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NJLP General Meeting: Education and Exercise

by Len Flynn

On Saturday, July 29, 1978 three dozen libertarians gathered at my home to discuss the foibles of government education and to revive latent muscles. NJLP Vice Chairman Dale Sutthoff opened the afternoon program with a libertarian review of the Packwood-Moynihan tax credit bill (a summary of Dale's presentation will appear next issue.)

Then Fritz Davis, editor of the Jersey Devil, spoke on the efforts of the citizens of New Egypt, NJ to get rid of their spend-thrift and arrogant local school board. He described the overwhelming 3-1 victory of two write-in candidates over their incumbent opponents in the last election. Then Fritz told of the incredible insensitivity shown by the three remaining school board members to the massive voter repudiation of their bungling of the local school's affairs. The next election (Feb. 1979) will put the swing seat up for grabs.

Fritz described how badly their local school had declined. School taxes have trebled in 8 years, while educational quality plummeted. (Sound familiar?) He concluded by telling his listeners of a peknowned private academy which existed in New Egypt during the 1890's. Every year the entire graduating class was accepted by Princeton University, according to the New Egypt Historical Society. What a contrast to the present!

The meeting ended with a spirited volleyball game on a non-regulation size court (Down with regulations!). The NJLP State Committee sure has some fearsome volleyball players. Could you please pass me the Ben-Gay, dear?

FUND RAISING COCKTAIL RECEPTIONS

Raising money for a statewide campaign is never easy. That's why it takes special dedication on the part of both political workers and financial supporters. When the job can be tied into an event as enjoyable as a cocktail reception, the task becomes that much more pleasant.

The Jack Moyers for Senate Committee is sponsoring a series of five cocktail receptions in key counties around the state in September and October. Each event will feature an open bar for its first hour, followed by a cash bar and hors d'oeuvres thereafter. Admission to each reception will be a donation of \$10 per person.

We think these affairs offer you that unique opportunity to enjoy yourself and show your dedication to libertarianism at the same time. Jack Moyers, our U.S. Senate nominee, will be on hand, as will our Congressional hopefuls in each area.

As an incentive for early contributions, anyone donating \$50 or more before Sept. 1 will be admitted to ALL FIVE receptions and enjoy an OPEN BAR THROUGHOUT each event.

Additional information, including specific dates, times, and locations will be published in upcoming issues of the N.J. LIBERTARIAN. Check payable to "Moyers for Senate" may be sent to P.O. Box 511, Matawan, N.J., 07747. Mark "Reception" on the envelope if this is the purpose of the donation.

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YOU'RE NOT ALONE ANY MORE

-LETTERS-

Editor, Libertarian:

The government of Monmouth County recently met with some unanticipated resistance to its plan to "improve" the County's highway system by widening into 5 lanes a 1.7 mile segment of a 2 lane county road, Rt. 537). Despite the rubber stamp of approval given the project by the Federal Highway Authority, the New Jersey Department of Transportation, the Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders, the Colts Neck Township Committee, and the Freehold Township Committee, NJLP's Macron family questioned the wisdom of those who viewed the proposal as an improvement.

In a flyer distributed to area residents, (most of whom were not advised of the project since they would not suffer the direct loss of land and were thus deemed by the state to be unaffected), we stressed the practical disadvantages of the proposal in terms of air and noise pollution, property values, safety and traffic control.

Our opposition quickly gained support from everyone we approached. We received excellent press coverage and were able in a three week period, to cause both townships to rescind their resolutions in support of the project. The battle against the county is now being carried on by area residents who formed a Homeowners Association at an informal meeting of about 50 people in our home.

In comparison with the cool response received when petitioning in the same neighborhoods for libertarian purposes, I was truly amazed by the strong anti-government sentiments I encountered during this episode.

I think the difference may be accounted for by the fact that most people do not feel directly threatened by most of what government does. When people are made aware of the threats to their own self-interest, they will act! The problem of course is that many of these threats are neither as

visible nor as unanimously unappealing as the prospect of a 5 lane highway through a residential area.

