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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 31-- Liberty Forum, Engineers Club, 1317 Spruce St., Philadelphia, PA will be featuring Alan Epstein from Judicate, Inc. (a private court system under contract to the city of Philadelphia) from 6:30-9:30. For information call 215/545-6994.

April 6-- NJLP Steering 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.

April 12-- Southern New Jersey strategy session for the Ron Paul Campaign at 119 Park Place in Cherry Hill from 7:30 to 9:30 PM. Call John Hill at 609/665-6833 for details.

April 8-10-- FEE Weekend Seminar at Irvington-on-Hudson, New York 10533. Cost including tuition, room, and board is \$50. Enrollment is limited to 40. To register write or call Jacob G. Hornberger, The Foundation for Economic Education, Irvington-on-Hudson, NY 10533, 914/591-7230.

April 15-- TAX PROTEST DAY!!! See article elsewhere in this issue.

May 12-- Liberty Forum, Engineers Club, 1317 Spruce St., Philadelphia will feature Robert Poole, editor of Reason magazine, from 6:30-9:30 PM. Call 215/545-6994 for information.

August 7-13-- 4th World Conference of Libertarian International in Mbabane, Swaziland. For information write Libertarian International, 9308 Farmington Drive, Richmond, VA 23229 or call 804/740-6932.

* * * TAX PROTEST DAY * * *

by Dan Maiullo

We all remember how, in Atlas Shrugged, the producers of wealth stopped the world by not producing. The society built on government theft promptly collapsed. This April 15th, let us all remember John Galt and his message by not producing. Stay home from work, and let people know why. Don't do anything productive which might be taxed in any way. If we make this a regular event, perhaps we will stop the world sometime soon, or at least the IRS.

15th ANNUAL NJLP CONVENTION

by Ginny Flynn

Many thanks should go to past NJLP Chair Rich Duprey for arranging a very successful (not to mention fun!) convention. The Party realized approximately \$1500 profit from the convention itself and fund raising--a very respectable and needed addition to the treasury.

The convention was well attended by new as well as "old" NJLP members. It was especially nice to see some faces from the past turn up for dinner and to hear Ron Paul.

The speakers were well received, particularly Jim Ostrowski, who gave an outstanding talk on "Drug Laws vs. a Free Society"--from the point of view of the incredible damage being caused by the government's "war on drugs." Ron Paul was excellent and those of us who had

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never heard him before were impressed. We hope he'll get back to the metropolitan area during the campaign.

John Hill, Camden/Gloucester County Representative, presented all attendees with a special "Convention Issue" of the New Jersey Libertarian. He was able to produce the entire newsletter with his Macintosh computer and a laser printer. It was beautifully done and he hopes to prepare another special issue for the campaign sometime in October.

The convention nominated a dozen candidates to run for office this fall. They are listed in the article about the convention meetings. Please give them all the support you can.

One further note. The Ron Paul Campaign is still aiming to have him on the ballot in all 50 states. This is, however, becoming more and more difficult to achieve. Right now money and help are desperately needed in North Carolina. Please donate any amount you can to the Ballot Access Fund, Ron Paul for President Campaign, 1120 NASA Rd. #104, Houston, TX 77058.

NJLP STATE COMMITTEE MEETING

By Len Flynn

On February 17, 1988 the NJLP State Committee met at Farrell's Ice Cream Parlour in East Brunswick. Present were Flynn, Maiullo, Peters, Karlan, Polombo, Kerr, and Doug Swirsky (for Laura Stewart who came late). Zeldin, Friedlander, Harris, Meinshausen, Schafer, Pierone, and Agnew were absent. The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM by Secretary Flynn.

Treasurer Dan Maiullo reported considerable receipts lately due primarily to the NJLP Annual Convention. He distributed an updated NJLP membership list to the committee members for their information.

The committee next considered filling the vacant position for NJLP Chair. Dan Karlan was nominated

and unanimously elected over None-of-the-Above.

Rich Duprey presented the schedule for the NJLP Annual Convention. Karl Hess will not attend but Don Meinshausen will bring a videotape of Karl and Robert Anton Wilson. Replacing Karl as a speaker will be attorney James Ostrowski, who will speak on "Drug Laws vs. a Free Society."

