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NJLP GENERAL MEETING

By Len Flynn

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 24-- NJLP State Committee meeting at 2:00 PM in Franklin Park at the Franklin Park Inn on Route 27. All NJLP members are welcome to attend.

August 30-- Governor's Campaign Meeting, 7:30 PM at Len & Ginny Flynn's home in Morganville. Anyone interested in discussing and/or working on the campaign should try to come. Call 201/591-1328 for directions.

September 9-10-- Robert Anton Wilson will be in New York City. Call Don Meinshausen at 201/659-6786 for details.

1st & 3rd Monday-- Libertarian Discussion Club, 6 PM, Patti's Restaurant, 37 Bartlett St., New Brunswick. For info and directions call 201/751-2824 (Danny) or 249-7649 (Rick).

Every Tuesday-- NJ ACT free public meeting, 7 PM, Mofa's Farm Restaurant, Almonesson Rd., Blenheim. Call 609/HAD-ENUF for info.

Every Wednesday-- Activist and campaign strategy meeting at Richard Duprey's home. Everyone welcome. For directions or info, call Rich at 201/445-6098.

2nd Thursday of each month-- Constitutional Freedom Committee meeting, 8 PM, Ollie's Restaurant, Route 9 and Tilton Rd., Northfield, NJ. Guest anti-tax speaker at each meeting. Call 609/927-2320 after 5 PM for details.

*Socialism won't work except in
heaven where they don't need it and
in hell where they already have it.*

—Stephen Leacock

The NJLP held a general meeting on July 20, 1985 during the party's summer picnic at the Flynn's in Morganville. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Danny Maiullo at 5:20 PM.

He opened the meeting by reading the case of the Board of Inland Avenue vs. Haddock from the book Uncommon Law (c. 1935). Defendant Haddock was found innocent of non-payment of income taxes and "causing an obstruction" when he presented a cow as a cheque for the tax bill. (See enclosed copy.) Following the NJLP member's jubilation at this rare case of justice in the courtroom, the meeting continued by accepting the Treasurer's report and avoiding hearing the minutes of the last Steering Committee meeting, which were lost.

The members passed a motion to install the party phone in Rick Hoegberg's home permanently and list the party phone in all white pages in the state. Rick is to investigate the cost of yellow pages listings and report at a future meeting.

National LP was reported to demand no more than 50 alternate delegates to the national convention in August. This procedure challenges the long NJLP tradition of listing all NJLP members as alternates to the national LP convention. The members decided to ignore this decree; in any case the NJLP delegation at the convention has full authority to select alternates as needed.

Ken Kaplan is forming an NJLP "hit squad" to gather LP activists to appear and leaflet at political media events. Ken gathered names for recruits for this effort; if you wish to help out, contact Ken at 201/625-2623.

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The next NJLP State Committee meeting will be held at 2:00 PM on Saturday August 24, 1985 at the Franklin Park Inn, Route 27, Franklin Park. All NJLP members are welcome to attend.

The general meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM so the NJLP members could continue splashing each other in the pool.

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IN MY OWN DEFENSE

by Tom Palven

At the recent enjoyable NJLP picnic I was asked why I haven't renewed my membership. I started to think "why not" and almost renewed on the spot. I had been a solid member for years, having run for congress twice, and had managed or been treasurer of other campaigns. I still believe that the NJLP and the LP provide an introduction to liberty for many. So why not renew?

One reason is that I am now a little more radical than the LP and my association with it might be politically damaging. For instance, I am no longer patriotic, and have come to believe that patriotism, nationalism, and statism are all part of the same egotistic belief system. (i.e. My high school is the best because I go there, and everyone I associate with agrees with me.) If it is LP strategy to further liberty by gaining media attention through political credibility, having unpatriotic people aboard probably won't help.

Secondly, I think that at this stage in my life, my membership in a political party might be damaging to my own credibility. I still keep up a stream of letters to newspapers and periodicals regarding interventionism and so forth, and engage in conversations with people of all political persuasions. I don't want it thought that I take certain positions BECAUSE they are those of the party, but rather that these positions reflect my personal view of reality. People seem more ready to listen and communicate their own ideas if they feel one isn't coming from an established dogma.