As libertarians, we are more sensitive than most to the excesses of government action but I don't think that the passive acceptance of these excesses by most people is any indication of their approval or disapproval. Rather it indicates their failure to grasp any relationship between government action and their own welfare. When they do perceive some connection they are quick to do something about it. Therefore, I believe that libertarians should become involved in local controversies. They provide an excellent atmosphere for the successful introduction of libertarian principles because people can be convinced both that they are affected and that they can be effective. Further, the scope of such controversies is such that 2 or 3 active individuals can take the lead as spokesmen for large groups of voters.

-Elizabeth Macron

Freehold

CORRECTION:

Bill George is not connected with the Jack Moyers Campaign Committee as stated in the May/June issue.

"THAT GOVERNMENT IS BEST WHICH GOVERNS LEAST"
THOMAS JEFFERSON

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The following letters were printed in THE BERGEN EVENING RECORD. Libertarians are encouraged to write similar letters to their local papers.

Editor, the Record:

Your reasoning behind your May 25 editorial, "Anti-tax demagogues", escapes me. You claim people who speak out against high taxes and try to limit taxation with a constitutional amendment are demagogues.

Webster's Seventh New Collegiate Dictionary defines a demagogue as a "leader who makes use of popular prejudices and false claims and promises to gain power".

Where is the prejudice in trying to keep something the government forcefully takes? How is it a false claim and promise to say if taxes are cut taxpayers will hold onto more of their money? That's not a false claim, that's reason.

You say "We know of no one inside of government or out, who isn't in favor of cutting taxes and reducing government spending, as long as essential services can be maintained." What does the record consider essential services? Welfare? Foreign aid? Medicaid? Public television?

Later in the editor, you say, "We wonder how many anti-tax activists would be out on a stump railing against government spending if they were accountable to the voters, and were subsequently placed in the position of making the tough decisions."

We of the Libertarian Party are both anti-tax activists and accountable to the voters. Anyone can ask our position on government and taxes, which we have consistently held.

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Editor, the Record:

I wish to call attention to a counterfeiting ring which has been flooding Bergen county with "perfect" photos, at an increasing rate in recent months.

Because of the quality of the work the funny money has been indistinguishable from real money, and so both circulate side by side. Funny money gets its value by diminishing the value of the real money.

Even though we are all being hurt this theivery, our police have been powerless to stop it. The problem is that the counterfeiters are outside police jurisdiction: the counterfeiter is the U.S. federal government!

Last year the money supply increased by over \$70 billion (fortunately, foreigners got stuck with \$30 billion of that).

This big increase explains why prices have begun rising faster lately and why the U.S. dollar has plummeted on international exchange markets; those new dollars have stolen value from the old dollars by forcing prices up.

In your April 12 editorial, "Better than a WIN button", you seem to have fallen hook, line, and sinker for President Carter's statement that Washington can't cure inflation by itself. In fact, Washington is the only place in the world where inflation can be cured.

All Carter and Congress have to do to cure inflation is to stop debasing the currency. After tripling its budget the last ten years, the U.S. government should now tighten its belt.

ROBERT SHAPIRO
Chairman

Libertarians of Bergen county

"Sound reasons have no seasons." Found by Julian M. Snyder in a Chinese fortune cookie.

Reprinted from the JERSEY DEVIL:

J.D. sez:

Now that the dust has settled somewhat and Proposition 13 has become law in California, and a growing movement throughout the rest of the country, the time has come to sort out a few things left hanging.

First, there is the widespread idea that Proposition 13 was a blind lashing out, a rather mindless reaction without too much thought behind it. Don't you believe it! Howard Jarvis and his people had been planning this one for a long, long time and they know exactly what the next steps are.

Proposition 13 is part of an on-going process which eventually will not only lower taxes across the country on all levels of government but will also limit and restrict the powers of government. Too many people are calling it a "tax revolt" to change terms now, but a better name would have been "limited government movement."

This brings up another point. A great many people, including reporters, columnists, and commentators, still do not seem to have grasped what is happening. They keep asking, in one way or another, "How do the tax reform people intend to fund all the government programs if they cut back on the taxes?"

