



THE NEW JERSEY LIBERTARIAN

AUGUST

1990

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Aug. 7-11 - Middlesex County Fair -
Volunteers needed. Call Michelle at 201/572-
1614 to participate.

Aug. 10-14 - Joint Convention: Int'l Society
for Individual Liberty (ISIL); Future of
Freedom; and Advocates for Self Gov't at
the Holiday Inn Golden Gate, in San
Francisco, CA. Call 415/864-0952 for info.

Aug. 24 - Libertarians of Monmouth County
(LMC) meet at 7PM at Claudia Montellione's,
185 Washington Ave., Matawan. Call
201/583-8721 for directions. Subject will be
post-mortem of Monmouth County Fair. All
who participated at LP table & those who
would like to in future are urged to attend.

Aug. 27 - Somerset/Middlesex Area
Libertarians (SMAL) meet. Call Howard
Schoen 201/572-0207 for details.

Sept. 8 - State Committee Meeting at the
Karlan residence in Jamesburg. Call
201/444-2846 for info.

Sept. 9 - Barbeque at Jerry Zeldin's, 4PM,
to kickoff his campaign for Congress. Call
609/783-4306 for details.

Sept. 10 - Tax patriot Floyd Wright is the
speaker at The Constitutionists meeting in
Elmwood Park at 8 PM. Call 201/471-7591
for details.

Sept. 14 - LMC meets at a place to be
determined.

Mercer County Libertarians hold meetings
on the last Sunday of each month at 7 PM
at *Wildflowers* restaurant, Pennington
Circle, Rt. 31 at 546 near Trenton. Call Carl
Peters for info. 609/737-7667 or 609/882-
8432.

Nat'l Organization for the Reform of
Marijuana Laws (NORML) holds regular
monthly meetings. Call 201/968-8226 for
details.

NJLP GENERAL MEETING

By Len Flynn

The New Jersey Libertarian
Party met on July 8, 1990 at
Flynn's home in Morganville
during the annual NJLP summer
picnic. The meeting was called
to order at 4:40 PM.

Treasurer Lou Stefanelli
handed out his written report to
the membership. Amid applause
for the high quality of the
report, Lou told the members
that the NJLP was "on budget"
for the year with both revenues
and expenditures reasonably on
target with projections. (For
the first time in my 14 years
with the NJLP, the members could
clearly see the NJLP financial
picture at this meeting!)

The members next heard about
County activities from the State
Committee Representatives at the
meeting. Carl Peters described
Mercer County participation in
anti-anti-flag burning and anti-
tax rallies. A good photo of
Carl at the Trenton tax rally
was published in the Hopewell
Views newspaper and it was shown
to the members.

Sam Edelston reported that
Essex/Morris has held two more
meetings with "real good, lively
crowds" present. Mike Harris and

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COUNTY ORGANIZATIONS

	<u>State Committee Representatives</u>	<u>County Chairs</u>	
Bergen County	Mike Harris	Mike Harris	201/891-3395
Camden/Gloucester	John Hill	John Hill	609/468-9571
Hudson County	Don Meinshausen	Don Meinshausen	201/659-6786
Hunterdon County	Joe Kerr	Joe Kerr	609/397-8119
Mercer County	Carl Peters	Carl Peters	609/737-7667
Monmouth County	Claudia Montelione		201/583-8721
		Laura Stewart	201/264-4492
Somerset/Middlesex	John Paff		201/873-1251
		Howard Schoen	201/572-0207
Warren County	Jim Agnew	Jim Agnew	201/475-4845

NJLP STEERING COMMITTEE

State Chair:	Dan Karlan	201/444-2846
Vice-Chair:	Jerry Zeldin	609/783-4306
Secretary:	Len Flynn	201/591-1328
Treasurer:	Louis Stefanelli	201/751-8675
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	Sam Edelston	201/906-0766
	Ken Kaplan	201/992-3991
	Howard Schoen	201/572-0207

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Passaic County Ken Kaplan 201/992-3991

NJLP PHONE: 201/781-6171

IS ABORTION AGGRESSION?

Libertarian arguments against abortion and for parental obligation. Literature packet, \$3. (For information only, please send SASE.)

Libertarians for Life

13424 Hathaway Drive, #18

Wheaton, MD 20906, 301/460-4141

Doris Gordon, National Coordinator

Immediate past chair of NJLP, Richard Duprey, is now the proud father of Victoria Marie, born 6/28/90.