Fund raising for the Ron Paul for President Campaign will be done after dinner and Ron's address to the convention. Receipts will be split 50/50 between the Paul campaign and the NJLP. A motion was passed to pay the costs of Ron's hotel accommodations from the NJLP half of the funds.

A motion to nominate 16 presidential electors for Ron Paul passed unanimously. The electors chosen are: Ken Kaplan, Nick Polombo, Joe Kerr III, Laura Stewart, Dan Karlan, Dan Maiullo, Len Flynn, Deidre Maiullo, Ginny Flynn, Rick Hoegberg, Carl Peters, John Hill, Lance Lamberton, Nell Kaplan, Rich Duprey, and Jeannette Fuller. It was noted that final approval of electors had to await a vote by the membership at the NJLP convention. (The early selection permitted the completed petitions to be prepared for distribution at the convention.)

John Hill announced that a fund-raising buffet was to be held at his home in Cherry Hill on Sunday evening, March 6 from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. John is coordinating the election effort for the Ron Paul for President Campaign in southern New Jersey. To assist or for information please contact John at 609/665-6833). The State Committee meeting was dissolved by Chairman Karlan at 8:55 PM.

NJLP CONVENTION MEETINGS

By Len Flynn

The NJLP membership met during two sessions at the Annual Convention of March 5, 1988 in Kenilworth. During the morning session (11:15-11:50 AM) the members elected officers for the next year. Chosen

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over None-of-the-Above (NOTA) were Dan Karlan as Chair, Jerry Zeldin as Vice Chair, Len Flynn as Secretary, and Dan Maiullo (unanimously) as Treasurer.

Steering Committee At-Large Representatives selected by the membership were Chris White, Laura Stewart, and Steve Friedlander over Carl Peters, Mike Harris, and NOTA. Selected by NJLP members' petition later at the convention was Doug Swirsky.

Selected as Trustees for the NJLP were Lucille Bender, Don Smith, and Doug Swirsky. The Secretary was told to notify the three of their selection.

The afternoon session (2:45-2:50 & 3:05-4:45 PM) began with a motion being passed to approve the slate of presidential electors nominated at the 2/17/88 State Committee meeting. Ken Kaplan (201/992-0207) is coordinating the petitioning drive to get Ron Paul on the ballot in New Jersey. Please contact him for petitions to help in this effort.

The members then considered and approved the following candidates for public office: Jerry Zeldin (U.S. Senate), Richard Bartucci (Congress, 1st Congressional District), Laura Stewart (3rd CD), Dan Maiullo (4th CD), Dan Karlan (5th CD), Howard Schoen (6th CD), Rich Duprey (8th CD), Mike Harris (9th CD), Nick Polombo (11th CD), Steve Friedlander (12th CD), Chris White (14th CD), and Doug Swirsky (Freeholder, Monmouth County).

The membership unanimously voted to authorize a committee of Len Flynn, Laura Stewart, and Dan Maiullo to fill vacancies and arrange replacements, as necessary, up to the petition filing deadline of 4:00 PM on April 14, 1988.

The remainder of the meeting discussed increasing the dues for the NJLP, as had been announced in the December 1987 New Jersey Libertarian by Rich Duprey. After considerable discussion a motion to increase basic NJLP membership dues from \$15 to \$18 annually was defeated.

Another motion to alter the dues structure for the higher dues levels passed. The new dues rates are: Lifetime Sustaining membership \$300, Lifetime \$200, and Sustaining \$50/year. A new category of Supporting membership was created for a \$35/year dues. The membership noted that premiums could be authorized to encourage and reward those who support the NJLP beyond the basic \$15/year level.

Following the membership meeting the NJLP State Committee met from 4:50-5:05 PM. Present were Karlan, Zeldin, Flynn, Maiullo, Stewart, White, Friedlander, Harris, Hill, Polombo, Meinshausen, Kerr, Peters, and Schoen. (New NJLP County Representatives are Mike Harris for Bergen, John Hill for Camden/Gloucester and Howard Schoen for Somerset/Middlesex.) Absent were Schafer, Pierone, and Agnew.

The committee unanimously approved reimbursing Rich Duprey \$160 for rental of a wide screen TV to show a Ron Paul for President promotional piece and the Hess/Wilson videotape. The committee heard that an estimated \$600 profit had been made from the convention. The NJLP Steering Committee will meet at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, April 6, 1988 at Farrell's Ice Cream Parlour in East Brunswick.