In fact, the other day the J.D. saw an ad in the paper pushing a new book by one Jude Wanniski, Associate Editor of the Wall Street Journal. Entitled, The Way the World Works, it is labeled in the ad, "The Manifesto of the Taxpayer's Revolt" and purportedly "demonstrates that taxes can be cut without cutting social spending." If this is an accurate description of the book, the author has missed the brass ring.

We don't want that "social spending" and all the bureaucratic interference, red tape, and outright oppression that goes with it, even if we could afford it. We no longer believe that government or its representatives have the right to run our lives, to appropriate the money we earn and spend it to suit themselves, if not for their own benefit. If the people have the sense to earn the money in the first place, they will know how it should be spent. And absolutely no one else has any moral right to give it away.

Then there's the race issue which Sen. McGovern and others have raised concerning the aims of the tax reform movement. Since welfare programs would have to be cut back or eliminated, those who think this way assume that tax reform is directed against blacks. The fact that two out of every three welfare recipients are not black is brushed aside, as is the fact that blacks pay a disproportionately heavy tax burden, as all poor people do.

Neither will the old politician's ploy of cutting back on essential services first, such as police or firemen, to scare the public away from tax reform, create the customary diversion this time. Threadbare from having been pulled too often, the public is seeing through it already and smart politicians will look for another gag.

One of the great American folk-sayings of recent years has been, "It just can't go on like this!" It was more of a prophecy than a lament for finally something has begun to happen to break that vicious cycle of bureaucracy-taxes-inflation-decline which has had us in its grip for so long. True, the road ahead may be no less rocky than the one we've been traveling, but it goes up!

"THERE WILL NEVER BE A REALLY FREE AND ENLIGHTENED STATE, UNTIL THE STATE COMES TO RECOGNIZE THE INDIVIDUAL AS A HIGHER AND INDEPENDENT POWER, FROM WHICH ALL ITS OWN POWER AND AUTHORITY ARE DERIVED, AND TREATS HIM ACCORDINGLY.

ON THE DUTY OF CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE
Henry David Thoreau

-HELP WANTED-

The N.J. LIBERTARIAN has unlimited potential for pushing our candidates for office and generally promoting Libertarianism in N.J. To achieve this objective, the paper must drastically up its readership. Currently, the paper serves as a bulletin to keep party members informed of party related events with a circulation of appr. 200 - certainly not mass media.

Increasing circulation is a difficult problem. Attracting advertisers to finance the printing of more copies is next to impossible with only 200 readers. Presently we are considering lowering the rates but I think a more significant change is needed: making the newsletter relevant to the public.

What I have in mind is a paper that provides the libertarian reaction a/o interpretation to news events - esp. on the local and statewide level. The initial coverage of events as they occur is provided by conventional media; what is lacking is a convincing paper to supply the alternative view: the Libertarian view. It appears that the public is ready to listen to this view.

Unfortunately, a recent study indicates that the cost of placing reporters in each county exceeds our budget by an astronomical figure. Therefore, to avoid this cost and still keep informed of statewide events, I am hereby promoting all subscribers to the position of Reporter. What I'm asking is for each subscriber to clip out any significant article you come across in your local papers that relates to Libertarian Party or its philosophy and mail them to me. These clippings will serve to keep the N.J. LIBERTARIAN abreast the local news and so form the basis of editorials wherein the libertarian reaction will be presented. Of course, articles already typed will save us a great deal of time (see "LETTER POLICY"), but the raw clippings are better than nothing.

If all goes as planned, there will be some financial incentive for anyone who submits typed or handwritten articles but for now, all that is needed is a deluge of good clippings.

-DAN HURLEY

ATTENTION!

To supplement its income, the N.J. LIBERTARIAN will now offer a "Merchandise for sale" column through which readers can peddle the contents of their garages. Since these columns are always popular among potential buyers, it is hoped that this one will become an added attraction to encourage non-member subscriptions.

Ads must include sale price and phone number. Charge for this space will be 5% of sale price (no commission less than \$2). Send ad info to Dan Hurley.

The robber barons among the readers will be pleased to note that price-gouging, profiteering, price-slashing, slash-gouging, and other predatory tactics characteristic of dog-eat-dog competition are encouraged.

