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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 10-- Autograph party with Leonard Peikoff for his new book The Ominous Parallels (with an introduction by Ayn Rand). 6-8 pm at Laissez Faire Book Store, 206 Mercer St., NYC.

June 16-- Laissez Faire Supper Club meets at Garvin's Restaurant, 19 Waverly Pl., NYC. Nat Hentoff, columnist for The Village Voice will speak on "The Left and the First Amendment." Dinner at 7:30, \$15, call 212/460-8222 for reservations.

June 26-- Candidates School, Best Western Motel, Route 1 South, Edison. 9 am-6 pm. See article for details.

June 26-- NJLP GENERAL MEETING, 11:30 am-1 pm, Best Western Motel, Route 1 South, Edison. See article on Candidates School for directions.

July 3-- Decriminalization Day demonstrations. Contact Bob Bakhaus at 519 1/2 de la Vina; Santa Barbara, CA 93101 or call him at 805/965-2741 for info and materials.

July 5-- School of Living, Deep Run Farm in York PA from 10 am to 4:30 pm; "Celebrate Liberty" speaker Karl Hess. Cost \$10/person, bring own lunch. For info contact Mildred Loomis at Sch. of Liv.; Box 388, RD 7; York, PA 17402 or phone 717/755-2666.

July 3-10-- CATO summer seminar at Dartmouth College. For info call Janet Nelson at 202/546-0200 and see the article in the March 1982 N.J. Libertarian.

July 24-- NJLP State Committee Meeting at 2 pm at The Homestead in Highland Park.

TALE OF TWO CITIES

The recent TV spectacular on Marco Polo unfortunately omitted a somewhat apocryphal epilogue discovered in my own research. I bring it to the attention of Libertarians, since the epilogue may have more relevance to our problems than the Marco Polo story itself.

The Emperor of Japan, after the defeat of Kublai Khan's invasion force decided to enhance further his status among the Asian nations by having a Japanese duplicate the Marco Polo feat by a voyage to Italy and return. He let it be known among the rival factions in his country that he would grant his favor to whichever group could organize and complete such a voyage.

The Republicrats were the best-financed of the rivals, and lost no time in gathering the material to equip a major military force. They persuaded the Emperor to institute the draft to provide manpower. Soon they were fighting their way across the continent. Several attempts to force a passage across Tibet failed, and the ultimate fate of the invaders is not known.

The Demagogues, a faction more numerous than the others, were quick to embark but had a different plan. In each new land they bought the support of large groups of inhabitants by handing out gold taken from other groups. We lose track of this caravan in Nepal or northern India, where their proposal to give everyone under 40 the "Right to Leisure" met resistance from those who were expected to pay for it.

While neither numerous nor well-financed, the Librarians hoped to succeed where others failed. Advance inquiry indicated that they would meet little or no resistance along the way, since they planned no attack on anyone, no theft, and

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NJLP STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

The NJLP Steering Committee held a conference call on May 23, 1982 with all members attending except Barry Siegel who had resigned (see "Letter to the Editor"). The NJLP State Committee will fill the At-large vacancy at its next meeting on July 24.

Following the Treasurer's report and a review of NJLP correspondence the Steering Committee unanimously approved several expenditures. The Committee approved spending \$50 for the 6/26/82 NJLP candidates school expenses, then it authorized up to \$100 for the 5/27/82 NJLP supper club expenses plus \$20 for the speaker, Jerome Huyler. The Committee then allocated up to \$350 for a "blitz" NJLP mailing to Kingwood Township plus advertising in the Delaware Valley News.

Several reports were received at the meeting. The Elections Committee noted that all candidates were on the ballot; Jack Moyers has successfully overcome a challenge. The Media Relations Committee noted that the second NJLP press release would go out soon. Finally, Les Heller reported on the Internal Education Committee efforts to coordinate intraparty education.

NJLP CANDIDATES SCHOOL

The NJLP candidates school will be held on June 26 from 9 am to 6 pm at the Best Western motel in Edison. The motel is located on U.S. Route 1 South, about two miles south of the Menlo Park Shopping Center. Phone the motel at 201/548-7000 for directions.

The Steering Committee decided to open the school to all NJLP members, so that anyone interested in assisting a campaign can learn along with the candidates. To encourage attendance the Steering Committee decided to hold the June general meeting at the school location from 11:30 to 1:00 pm.