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Letters to the editor, articles, and commentary are welcome. Send to the Editor:

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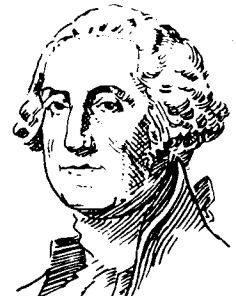
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"Government is not reason,
it is not eloquence —
it is force.
Like fire, it is a
dangerous servant and
a fearful master."

George Washington



Legislative & Gubernatorial Recall Mechanism Proposed

A Senate Concurrent Resolution (numbered SCR-71) and an Assembly Concurrent Resolution (numbered ACR-118) have been proposed in their respective houses. The general object of each of these resolutions is to amend the state constitution to require the legislature to establish a procedure by which members of the legislature and the governor are subject to recall elections.

Both resolutions would insert the following text into Article I, paragraph 2 of the Constitution of the State of New Jersey.

In order to guarantee the people this right (i.e. the right to alter or reform the government), the Legislature shall enact laws to provide for the recall election of elected State officials upon petition of qualified voters equal in number to 25% of the registered voters voting in the last preceding election for the office of Governor in the electoral district of the official sought to be recalled.

The senate version of the amendment differs from the assembly version in that it adds the sentence

"The sufficiency of any statement of reasons or grounds procedurally required shall be a political rather than a judicial question."

ACR-118 was proposed for introduction to the Assembly on June 28, 1990. It's prime sponsors are Garabed Haytaian (R-24) and Robert J. Martin (R-26). It is co-sponsored by Alex DeCroce (R-26), Walter J. Kavanaugh (R-16), John S. Penn (R-16), Jeffrey W. Moran (R-9), John E. Rooney (R-39), Christopher J. Connors (R-9), Joann H. Smith (R-13), Chuck Hardwick (R-21), Delores G. Cooper (R-2) and Nicholas R. Felice (R-40). It has not been assigned to a committee as of this writing.

SCR-71 is sponsored by Senator John H. Dorsey (R-25) and was pre-filed in late 1989 and formally introduced on January 9, 1990. There are no co-sponsors of this resolution. The resolution has been assigned to the Senate's State Government and Federal and Interstate Relations Committee. The members of this committee are as follows:

- Wynona M. Lipman, Chair, (D-29), 50 Park Place, Suite 1035, Newark, NJ 07102. 201/622-0007
- Francis J. McManimon, Vice Chair, (D-14), 2465 South Broad Street, Suite D-1, Trenton, NJ 08610. 609/888-2323
- Laurence S. Weiss, (D-19), 165 Washington Street, P.O. Box 229, Perth Amboy, NJ 08862. 201/826-1900

- Gerald Cardinale (R-39), 350 Madison Avenue, Cresskill, NJ 07626. 201/567-2324
- Richard A. Zimmer, (R-23), 119 Main Street, Flemington, NJ 08822. 201/788-6900

At this juncture, no further action may be taken on this resolution until it "is scheduled for consideration by the committee at the discretion of the committee chairman" (Ref: Legislator's Handbook, page 27). This essentially means that if Senator Lipman chooses not to place the resolution on the committee's agenda, it will remain in the committee indefinitely.

If Senator Lipman does place the bill on the committee's agenda, the committee, by majority vote, may either take no action on the bill or report (return) the bill back to the full Senate for further consideration.

If either resolution is reported out of the committee to which it was assigned, copies of it are placed upon the desks of all the members of both houses. After twenty days have elapsed, during which time public hearings are held in the original house, the amendment is then voted on. If it receives a 3/5 majority of the total membership of both houses, or if it receives a majority vote in each house in two successive years, then it is placed before the voters as a public question on the general election ballot. Note that the governor has no direct role in this process.

Individuals desirous of taking an active role in this process may wish to be aware that the Office of Legislative Information Service located in Room 35 of the State House Annex offers several services and publications to the public at no charge. LIS is available during business hours (and often beyond) at 609/292-8630 or 800/792-8630.

Due to space constraints, a listing of publications & services offered by LIS (Legislative Information Service) can be gotten from the editorial office, 201/583-8721.

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Dan Karlan said that Bergen County libertarians held two more meetings in recent months. Resolutions were drafted and sent to local papers but to date none have been published.

John Paff reported for the Somerset/Middlesex Area Libertarians that SMAL will meet at a public place instead of someone's home. (SMAL's next meeting will feature veteran NJ anti-tax activist Sam Perelli of United Taxpayers of New Jersey who speaks on July 23 at Trinity Church in Somerset.)