"In my State, I figure there are 600,000 voters that receive social security. Can you imagine a Senator or Congressman under these circumstances saying, we are going to repudiate that high a proportion of the electorate? No. Furthermore, we have the capacity under the Constitution, the Congress does, to coin money, as well as to regulate the value thereof. And therefore we have the power to provide that money. And we are going to do it. It may not be worth anything when the recipient gets it, but he is going to get his benefits paid." Senator William Proxmire, chairman of the Senate Committee on Banking and Finance, at hearings, May 26 before the Joint Economic Committee of the Congress of the United States.

LETTER POLICY

The N.J. LIBERTARIAN wants to hear from you. Address all letters, suggestions, and articles to:

Dan Hurley

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New National LP Phone

The national Libertarian Party office in Washington, DC has a new toll-free number: 800/424-2734. Please put this number on campaign literature to provide an information source for non-LP members.

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RETURN QUESTIONNAIRES

Please fill out and return the questionnaire on pages 7 and 8 of the May-June NJ Libertarian before Sept. 1, 1978. The new NJLP officers need your suggestions and assistance to help us work for "freedom in our time."

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Please Renew Promptly

If you have not yet renewed your NJLP membership (see box on last page under the address label), please do so as soon as you can. Remember that your annual investment in NJLP is far less than the amount the government steals from you in just a few days through taxes, regulations, and inflation. Your dues support libertarianism through NJLP candidates & campaigns, the NJ Libertarian, and the annual state convention. So renew soon and help the NJLP struggle for freedom.

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Statement of Principles

We, the members of the Libertarian Party, challenge the cult of the omnipotent state and defend the rights of the individual.

We hold that all individuals have the right to exercise sole dominion over their own lives, and have the right to live in whatever manner they choose, so long as they do not forcibly interfere with the equal right of others to live in whatever manner they choose.

Governments throughout history have regularly operated on the opposite principle, that the State has the right to dispose of the lives of individuals and the fruits of their labor. Even within the United States, all political parties other than our own grant to government the right to regulate the lives of individuals and seize the fruits of their labor without their consent.

We, on the contrary, deny the right of any government to do these things, and hold that where governments exist, they must not violate the rights of any individual: namely, (1) the right to life—accordingly we support prohibition of the initiation of physical force against others; (2) the right to liberty of speech and action—accordingly we oppose all attempts by government to abridge the freedom of speech and press, as well as government censorship in any form; and (3) the right to property—accordingly we oppose all government interference with private property, such as confiscation, nationalization, and eminent domain, and support the prohibition of robbery, trespass, fraud, and misrepresentation.

Since governments, when instituted, must not violate individual rights, we oppose all interference by government in the areas of voluntary and contractual relations among individuals. People should not be forced to sacrifice their lives and property for the benefit of others. They should be left free by government to deal with one another as free traders; and the resultant economic system, the only one compatible with the protection of individual rights, is the free market.

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"I hereby certify that I do not believe in or advocate the initiation of force as a means of achieving political or social goals."

Signed _____

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YOU MAY BE A LIBERTARIAN AT HEART WITHOUT EVEN BEING AWARE OF IT.

Do you believe in an economic system based on open competition instead of big-business-controlled government agencies? Do you believe, for instance, that the CAB should be stopped from restricting competition and fixing airline prices for the benefit of the giant airlines?

Do you believe the government—through its meddling, corruption, catering to special interests, awarding of subsidies and bail-outs and special bank privileges—has shown itself to be totally incapable or unwilling to control the declining dollar, or in fact, to act benevolently for the working person?

Do you believe that voluntary agreements between companies or individuals are none of the government's business—provided that no force or fraud is involved nor intended against anyone else?

Do you believe the government should stop trying to impose its morality on the American people, that no crime has been committed if there is no victim? Do you believe it is wrong to use the time, budgets and resources of our police, courts and prisons to persecute people who may be harming no one but themselves?

Do you believe government should leave the buying of seatbelts, motorcycle helmets or any other item designed for personal safety up to the individual?

Do you believe government spending and taxation should be cut?

If you answered "yes" to most of these questions, congratulations. You may be more of a Libertarian than you thought.

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