There is no charge to attend the candidates school.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

May 25, 1982

To the Editor:

Effective May 11, 1982, I announced to Bob Shapiro that I had resigned from the NJLP Steering Committee. Before any questions are raised I wish to make it completely clear that I am now a more complete Libertarian than I ever was before and that I have no complaint with the way the NJLP is being run. It is my feeling that the actions being taken by the members of the NJLP present a real opportunity for its growth and the growth of liberty.

My reasons for resigning are entirely personal and my responsibility. Anyone who is interested please contact me and I will give them the details.

I will become active in the NJLP again in the not too distant future.

In liberty,
Barry Siegel

TALE....

no coercion of any kind. In fact, many supporters appeared in the countries to be traversed, since their ideas of free trade seemed to benefit all. Passage to the continent aboard a merchant ship was purchased, and some trade goods were collected for the trip. Many authorities believe that this is the only group that could actually have reached Italy, and that they might have done it quickly and with few problems.

At breakfast in Tokyo on the day of departure, two of the Librarians began discussing the trip, and some question arose as to whether they would set as their goal Padua or Genoa. Long discussion followed. Impartial observers report that the arguments were as logical as any they had ever heard, and that both protagonists showed themselves persons of high principle. The expedition never left Japan.

-----John Hurley

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Summit Man Throws Hat Into Congress Ring

by Anne Cooper

In the race for the United States House of Representatives from New Jersey's 12th District, two of the three final candidates with names on the ballot will be past or present Summit residents.

Jeff Connor who is running unopposed on the Democratic ticket grew up in Summit and attended schools here (Brayton and Lincoln) while Harold Leiendecker, Libertarian candidate for Congress, has lived in Summit for 21 years and is currently president of the Summit Public Library trustees.

A former Eagle Scout who grew up in Mansfield, Ohio, Mr. Leiendecker, 49, received a B.S. degree from Northwestern and was named outstanding graduate in his engineering class. He went to work for the Exxon Corporation immediately on graduation in June, 1954 and has been employed by Exxon ever since, both in New Jersey and at a Baton Rouge refinery.

In spite of his 28 years with the same employer, Mr. Leiendecker is a man who professes to enjoy change and new challenges. Four years ago, he made a dramatic change in his career within the Exxon Corporation, going from supply planning and industry analysis to being

senior advisor in opinion and communications research. In his present job, he is responsible for assessing public opinion and evaluating and improving communications, including advertising. In line with his new job, he is currently working towards a masters in communications at N.Y.U.

Dramatic Switch

In politics, Mr. Leiendecker underwent an equally dramatic switch when he recently resigned from the Republican party. He had been active locally as a district committee man and as co-manager of Richard Poole's 1980 race for Summit Common Council. Although he had been a member of the Libertarian Party for five years (there is a small Libertarian wing within the Republican party, Mr. Leiendecker said), he decided to make the complete break and run on the party's ticket at the Libertarian state convention last month.

It is easy to understand Mr. Leiendecker's former affiliation with the Republican Party since he admires the political philosophy of former Treasury Secretary William Simon ("I would have liked to see him run for governor or for president") and agrees with

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Congressional Candidate
Harold F. Leiendecker

Summit Man Throws

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President Reagan on a number of economic policies. Where he differs, as do the million or so other U.S. Libertarians, is in the area of personal freedoms. He would favor E.R.A. and abortion on demand, for example, and opposes laws restricting individual initiative.

"The Libertarian name is unfortunate," Mr. Leiendecker said. "People connect it with 'liberal' or 'libertine.' I think Freedom Party would be a better label." His party is the only one consistently for freedom in both economic and personal spheres of life, the candidate said. "People on the left are generally for personal freedom but against economic liberty, while on the right, they are generally for free enterprise but against a lot of personal freedoms."

One of the ideas Mr. Leiendecker would like to express during the campaign is that "there are too many laws." For example, since he believes unemployment is our biggest problem, he would favor a repeal of the Minimum Wage Law. This would bring wages in line with actual production and supply and demand, he believes.

The candidate is for free trade ("if foreign countries want to sell us something at low cost, I think we should take advantage of the opportunity rather than objecting") and for a balanced budget ("I would try to get a Constitutional Amendment that would require it").