John told the NJLP members that SMAL did (finally) approve Bylaws at the last meeting but the dues are specifically voluntary. Pursuant to the NJLP policy adopted on May 12, 1990, the General Meeting discussed and approved a motion to reimburse Howard Schoen \$100. for the balance of his expenditures to reserve a table at the Middlesex County Fair. Claudia Montelione and Laura Stewart advised the group that the Libertarians of Monmouth County will have a booth at the



NEW JERSEY LIBERTARIAN PARTY

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POSITION STATEMENT ON THE RIGHT TO DEFEND YOURSELF AND OTHERS

The primary duty of government is to protect individuals from those who initiate force or fraud such as muggers, rapists, murderers, robbers, etc. Reduction of crime requires swift and effective punishment of anyone who harms peaceful persons and their property. In addition, the right of the people to resist violent attacks must be protected. No laws regulating the peaceful and private use of weapons can be tolerated. We also affirm the right of self defense.

The New Jersey Libertarian Party (NJLP) advocates the following actions:

- I. The NJLP absolutely opposes so-called "gun control" legislation including all licensing, registration, permits, etc. The ownership of a gun by an individual does not violate the rights of another person.
- II. The NJLP calls for the repeal of all federal, state, and local prohibitions and restrictions on the possession, carrying, ownership, manufacture, sale, and transfer of handguns and other firearms. Such laws include the Federal Gun Control Act of 1968, the National Firearms Act of 1934, and the equivalent New Jersey statutes.
- III. The NJLP supports any peaceful person who chooses to disobey gun control laws -- such as a person who resists criminal assault, possesses unlicensed guns, or carries a weapon without a permit.
- IV. To implement resistance to gun laws, the NJLP will distribute educational materials to notify N. J. residents of their rights including the right to bear arms and the jury's right to nullify unjust laws.

* Reaffirmed by the NJLP at its July 8, 1990 meeting. *

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Chairman,
Dan Karlan

Vice-Chairman,
Jerry Zeldin

Secretary,
Len Flynn

Treasurer,
Lou Stefanelli

NEW JERSEY LIBERTARIAN PARTY MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name: _____ Phone: (H or B) _____
Address: _____ County: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

NJLP Bylaws require that members either live or work in New Jersey.

NJLP DUES:

All memberships except Household include subscription to "New Jersey Libertarian". Premium membership categories provide needed funds for outreach and other educational activities.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | \$300 | Lifetime Sustaining | <input type="checkbox"/> | \$35 | Supporting |
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* For other members in the same household as a primary member. Applies to all categories except student. No newsletter.

- \$15 "N.J. Libertarian" subscription only. \$15 Nat'l Party dues (1 year)
- Please remove my name if and when the NJLP list is rented to other organizations.
- \$ _____ Additional contribution to NJLP (Thank you!)

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

X _____ Date: _____
(Signature indicating acceptance of above statement is required for membership.)

Make checks payable and return to: NJLP, P.O. Box 56, Tennent, NJ 07763

The Libertarian Party

1990 PLATFORM

15. THE RIGHT TO KEEP AND BEAR ARMS

Maintaining our belief in the inviolability of the right to keep and bear arms, we oppose all laws at any level of government restricting or requiring the ownership, manufacture, transfer, or sale of firearms or ammunition. We oppose all laws requiring registration of firearms or ammunition. We also oppose any government efforts to ban or restrict the use of tear gas, "mace," or other self-protection devices. We further oppose all attempts to ban weapons or ammunition on the grounds that they are risky or unsafe.

We support repeal of the National Firearms Act of 1935 and the Federal Gun Control Act of 1968, and we demand the immediate abolition of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms.

We favor the repeal of laws banning the concealment of weapons or prohibiting pocket weapons. We also oppose the banning of inexpensive handguns ("Saturday night specials").

county fair from July 25 through 29.

John Hill told of South Jersey LP progress in Mike Herner's local campaign for Mantua Town Council. John said Mike lost by only 200 votes (1900 to 2000) as a Democrat, so he hopes to do well as a Libertarian candidate. South Jersey Libertarians raised \$200 recently and Atlantic County is being organized "next week." The Operation Politically Homeless booth at the Berlin N.J. farmer's market was less successful because many people there did not speak English.