HELP FOR DON NEEDED

NJLP member Don Meinshausen faces criminal charges for narcotics law violations and needs our help. If you know Don, please prepare a letter urging the judge in the case not to imprison him or otherwise impose harsh punishment. For more information contact Don's attorney Ralph Fucetola at 201/998-6998 or Don directly at 201/659-6786. The letter should be sent to Ralph (23 River Road, North Arlington, NJ 07032) or Don (255 6th St.; Hoboken, NJ 07030) no later than March 31, 1988.

By Joy Paul*

Presidents, congressman, senators all,
 Who do they think they be?
 Men searching for parties and having a ball
 But how much truth do we see?
 We see gentle folk, kind and great,
 Who sit in labor making laws
 And fight to make and save the state
 And hold a banner for their cause.
 But, in truth, they rant and rave.
 They lie and cheat and sell their votes
 But they appear so calm and brave
 In their high class ties and coats.
 Politicians are dishonest fools
 Who use their power as their tools.

* Joy is the 16 year old daughter of Ron Paul, the 1988 Libertarian Party candidate for President

Alcohol USA

By Rick Hoegberg

In every disaster, there is always some small compensation. In the case of Jim Callahan's untimely death, at a frat initiation rite, this would be the incentive to learn the causes and change them. Sadly, this has not been so.

If anything, the general reaction has been to reaffirm those underlying causes. An unnecessary death is bad enough, but wasting the chance to examine, understand and change the causes does the memory of him disservice. Not only will he have died, but died uselessly. Bear in mind the words of Ayn Rand; "Premises have consequences".

In goose-step with the causes, and in spite of history's lesson that Prohibition doesn't work, there is an outcry for increasing alcohol policing, spot-checks and more stringent ID. It is way past time to face up to the utter futility of any program to "stop drinking". There is no legal solution. The answer lies elsewhere; culture and education.

It is instructive to see how other cultures deal with alcohol. In France and Italy, wine is regularly allowed to children at meals where there is adult supervision. Far from puritan nightmares of drunk 5 year olds lying about, (for what parent would do that, and if they did, there's surely other worse problems), alcohol is gently woven into the social fabric as a thing to be enjoyed in responsible moderation.

In Britain where I grew up, the pubs provided the equivalent function. There was no such thing as a drinking age, at least not any that was enforced. Hence lads and lasses starting at 14 would venture into pubs and provided they could reach the bar were served, got drunk, the whole bit.

Were there terrible consequences? Not particularly, given that (a) We were nowhere near driving age. (b) We were constrained by the older patrons to behave ourselves. By no later than 16, a year before driving eligibility, mature drinking habits were the rule. By college,

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TAKE ACTION:

Presidential Campaign Hotline
 1489 Chain Bridge Rd, Suite 300
 McLean, VA 22101

Ron is not allowed to upload information on his campaign to this service which more than 50 major media use to follow the Presidential campaigns. They're not even including information on Ron! Write and ask them to cover the LP's candidate and to let Ron enter info on his campaign.

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the idea of a harmful or suicidal drinking game would be dismissed out of hand.

The contrast I'm illustrating is cultural. It is also a contrast of premises. The futile fantasy of "How do we stop drinking?" versus acknowledging reality and asking "How do we encourage responsible drinking?". This is the only rational alternative.

Yet here in America, irrationality rules. Ostensibly, all young people are supposed to eschew alcohol until they are 21. They are suddenly then supposed to know how to handle it. With what prior experience? Abstinence? With what socialization? Clandestine consumption? This is a sure formula for promoting irresponsible drinking.

Given such circumstances, and at the risk of seeming to repudiate personal responsibility, Jim Callahan was set up by society. Worse, the current social premises and trends ensure repetition.

The antidote is cultural change. Remove the mystique. Abolish the drinking age. New drinkers must be able to learn by instruction and example what the scoop is, either from family, in a pub, or ways not yet invented. Certainly not by the current pretense that learning occurs in a vacuum.

For cultural change to occur however, legal solutions must be avoided. Changes in cultural attitudes cannot be legislated. Indeed, legislation hinders the process. Repeal of legislation that enforces the "statist-quo" is the best government can do to help.