Although the Libertarians gained permanent ballot status in the last presidential election and have two representatives in the Alaskan legislature, Mr. Leiendecker is realistic about his chances in next November's election. Although he plans to campaign in the entire district, he said this week that he doesn't expect to have a campaign manager and that his run for office will be a limited campaign.

"My reason for running is not to win a tremendous number of votes," the Libertarian candidate explained, "but to have the opportunity to express what I think is an interesting and attractive philosophy about freedom and free enterprise and to persuade other people to adopt it." He added, "I think that the effect of a party like ours may be greatest in influencing other parties rather than in winning political office."

The Trentonian
Wednesday Morning
May 12, 1982

Free Trade

Purchases of foreign goods do not cause unemployment as inferred in the "There Oughta Be A Law" cartoon of April 26. Competition, foreign or domestic, is the only protection the consumer has.

People choose to buy certain things intending to best satisfy their needs. No one else has the wisdom to make these decisions for them or the right to limit their range of choices. If foreigners are prevented from selling to us, they must sell for less because competition for their goods has been coercively narrowed. Their prosperity is reduced, and they can't buy as much from us. Likewise our prosperity is reduced. We have to pay more for less because competition to serve our needs has been coercively narrowed. We cannot sell as much to them, and our export industries suffer.

Free trade permits the most efficient and just allocation of all resources. It promotes liberty, prosperity, and friendship among the traders.

Unemployment is caused by misallocations of energies and other resources. This distortion of the market results from quotas, tariffs, restrictive labor legislation, inequitable taxation, regulation, subsidies and the like. Unemployment is what you get when, with all good intentions citizens convince their legislators that "There Oughta Be A Law," without thinking what mischief the law will do.

Esler G. Heller

The Summit Herald
Sunday, May 9, 1982
Front page!

INTERNAL EDUCATION

--Les Heller

Words, Words, Words

Semantic traps abound. Marxist political designations of right, left, center greatly confuse the uninitiated. The graduated income tax is called "progressive" with its favorable connotation of progress, while ad valorem or flat rate taxes are "regressive"--immediately burdened with the onus of regression. Government schools are called "public" schools; implying that they belong to and are under the control of, as well as for the benefit of, the people. What better reason to properly refer to these institutions of coercion as government schools?

Roundtable Discussions

Last month I asked for participants in a roundtable discussion with N.J. Farm Bureau people to acquaint ourselves with agricultural issues. The offer is still open. We can also hold an informal discussion with an incumbent school board member and one or two other persons who are neither disrespectful nor unfamiliar with Libertarianism. Here's a chance to gain factual information about government education, its issues, plans, and problems. The opportunity to encounter sincere responses to Libertarian ideas is also an educational experience. I urge Libertarians, particularly candidates, to join me in these discussions. We need the experience. Please call or write.

Letters

The following is an excerpt from a letter from Jonathan Steele highlighting his intellectual journey into Libertarianism:

"For two years, 1978 & '79, I subscribed to the Washington Monthly, which does not have a Libertarian editorial policy, but takes investigative reporting seriously. In that period I learned to appreciate the octopus-like quality of the en-

trenched Washington bureaucracy, and was awakened to proofs beyond number that Washington does nothing right. I appreciated the fact that the magazine presented facts and not innuendo as it exposed the evils of politically motivated programs, appointments, and schemes designed to deceive the public. I highly recommend the publication to people who perceive government as benign...."

"For several years I paid dues to the ACLU, believing then and now that those rights it defends are precious. Time spent in other activities kept me from being active in ACLU. During that time (roughly 1973-1979) I gradually began to perceive that the ACLU has had as its major adversary government, and government employees (some elected, some not). This led me to conclude that while their fight was a "good" fight, it was directed almost obsessively at symptoms, not causes, of infringement of liberty. In human relations (and business relations) it is generally futile to deal with superficial aspects of conflict when fundamental motivations are at the root. The ACLU ignores causes (unfortunately). I perceive the cause of conflict between people and their government is the investment of power in faceless, amoral, blameless, irresponsible institutions, and the deprivation of power from the original source, individuals. I began to perceive the stands of governmental representatives as having all of the characteristics of "group-think," mob-action, expediency, and self-service. The history of ACLU battles helped to mold this impression...."