Candidates present at the meeting were introduced to the members and received hearty applause for their willingness to do battle for liberty: Lou Stefanelli (U.S. Senate), Jerry Zeldin (Congress, 1st District), Bill Stewart (3rd CD), Carl Peters (4th CD), Howard Schoen (6th CD), Virginia Flynn & Marshall Bienstock (Monmouth Co. Freeholder), and Helen Radder (Manalapan Town Council). Special applause for very active candidates who could not attend the meeting because of campaign commitments went to: John Latsko & Eric Meltzer (Metuchen borough council) and Mike Herner (Mantua town council).

The membership then considered and approved several modifications to the NJLP standing resolution on gun control laws which strengthened and emphasized critical aspects of its provisions. (See enclosed flyer for amended version--copy it yourself for distribution!) A proposed Amendment to the U.S. Constitution sponsored by the Gun Owners of America was distributed for NJLP member information.

Howard Schoen announced and distributed a petition by the "Hands Across New Jersey" project against the recent New Jersey tax increase. Howard is still qualified as an At-Large Steering Committee member because his petition contains enough signatures (10 percent of the NJLP members plus 5 more signers) despite recent large gains in NJLP membership.

Long time LP activist from New York City Vicki Kirkland told the group she will join the NJLP when she takes a job in Jersey City for St. Joseph's school for the blind. (The NJLP Bylaws allow membership for anyone who lives or works in New

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NJLP van prior to the setting up of the Operation Politically Homeless table at the July 1 rally in Trenton.

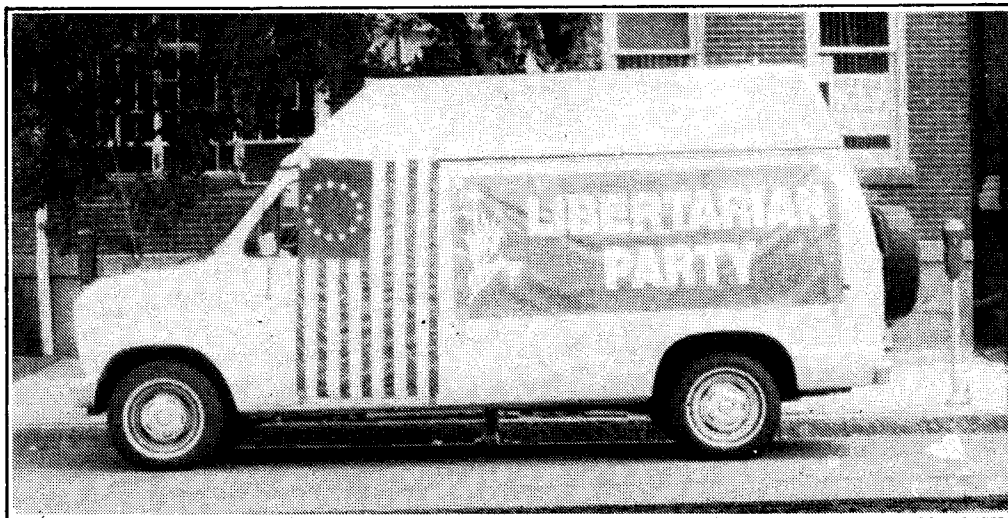


Photo by Roseann Williams

Tax revolt forces storm Trenton

By Irene Wildgrube
Staff Writer

Cars and trucks started to gather at the State House complex in Trenton about 1:48 p.m. on July 1 to take part in a tax protest and to protest Gov. Jim Florio's large salary hike for himself. Toilet paper hanging from radio antennas was fluttering in the breeze like banners on lances, reminiscent of the Christian Crusades.

The police arrived at about the same time and started directing traffic. All vehicles were decorated with signs expressing New Jersey residents' feelings: "Impeach Florio," "Down with Dorio" — etc. Replicas of post office "wanted" posters with pictures of Gov. Florio as the wanted criminal were there, too.

Some cars were flying the American flag and some the rebel flag, complete with toilet paper banners.

By 2 p.m., there were a few drops of rain, but not enough to deter the crowd, which got happier and more excited as the parking lot filled up. Everyone was talking about the frustration they have felt since Gov. Florio came to the State House. They were glad to give up their usual Sunday activities, they said, in order to protest the oppressive taxation forced upon them by politicians who are "not tuned into their constituents' needs."

Protesters appeared to be working class people. A few truckers arrived with their rigs, and everyone was orderly.

Meanwhile the Tax Revolt Motorcade was stretched out from the starting point at Belmar to Hamilton Township and at 3:20 p.m., it was decided to close off part of Trenton because of the traffic tie-ups.