It is a statist's delusion that we can solve the alcohol problem with yet more laws. The answer

is more complicated and delicate than that, and can only come from our culture. But until reliance on legal solutions and their inherent impediments to cultural answers are repealed, we shall continue having more Jim Callahans.

From premise to consequence, that's guaranteed.

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Means: AIM job is over

By Rob Wells

The Associated Press

BAKERSFIELD, Calif. (AP) — Russell Means resigned from the American Indian Movement on Thursday and proclaimed that the organization "has worked itself out of a job."

Means and Dennis Banks led the 1973 Wounded Knee uprising which left two Indians dead and permanently paralyzed a federal marshal.

He was in Tehachapi this week working on his autobiography, "Where White Men Fear To Tread" to be released in the spring of 1989. The book's subtitle has been reported variously as "Portrait of a Patriot" and "The Nine Lives Of Russell Means".

A press conference was called prior to Means' departure to his current home on the Navajo Reservation in Arizona.

AIM, founded in Minneapolis, Minn. in 1968 by Dennis Banks and Clyde Bellecourt, advocated sovereignty of Indians and protested what Indians called a dual system of justice among whites and Indians. Means was a leader in the group.

Means, 48, called AIM a "movement of ideas" that has penetrated "every productive and responsible segment of Indian and non-Indian society."

"When we went after sovereignty and self determination for Indian peoples, the success we enjoyed is phenomenal, beyond our wildest dreams," Means said, who wore his hair in traditional Indian braids and turquoise jewelry.

He cited the increased activism of Indian peoples worldwide which has gained the respect of governments home and abroad.

Yet Indians still face major obstacles. "The last citadel of racism is the intellectual community both here and abroad," said Means, an Oglala Sioux.

During the wide-ranging press conference, Means said he and associate E. W. Savage will establish two new foundations this year, one promoting Indian free enterprise and the other for Indian education.

The educational foundation will support Indian-controlled schools which will strive for higher standards than existing public schools and teach "English as a second language." He said it is important for Indians to preserve their native tongues to enhance their cultural heritage.

The other foundation would provide start-up money for Indian entrepreneurial projects. He hoped to gather \$250,000 for each foundation.

Means also said he would seek to widen the Libertarian Party's membership through a new party caucus, called Freedom Is For Everyone, or FIFE.

"That's what I want to bring to the party, reality," said Means, who criticized the Libertarian's largely intellectual membership.

During a battle by AIM to dismantle the federal Bureau of Indian Affairs, Means said activists discovered they must dismantle the entire federal bureaucracy instead.

"The main problem facing the American Indian is the United States Government," he declared.

"What befouls the Indian befouls the rest of the country."



Russell Means

From: Sound of FIFE
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Photo courtesy of Jack E. Sanders

PANEL WANTS DRUGS LEGAL

New York committee's view draws sharp rebuttal

Only two months before the controversy over Judge Douglas Ginsburg's past marijuana use, a committee of the New York County Lawyers' Association concluded that cocaine and heroin should be decriminalized.

Ginsburg withdrew his name from consideration for the Supreme Court soon after admitting that he used marijuana "once as a college student in the '60s, and then on a few occasions in the '70s."

James Ostrowski wrote the report for the bar association's Committee on Law Reform endorsing decriminalization, which was approved by a 5-3 vote.

He says Ginsburg's use of marijuana "points out the hypocrisy of our current drug policy." He says marijuana is less harmful than alcohol and cigarettes, and "we haven't established policies based on the proven harmful effects of drugs."

The committee report takes a cost-benefit approach to drug sales. Because drug laws increase the price of illegal drugs by as much as 10 times, decriminalization will result in lower prices and fewer crimes to support expensive drug habits, it argues. At least 40 percent of all property crime in the United States, amounting to about 4 million crimes a year and \$7.5 billion in stolen property, is committed by drug users to maintain their habits.

Because of inflated prices, about 90 percent of the annual \$80 billion in drug sales is pure economic waste, and about \$10 billion is wasted on drug enforcement, the report says.

In addition, the murders and shootings associated with the black-market drug trade will be eliminated.

