation: *John Hancock*

As a way of making the idea of running for office more palatable to the members of the NJLP--there are 120 state Senate and Assembly seats up for election this year--we are resurrecting an activity that has proved very successful in the past, but with slight modifications.

In 1976, the NJLP had 18 candidates running for office at the national, state and local level. We had to get Roger MacBride on the ballot along with a host of other candidates. The way they did, the way we could get to work for us, was called Operation: John Hancock. The program had all party members circulate petitions for the candidate(s) of their choice. Each member would go out in his area and try to get a particular candidate on the ballot. And it worked! The NJLP was making great strides back then.

In 1987, however, things are a little different. There is no presidential candidate to unite the membership. There is no single issue to rally behind as there was in 1976 (the state income tax). The membership has become more staid after 15 years of existence instead of becoming electrified as a three year old party. Yet the NJLP of today can enjoy the same amount of success as the "old" NJLP did by implementing its own Operation: John Hancock. As I mentioned earlier, we would modify the plan slightly.

Rather than issue a lot of members petitions to go out and get signatures on their own, a daunting and fearful prospect when one sits back and thinks about it, we are organizing petitioning parties to go out en masse in a particular candidate's home district and gather the signatures in short order.

One person working alone can get the requisite 100 signatures in one morning, or about three to four hours' work. Two people working together can do it in half that time. Get five or six people petitioning an area and the job can be done in about an hour. And then, after one candidate is on the ballot, we'll move to the next district and get him on the ballot too. In one week-

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end a single group can have eight to ten candidates on the ballot. The real exciting aspect about this project is that if we were to have two, or even three, groups go out in different parts of the state, we could double and triple the number of candidates that we get on the ballot, rather than having to waste time driving from one voting district to another. That means, of course, we need ten or fifteen (or more) members willing to help out one or two weekends. We've already got five people committed to this effort. Let's get a few more out there as well.

The filing deadline for petitions is April 9 this year, that's a day earlier than last year and more than two weeks earlier than the year before that. That gives us less than a month to get things going. Operation: John Hancock will officially commence on March 14, the day of our annual state convention. We will have a complete list of candidates and will know where we have to petition.

This plan also needs one more ingredient: candidates! Don't let the idea of running for office scare you. Believe me, it's fun! Ask anyone who's done it. The media comes to your door, your neighbors begin to think intelligently about the issues. And at the end of it all, you end up with a couple hundred votes or more. New Jersey has elected candidates to office before, there's no reason we can't do it again!

At the end of the petitioning season the NJLP will reward the top signature-getter with a special gift which will be awarded at a great, big bash we'll have to celebrate our accomplishments.

Let's not blow this opportunity to shed the image of our being a quadrennial party, one that sprouts up only around presidential campaigns. Get interested! Get active again! Run for office! Collect a few signatures! You won't be out there alone, but with others who feel the same way you do.

Operation: John Hancock needs to hear from you, NOW! Call me today at (201) 743-9425. Tell me that you want to be a petitioner and a candidate. Hell! You're out there anyway, may as well get a few signatures for yourself too.

Richard L. Duprey, Chairman

DISBAND THE LP?

by Richard L. Duprey

LROC, a group that has been gaining some publicity in the pages of LP News recently, thinks that the usefulness and effectiveness of the Libertarian Party has passed its prime. The Libertarian Republican Organizing Committee says that a coordinated infiltration of the Republican Party can help sway many libertarian-leaning politicoes to our cause. The LP, they say, has fumbled the ball and can never regain it.

I am in receipt of the very first issue of Libertarian Agenda (1200 Hamilton Ave., Palo Alto, CA 94301), which is the occasionally appearing newsletter of LROC. According to the publication, LROC "is not an either-or proposition....We are radical libertarians who are, first and foremost, political realists....Our program boils down to admitting that the LP is in danger of becoming an exotic sect." Running a libertarian candidate in the Republican Presidential primaries is a "a badly needed political corrective."

"We believe that the evidence is in," proclaims Agenda's editorial, "and the verdict is clear: the third party gambit has failed....Sectarianism is a rot that eats away at the foundation of our movement; if allowed to spread, unchallenged and unchecked, it will prove fatal." LROC wants the matter to be discussed openly within the party first before any action is taken. The Republican Party is the best vehicle for such action because it is already perceived by many to be the party of free enterprise, thus making our infiltration and propagation of ideas that much easier.