"I subscribe currently to Business Week. While not truly Libertarian, more often than not the magazine offers a free-market analysis of corporate problems, successes, and economic concerns. I consider it a quality magazine with plenty of food for thought, and a POTENTIALLY RECEPTIVE READERSHIP for Libertarian ideas."

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Does Harper's Believe in Capitalism?

In the June Harper's, their new editor, Michael Kinsley, gives a severe critique of Reaganomics subtitled, "Does anyone around here believe in capitalism?" Focusing on the tax-cut bill he points out that workers earning \$30,000 a year or less before the "cuts" started will be paying an increased share of their income in taxes by the time the "cuts" are finished. Business, however, is getting large tax breaks which will greatly reduce federal revenues. This reduction in revenue coupled with vast military expenditures creates inflationary interest-boosting deficits. But isn't reducing taxes on business the heart of "supply-side" economics and the means to recovery? Not, says Kinsley, if instead of actual tax reduction a "complex web of artificial subsidies are created that distorts the free market." Instead of rewarding efficiency, those companies that are efficient at tax accounting rather than production still come out ahead. Kinsley sees "supply-side economics" as the government "getting out of the way and letting free market capitalism go to work." Reagan, he says, "ought to pull the plug on all these extraordinary life-support measures, and see if the patient can make it on his own." But left unsaid is how this is to be accomplished. How can it be done except by implementing Libertarian proposals to drastically reduce and eliminate the "provider" but not the "protector" functions of government? I think I'll write and ask him. Stay tuned.

The NJLP Internal Education Program

All education is "internal education" since a person must seek to learn; a teacher can only assist, although good teachers can inspire. Better understanding of the principles and applications of Libertarian ideas is always needed. The nature of our program depends on your desires. I am looking forward to setting up study groups wherever three or more Libertarians will

commit at least one evening per month plus substantial study time and the cost of books. In the alternative, home study courses are available in economics and other areas. If you want to learn, YOU get in touch.

---Esler G. Heller, Director of Internal Education, Route 537, New Egypt, NJ 08533; 609/758-2082.

Reagan budget *The Valley Star*

To the Editor:

THURSDAY, May 6, 1982

If our nation is to make an economic recovery, it is necessary to cut below the fiscal recommendations of both President Reagan and Speaker O'Neill.

It is admitted by Senate Republicans that the possible minimum, budget deficit for 1983 is no lower than 82 billion dollars.

President Reagan referred to the trillion dollar, federal debt taking a thousand years at a billion dollars a year to pay off. At that rate, the minimum 82 billion dollar deficit for 1983 would alone take 82 years to pay off. Realistically, we cannot allow continued spending at such rates in smug anticipation that it will be terminated later.

An enormous reduction in the cost of government is required. In defense, throwing large sums of money for the

renewal of our battleship navy, outright give-away of gigantic sums to the Japanese, Germans, and other European friends, hundreds of millions of dollars used to bribe NATO officials to adopt Pentagon nuclear strategy against the Russians, must all be given up.

On the domestic scene, very large cuts are required in government bureaucracy, in entitlement programs of food stamps, welfare, federal education, and even, curtailing social security.

The President discussed the eventual desirability of a balanced budget. Our country must have that balanced budget now. That balance must be attained, however, not be raising taxes; but, by government cost-cutting. This is basically important because by more taxes the government will be taking all of our individual incomes.

The 1983 deficit should be targeted at zero, so that investment money becomes available, double digit interest rates reduced, and the American economy will attain a recovery by 1983.

This viewpoint is by a candidate for the November election, for U.S. Senate, of the New Jersey Libertarian Party.

Henry Koch
Candidate, U.S. Senate
Old Tappan

Thanks to a successful petition drive effort headed by Jon Steele, 25 NJLP candidates will challenge the Republicrats in the fall '82 elections. From Henry Koch for U.S. Senate to John Lutz for Kingwood Township Committeeman, the NJLP will field plenty of opponents to the "status quo" statism of the old parties. As in 1980 the NJLP has a full slate of candidates for Federal offices.

Please contact your local NJLP standard-bearers to help them in their campaigns. Help them HELP YOU! And remember that the NJLP candidates school on June 26 is open to all NJLP members, so you can learn how to help a campaign without being a candidate.

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