So, while I'm still here pitching for freedom, I feel it's best that I don't rejoin the L.P.

"In a time of universal deceit, telling the truth is a revolutionary act."
— George Orwell

Personal liberty threatened

PATERSON NEWS
July 3, 1985

By David Bergland

Americans concerned about personal liberty and the threat of foreign entanglements must be shaken by recent events. Benjamin Sasway has been sentenced to federal prison for declining to fill out a draft registration card. Senator Ernest "Fritz" Hollings has introduced a bill to bring back military conscription. Other politicians, notably Senator Gary Hart, are calling for a program of mandatory, universal "national service" requiring all young people, male and female, to provide conscript labor for one arm of the government or another.

U.S. armed services have relied on volunteers for about a decade but we are now told that they cannot continue because it costs too much and the pool of young men is shrinking relative to military needs. Further, some complain that poor and minority youth tend to volunteer for military service more than their wealthier and whiter counterparts.

But, is it right to compel anyone to spend two years (or any amount of time) at a job he does not want to do.

Very few will admit to being advocates of slavery, or involuntary servitude, if you prefer. Yet, no advocate of conscription has satisfactorily explained how forcing people to fill out a registration card or serve in the military, with jail time as the penalty for refusal, can be logically excluded from the concept of slavery. The institution of slavery has, throughout recorded history, almost always been part of the human experience, particularly as the result of conquest by one nation-state over another. To be a slave is to be the property of other human beings. A slave can't tell the boss to take his job and shove it.

The crucial question is: do you own yourself or are you owned by Ronald Reagan. Senators Hollings and Hart, and the rest of the gang in Washington? Raising that question terrifies them. For, if you opt for self-ownership, much more than the draft will lose its legitimacy. That is why outspoken opponents of draft registration, like Ben Sasway, are targeted for prosecution and the law contains penalties for those who advocate resistance. People who really believe all that liberty stuff, who consistently follow it to its logical conclusions, and speak out about it, are a real pain in the neck to those in the established political power structure who think nothing worthwhile will get done unless they order it.

That Congress felt compelled to make non-registration a crime reveals the nudity of the Emperor. The ostensible purpose of draft registra-

tion is to provide the Selective Service System, in advance, with the data about eligible draftees in case a mobilization should become necessary. All that data could be obtained from schools, driver's license files and social security files. Kids who don't register in a timely fashion get letters from the SSS telling them to do it or face criminal penalties. How does the SSS now where to send the letters?

The not so subtle lesson, which no one seems willing to discuss, is that you are the property of the state. Draft registration is just a little test to see if you've learned your lesson. It is totally unnecessary for any other purpose. With that depressing lesson in place, how much easier it will be for Congress to reinstitute actual conscription, even universal national service, for all men and women.

Arguments over whether conscripts or volunteers are more expensive (volunteers do stay in longer and become more skilled, but conscripts can be forced to accept slave wages) invariably accept the current U.S. foreign policy of interventionism and the troop strength required for its support.

What if the U.S. taxpayer were relieved of the burden of a huge military welfare program for other wealthy western countries? What if the U.S. military mission were limited to protection of American citizens and their property at home?

U.S. military personnel overseas exceed one-half million with over 300,000 in Europe. Western Europe collectively has a greater population and GNP than the U.S. It is time for them, and Japan, Korea, etc., to decide what risks they face and what they want to do about it. And they should pay for it. A military doing its proper job, defending us, would cost much less and require fewer men.

For many, like explicit libertarian, Paul Jacob, resistance to conscription is based on a profound and noble patriotism. Concern for American ideals of personal liberty, self-determination and justice and a pragmatic examination of many disastrous U.S. foreign interentions lead to the conclusion that the existence of a military draft too often allows foolhardy and unavailing attempts at military solutions to other peoples' problems. Absent the power to conscript, our government would need te support of the people, especially those of fighting age, before involving itself in wars anywhere.

I find it inconceivable that anyone other than a handful of true pacifists, would decline to fight to

defend America if it were actually threatened. Indeed, the draft undercuts true patriotism because it deprives all of the power of choice. To fight for America should mean to choose to fight for its highest ideals: freedom, opportunity, justice, and democracy. Conscription conveys the message that the U.S. agrees with the basic premise of communism-that individuals must be enslaved to serve the state.