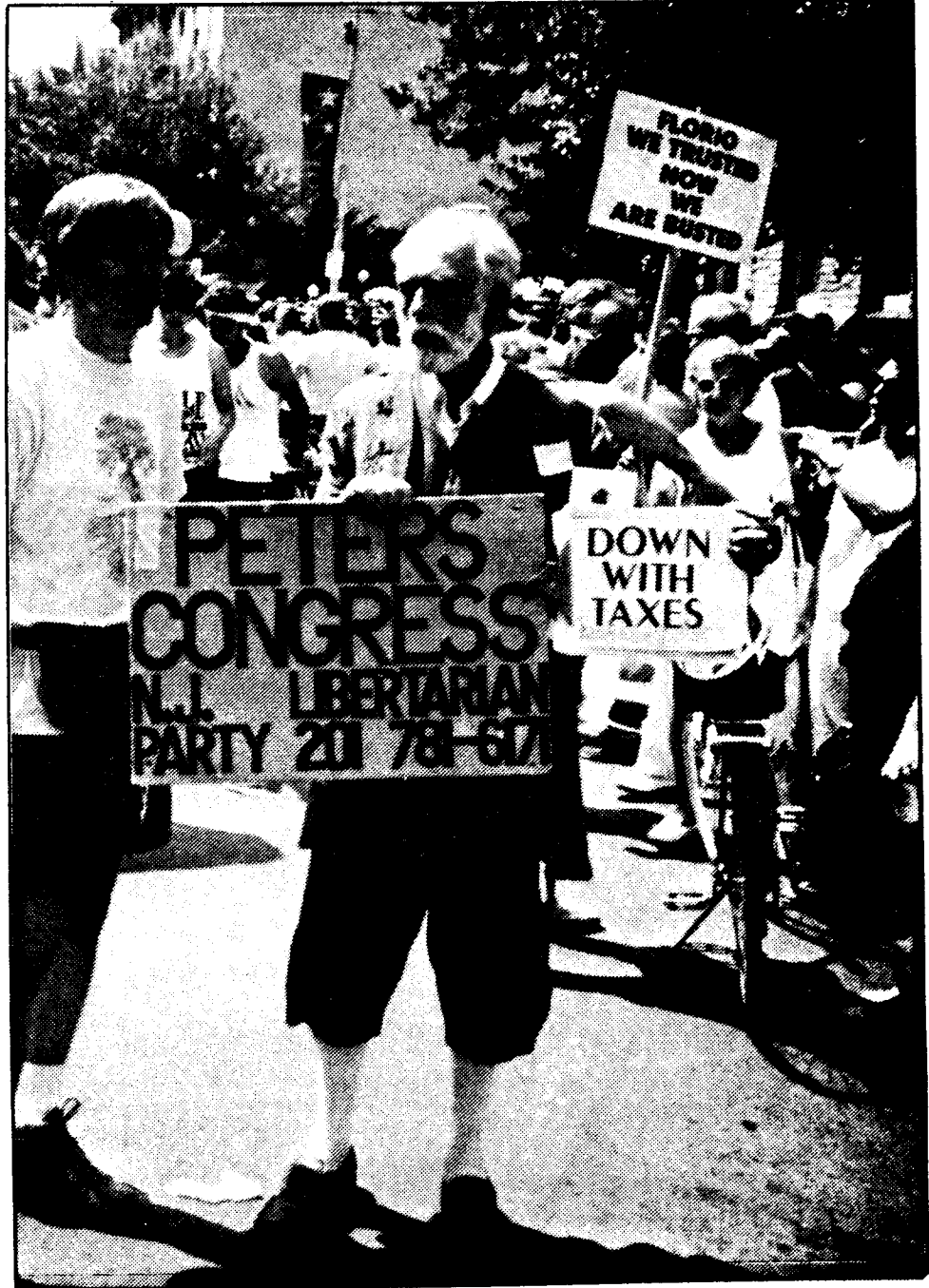
Sam Perelli, speaking for one of the organizations, New Jersey Taxpayers Revolt, berated the governor and the politicians. The people started chanting "Hang 'em, Hang 'em" and "Florio, Bush, read our lips — no new taxes."

One van drove in with a flag draped coffin on its roof and a sign, "the seven percent solution is tax pollution."

These people were not convinced that Mr. Florio is "Robin Hood." Rather they saw him as a "Political Hood."

The police were cheerfully directing traffic, and it was clear to see that they were with the people on this one. Almost everybody hates taxes.

An estimated 9,000 people were present at the protest. Meanwhile Gov. Florio was at the New Jersey shore.