I feel that although noble because of its desire to further our ideas, the plan is both flawed and misguided. To begin with, the arguments used by LROC for infiltrating the Republican Party stress only economic issues; Libertarians, though, have come from both sides of the political spectrum. I believe LROC stresses one party over the other because its members have probably come from the right. Social issues, however, are a main attraction to many "liberal" libertarians. Movement into the Republican Party may very well alienate them.

Party takeovers have been tried before, some successfully, others miserable failures. In either case, both have been viewed negatively by public and media alike. The socialist takeover of the Democrats was fairly successful (and only recently is it trying to extricate itself from their grasp), but the ideas were never really accepted by anyone. If not for the Watergate crisis, I doubt Jimmy Carter ever would have been elected. The more recent attempt by Lyndon LaRouche to take over the Democrats was largely unsuccessful and widely denounced. Would a libertarian "takeover" of the Republicans, in the organized, public fashion envisioned by LROC, not cause similar voter alienation? I believe so.

There are other reasons for my opposition to this plan, many have been printed in LP News by other authors, therefore I won't go into my feelings further. Suffice it to say that I am committed to making the LP, particularly the NJLP, a viable political party in this state. Our ideas are the only proven ones; there's no reason to have them sucked into the cesspool of muck and statism that passes for Republican (or Democratic) ideology. The Libertarian Party is one of the few remaining hopes we have for turning this country around.

Your feelings on this issue would be greatly appreciated. Why not drop us a line? We'll publish your remarks in future issues of the New Jersey Libertarian.

IMAGINE THERE'S NO COUNTRIES

by Tom Palven (John Lennon)

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It is only within the last two hundred years of human history that monarchy and slavery have waned. To this day we have Kings, Princes, Emperors, Shahs and an Ayatollah with pretensions of special Divine or hereditary status.

At the opposite end of the spectrum we have the remnants of slave status. Black slavery was banned by the British Empire in 1838 and in the U.S. in 1865, but Gov. George Wallace repeated "Segregation today, segregation tomorrow and segregation forever" in the 1960's. Blacks are not allowed to vote in South Africa at present.

While the American, French and Russian revolutions, among others, were great steps forward in the abolition of monarchy and church-state rule, much remains to be done in the quest for human freedom. For while it is easy for us to see the illogic of a monarchy since we not brainwashed by the authority of one, it is less easy for us to examine the illogic of other states, particularly our own. Our egos, which cause us to believe that our high school is the best because we went there, also causes us to believe that our cultural heritage is best, and unfortunately that our nation-state is best. Unfortunately, because this creates the basis for the state protection racket. States allegedly protect citizens from aggression from other states, from unfair trade practices, illegal immigration, and so on. A whole body of "knowledge" called "macroeconomics" has been developed to explain how nations interact with their citizens and with other nations. Elite groups from each nation use this "knowledge" to determine how many citizens from each other country will be allowed to live on its "national territory", what tariffs or quotas will exist on what goods from what other nations, how much its citizens will be taxed, and on and on. It is obvious that if there

were twice or three times as many countries, that there would be two or three times as many barriers to trade and travel. And there would probably be twice or three times as many macroeconomists and policing agencies to get all the formulas right and to enforce them.

Do nations really protect us? The Wall Street Journal Cited research by R.J. Rummel saying that governments of all kinds have killed 134.7 million people in the 20th Century alone. Does anyone remember why the U.S. killed 2,000,000 Vietnamese and 50,000 American boys? A larger question is whether national politicians' love of nuclear weapons will one day kill us all.

Politicians claim to protect our jobs from immigrants, but there were no jobs in America when Columbus landed here. Today there are millions of jobs, created by individuals and not by the state.

When politicians urge us to respect the flag and love our country, the implications are that we should love other countries less. What is it that is less lovable above our imaginary northern boundary? Are the pine and maple trees less lovable above the border? Are the people less lovable? Are Ottawa and Vancouver less lovable than Fairbanks and Miami? What about the southern border? Politicians have set up another strawman to protect us from. Here they protect us from "a flood of illegal immigration", making a mockery of the sentiments on the statue of liberty. "Give me your tired, your poor..." Of course, the Soviet policy of restricting emigration is possibly even more absurd.