But what about the poor and minority kids who are overrepresented in the voluntary military. Perhaps my own experience affects my attitude on this, but, so what? What's to fear, that they won't or can't fight? That they will mutiny? That is elitist, racist claptrap.

I volunteered myself into the U.S. Army upon turning 18, in 1953, as the Korean War was winding down. Being very poor, I saw it as an opportunity to eat regularly, travel, and go to college on the G.I. Bill.

My plan worked for me. But returning combat veterans told disturbing stories about how less than competent kids, mostly draftees, were sometimes treated in combat zones. Because of their inexperience, veteran infantrymen viewed them as a risk, so they sent these "eight-balls" out on suicide patrols to get rid of them. And the practice of "fragging" superior officers with delusions of macho did not just begin in Vietnam. Draftees were doing it in Korea and probably in World War II.

Being "poor" means you have fewer options than if you are "rich". Military service may look pretty good to you if, as was my case, it also helps pay for college after the service. Our military's mission should be to defend us, not be another social experiment like forced school busing. Letting the military do its job, employing qualified people at wages sufficient to attract them voluntarily is the path to an efficient defense force with high morale. It is also the only means worthy of people who profess to revere freedom and justice.

*David Bergland, a lawyer and author of **Libertarianism in One Lesson**, was the Libertarian Party's 1984 presidential candidate.*

Rock bands are subversive

PATERSON NEWS
July 31, 1985

Editor:

I'd like to add a few comments to your piece on the Live-Aid Concert in your "Editor's notes" of July 21. You say you are sick and tired of hearing how subversive the rock-music business is. Well, that's too bad, because they ARE, by and large, subversive!

I won't go into the anti-Christian or pro-drug use themes of many of these groups; I'll leave that to my Christian Fundamentalist friends to do. (That is, if they can quit idolizing false prophets like Jerry Falwell long enough to do something effective in combating the collectivist cancer that is killing America!)

You see, these rock groups (as well as most entertainment people in general) spew forth a constant stream of collectivist, and in many cases, outright Socialist-Marxist claptrap as a solution to the world's ills.

I'm sorry, but I don't feel a twinge of "guilt" at all for our prosperity, achieved by Americans' hard work and our Free-enterprise

system. Let these so-called Third World Nations, which are barely out of the Stone Age, learn from our example, not be international basket cases! Why is it that most of these "stars" never mention that countries like Ethiopia are starving because they have Marxist governments? Also, what about some needy people here in America, such as in Appalachia? Charity begins at home, they say. Of course, our New York and Hollywood friends don't really care about the rural poor, since those "rednecks" and "hicks" are the butt of the jokes told by the smart-aleck comedians who are thought so funny with their sophisticated humor!

Let's you think that I favor banning rock music or movies by people who are rather left-of-center, forget it. My Libertarianism, economic as well as civil, is consistent, even for those whose ideas I detest!

The long-term solution for world hunger you are looking for is pure, unfettered laissez-faire economics, but don't expect to see THAT

proposed by the likes of Joan Baez, or someone equally repulsive, at the next Live-Aid Concert!

Sincerely,
Mark Richards

(The editor replies: If, as Mr. Richards claims, the answer to poverty is "pure, unfettered Laissez-faire economics," then why are there people starving in Appalachia, as he also suggests? The last time I looked, Appalachia was not under Communist rule.

Also, I am curious as to which groups he is referring to as Marxist. The only outright Marxist group I've ever heard was The Clash. Maybe The Jam could be considered collectivist, but it was more idealism than policy.

The whole point of the column was that it was encouraging and refreshing to see people of all ages and backgrounds care enough to do something about ending hunger. How someone could find a statement like that sinister goes way beyond me.)

Reader responds to criticism

PATERSON NEWS
August 7, 1985

Editor,

With regard to your comments following my letter of July 31, I'd like to add a few additional comments to clarify my position. I never suggested that the people of Ap-

palachia were starving, what I said was, that they were "needy." Regarding your snide remark about Appalachia not being under Communist rule, I never said or implied such an absurd statement! Com-

munist occupation of America is not likely to happen unless one believes such fantasies as last year's movie "Red Dawn." I assure you, I don't believe such nonsense. The danger to our liberties comes not from Moscow, Peking or the Sandinistas of Nicaragua but rather

Washington!