The report also maintains that decriminalization will instill quality control—clean needles will be available and drug potencies will be regulated.

The drug laws have not decreased drug use, the report argues. The percentage of Americans using narcotics like heroin has remained about the same since drug control laws became effective in 1915, but use



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of cocaine has increased by over 4,000 percent. The committee notes that alcohol consumption increased substantially during Prohibition.

Ostrowski says it's up to bar associations to take a stand on issues such as decriminalization, because "it's lawyers who know the criminal justice system the best." He claims that "a tremendous percentage" of criminal defense lawyers support decriminalization, because they know how many resources are devoted to the war on drugs at the expense of other law enforcement priorities.

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John Biermans

But John Biermans, who wrote the minority report for the committee opposing decriminalization, says most lawyers agree with him.

"RIDICULOUS"

"Most people think the proposal for decriminalization is ridiculous," he said. "I don't think that many lawyers are talking about it. It happened there were a few people in our committee who felt strongly about it, and they pushed it. I think it was somewhat of an anomaly."

Biermans says it's irresponsible to make such a sweeping proposal for decriminalization without extensive study: "The proposal was made without having any real idea of what the implications would be for a nation that would have the free use of any kind of hard drug like cocaine and heroin."

Biermans' minority report focuses on the harmful effects of cocaine and heroin, as well as their addictive quality.

He cites one study in which monkeys were allowed to inject themselves intravenously with a variety of drugs such as cocaine, caffeine, amphetamines and nicotine. Although they binged on all the drugs, only with cocaine did the monkeys inject themselves until it caused their deaths.

Providing people with cheaper legal drugs "would lead to much more rapid dependence and the resultant cravings that would deplete the income of most people within a short time," the minority report says.

—Debra Cassens Moss

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LETTERS *THE DAILY TARGUM FEB 10, 1988*

Remembering who radicals are

To the Editor:

In response to last weekend's National Student Convention '88, I am dismayed by the common perceptions held by many people in the Rutgers community as to what it means to be a radical and revolutionary. Equally upsetting, I find, is the growing myth that the turbulent sixties were a predominantly "new left" movement.

Has everyone forgotten what it means to be a radical? A radical is someone who advocates widespread change in government and/or social institutions. A revolution is a drastic change in a condition, method, or idea. The key word in each of these definitions is change. In spite of the many "revolutions" that have taken place and are taking place in the world today, very little has changed. The new "radical" has been duped into believing that the New Left has any revolutionary (new) ideas.

Since the beginnings of "civilization" human beings have been oppressed by government authority. While at various times in our history this authority has assumed different aliases (i.e., Church, Empire, Republic, etc.), one overt fact remains: individual liberty has rarely fared better from one oppressor to another.

The New Left has absolutely nothing new to offer us. It would tear down one evil government only to see it replaced by another. Its ideology is as archaic as that of the church and government which it seeks to destroy; namely, that it is the individual's duty to serve either God (as is the case with the Church) or the "collective will of the people" (as is the case with the state). Whether you like the Church, the state, or the New Left, implicit in each is the denial of individual liberty.

While crying that we have all been exploited by capitalism, the New Left would exploit us in its own style. To achieve economic equality these collectivists would, by their own admission, impose such restrictions on our national liberties as a national service (as the Soviets have), censorship (as in Canada's banned books list), and family birth limitations (as in Red China) to name a few. All we would have would be equality of oppression.

It is this sort of infringement on individual liberty that the 1960s were all about. Young men went to prison for refusing to fight in a war they did not believe in. Men and women were harassed and beaten by law enforcement officers for exercising their first amendment rights. Hence, the sixties were not a decade of New Left movements, but rather a period of anti-authority sentiment.

This sentiment seems to have all but disappeared from college campuses today. The modern protests all seem to call for more government and less freedom — "feed the poor, house the homeless, let the state take care of you." The result of this rising collectivism will be, as foreseen by George Orwell, a massive police state. We would all be wise to remember that Stalin and Hitler also promised their followers an end to hunger and housing problems, but more people suffered rather than benefited under each of those totalitarian states. The New Left poses a similar threat right here in the United States, because rebelliously inclined persons are too easily falling for pro-authority pseudo-radicalism. The only true radical action a person can take, therefore, is to question authority.

Stuart Swirsky
LC '89

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