American politicians claim that this country is crowded. The U.S. has 59 people per square mile. Japan has 742 people per square mile, and the tropical paradise of Barbados has over 1900 people per square mile. The resources used in the futile

attempt to prevent people from crossing the imaginary line running along the bottom of California, Arizona, and New Mexico and down the Rio Grande River would be put to constructive use if left to individuals and not to the state.

Without nation-states, cities and other communities might organize along various economic lines from capitalist to communist, but microeconomics, the basic laws of supply and demand would still apply. The incentive to supply items which are scarce at the time (demand exceeds supply) relative to other goods- be it shoes or heroin- cannot be banned by government edict, although the actual supply can be affected and prices changed.

If one points out that the world would be better off without its political leaders, a citizen is likely to say "our leaders were elected by a majority" and cite the wonders of his Constitution, concluding with "Our country, love it or leave it." But any constitution, contract, or agreement that purports to bind unborn generations, or in fact anyone other than the actual parties to it, is presumptuous and illogical. Nor is majority rule a logical moral stance. If one individual does not possess the right to rule another, then he can not transfer this right (which he does not possess) to a representative or to a "majority". Majority rule, like it or not, is mob rule, or "might makes right", unless voluntarily agreed to.

Only the individual is sovereign and he/she does not owe tribute to those who would rule. Put simply taxation is theft, and taxes are the life blood of the state. Tax resistance is one strategy of combatting the coercive state, but this is not to encourage acts of martyrdom. If we can continue to point out that the Emperor is wearing no clothes, and that there is no line between us or Canada and Mexico, we may be able to laugh nations out of existence.

The World- Love it or Leave it.

NJLP SUPPER CLUB LIVES!

by Rich Duprey

Having lain dormant for several years, the Supper Club is rising out of its ashes in New Jersey. A committee is forming to attract exciting people to speak at these events which will feature good food, a nice atmosphere, and interesting

speakers. The NJLP had a profitable Supper Club in the past, ably run by Bill George, a longtime libertarian activist. Let's rival those past efforts and be as successful as he was. Come to the next NJLP meeting or call Rich Duprey at 201/743-9425 if you want to be on the committee. Let's get it going immediately.

"WOMEN ON TOP?"

by Richard L. Duprey

Should the Libertarian Party run two women as their standard bearers in the 1988 Presidential race? That is an idea being promoted by Carol Moore who says it would fly with the voting public. Moore, editor of Decentralize! and author of a book, Women vs. the Nation State, does not say whether she is considering one of the two positions herself, but suggests that a female ticket "would present a progressive and inspiring image" to the voters who are "becoming increasingly restive under conservative rule."

Nor is it a new idea, says Ms. Moore. Left wing political parties have been doing it for some time, but a Libertarian effort would not be a "gimmick." "It would signal real respect for the liberties and abilities of women."

All this comes in response to the proposed Presidential candidacy of former Republican Congressman Ron Paul. He has quite a list of backers supporting such a campaign (three past LP Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates, among others) who say that a "Paul for President" bid would be a boon to the LP. Others, however, feel that his candidacy would be a bane. This fear stems from votes Paul cast while in Congress on issues such as abortion rights for women, religion, and the Intelligence Agents Identities Protection Act. In each instance, Paul took what may be considered "unlibertarian" stances.

Paul has publicly stated he believes "laws should protect all viable life" and has co-sponsored a "Human Life Amendment" to the U.S. Constitution which Moore claims would outlaw all abortion. He is also reported to have voted on bills restricting various religious liberties as well as voting for a law that would imprison a person for ten years with fines of up to \$50,000 if he revealed the names of covert U.S. intelligence agents (for more information, contact William J. Howell, P.O. Box 12618, Dallas, TX 75225).

Moore claims a Paul candidacy might spark pro-choice protests against him from within and without the libertarian movement which may prove damaging to the LP's image. She says "running two ideologically uncompromised libertarian women" would be a more "exciting and challenging alternative" to a candidacy by a "thoroughly compromised ex-Congressman."

What do you think? Write to us and tell us how you feel. All letters will be published in future issues of the New Jersey Libertarian. Carol Moore can be reached at: Box 106, 632 Cloverdale, Los Angeles, CA 90036 or 213/931-9239.

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