Also I didn't say that rock group members were themselves Marxists, what I said was that they promote such thinking via their songs and public statements. I might add that like most people, they do these things unknowingly, thinking instead that they really are promoting peace, brotherhood and justice. In fact I'm happy to say, some rock groups actually do promote many of the individualist views that I have.

For example, The Kinks in their song "20th Century Man" bemoan the erosion of freedom in Britain's modern welfare state. The Grateful Dead are another band, which while not expressly political, never the

less are anti-statist. In an interview on their twentieth anniversary as a group, Dead members Jerry Garcia and Bob Weir said that government should range anywhere between none at all and minimal, to which this Libertarian heartily concurs!

As a young person, I'm not against rock as a music form, just the leftist content of many of the songs. That is why I reject the absolutism of conservatives; those bluenoses have no more right to control my life than liberal busybodies like Ted Kennedy or Jane Fonda do! The whole point of my letter was for readers to be on guard against all aspects of government control over our lives, regardless who promotes that control or for what reason.

Sincerely
Mark Richards

Libertarian objects to moral regulation

Editor,

I'd like to respond to your editorial of July 20th that dealt with pornography.

Let me state that I hold no brief for filth; indeed, I think that the constant flow of garbage from the non-Christian entertainment capitals of New York and Hollywood is eating away like a cancer at our once great Western Christian civilization!

However, the fact that it is only my personal opinion is an important point because no one has the right to expect the government to impose its moral values on others. I find myself in agreement with your paper.

You are to be commended for taking such a, dare I say, "libertarian" position. I even go one step further by saying to those who want state interference in

what we choose to watch or read, that they are cutting off their noses to spite their faces! After all, the government that's big enough to ban pornography is also big enough to ban religious programming! In closing, remember "eternal vigilance is the price of liberty!"

MARK RICHARDS
West Milford

PATERSON NEWS
August 5, 1985

1985 CANDIDATE STATEMENT -- VIRGINIA FLYNN
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The Libertarian Party is the one nationwide organized political movement in America today working consistently for everyone's liberty on every issue. Libertarians do not seek to impose their ideas or pet schemes on others by force. All other parties and groups seek to use politics to give some groups power over others, enrich some at the expense of others, or impose some set of values on those who disagree. Libertarians believe that all social affairs should be voluntary, without the use or threat of coercion, and that the only proper use of force is self-defense.

Governments throughout history have regularly operated on the opposite principle, that the State can dispose of the lives and property of its citizens. We, on the contrary, deny government any right to do these things and hold that governments must not violate the rights of any individual: life, liberty, and property. Areas of such governmental coercion are education, individual rights, and taxation.

State coercion is most obvious and destructive in education. There are compulsory attendance laws, compulsory financing through taxation, mandated teacher qualifications, and required courses to be taught. State interference in education causes continuous battles over such things as prayer in public schools, sex education, books allowed in school libraries, and content of textbooks.

These conflicts are minimal in private education because without compulsory (tax) funding, private schools must meet the demands of parents or go broke. In a free educational system parents choose schools for their children which reflect their own values and religious views.

If you have honest concern and compassion for the young and their mental development, freedom of choice in education is essential. To this end I support tax credits for anyone who pays for the education of any student. This would help "free-up" education in New Jersey and give all parents, especially the poor, more educational options by making private education more possible.

Instead of being a protector of individual rights, state government now appears to be the major enemy. Whether seat belts improve auto safety does not justify state invasion of personal rights by requiring you to use one. And even in the depths of 1920's Prohibition, we did not see today's forced strip searches and mandatory blood tests of school children.

Taxation grows daily presumably because "society" demands more and more government programs. The proper level of funding for any program is the money voluntarily contributed to support it. This necessarily eliminates government programs supported by stolen tax dollars. Replacing state tax-funded programs with voluntarily funded private efforts provides precisely the proper level of funds, that is, whatever you choose to contribute. Bitter political feuds over the "proper" disposition of stolen tax revenues end when the resources of society stay in your hands--where they belong.

Libertarians seek to restore and encourage the commitment to individual freedom upon which this nation was founded. In New Jersey this means returning control of your life and property to YOU.

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