Staff photo • Irene Wildgrube

Carl Peters, Hopewell Township resident — wearing Colonial garb — joined the tax protest in Trenton on Sunday.

Libertarians limited by 2-party rule

While Democratic and Republican leaders chose their nominees for public office months ago and sought public validation Tuesday, Libertarians picked their candidates without a primary election to sanction their decisions.

And though Democrats and Republicans are required to select their county political officers two days from now, Libertarians throughout New Jersey organize themselves how and when they see fit.

If you haven't figured it out by now, the state doesn't take the Libertarian Party too seriously. In fact, the state doesn't even keep track of how many Libertarians there are.

In Monmouth County, voter registration records show there are about 74,000 declared Democrats, 61,000 declared Republicans and 152,000 people who won't commit or admit to being one of the above.

But there's no other party choice in New Jersey voter registration; not Libertarian, not Communist, not Socialist, not Labor, not Left-footed Bluebird-watching Pro-life. Until it can win 10 percent of the votes cast in the state when the Assembly is elected, or until the law is changed, a third party won't be recognized.

If that weren't the case, Libertarians figure their party would grow.

Their ranks would be greater because they could register inactive Libertarians, just as Democrats and Republicans now register inactive members.

The registration lists then would enable Libertarians to target mailings to

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their most likely supporters, just as the two major parties do. Instead, they have to waste a lot of effort and their limited funds campaigning to a great number of people who aren't open to their arguments.

"There's thousands of Libertarians in the state. We haven't begun to reach them," said Leonard T. Flynn, secretary of the New Jersey Libertarian Party. But the party doesn't know who most of them are.

"We only know if people succeed in finding us," said Laura Stewart, the county's Libertarian chair.

Based on various Libertarian Party membership lists, party leaders can point to a few hundred members in the state and several dozen in Monmouth County.

This year the party has candidates for all three congressional seats in the county, both available freeholder positions and one municipal post, in Manalapan Township.

Even that much activity, though, is contrary to some Libertarian philosophy, which espouses civil liberties and little, if any, government.

"Libertarians hate politics. We despise it, and we're in there fighting for self-defense," Flynn said. "Political power is something Libertarians reject," but some are willing "to run to gain power in order to negate it."

Last year, the Libertarian candidate was a distant third in the gubernatorial election, garnering almost 12,000 votes compared with nearly 1.38 million for Jim Florio. In 1985, Flynn's wife, Virginia, was the Libertarian candidate. Her 4,710 votes placed her fourth.

But, said Mrs. Flynn, who now is running for Monmouth County freeholder, she was able to offer voters an alternative to picking the lesser of two evils and an opportunity to learn about Libertarian values.

Richard P. Siano, who in 1981 became the first Libertarian elected in a partisan election in the 48 contiguous states or Hawaii (Libertarians had been elected in Alaska), admits to being a bit naive when he became a committeeman in Kingwood Township, Hunterdon County. He hadn't anticipated how becoming a part of government would lead to decisions conflicting with his Libertarian beliefs.

With misgivings, he voted for tax-supported budgets, though "a Libertarian believes that an act of taxation is the same as an act of theft."

With the support of a conservative Republican, Siano said, he was able to muster enough votes on the three-member committee to reduce the municipal budget by 16 percent and cut some municipal programs.

He said he campaigned for election by promising to cut taxes and regulation, and he did just that. Yet the harsh reality of implementing Libertarian thought didn't go over so well.

"By cutting taxes, all I did was anger this group of people or that group of people, that special interest," said Siano, who served one, three-year term. He found there was no such thing as "Joe Blow taxpayer, just members of special interests."

He said he always intended to be a one-term committeeman, because an incumbent has to sell out his responsibilities to attract re-election votes. But if he tried for a second term, he might not have been able to retain his position anyway, Siano said.

"It was really a bittersweet experience," he said.

□ *Bruce Levine covers the Monmouth County beat from the Freehold Bureau of the Asbury Park Press. Monmouth Diary appears Sundays.*

Jersey.) Vicki said the New York LP has a chance for a line on the ballot with 50 thousand votes in a statewide election with Gary Johnson for Governor.

From 6:20 to 6:40 PM the General Meeting recessed while the NJLP Steering Committee discussed plans for the 1991 Convention. A budget of \$2,200 (for 1990 it was \$1,650) was suggested with plans for a business meeting both in the morning (9-12) and afternoon (1-

2) recommended to allow sufficient time to complete party matters. The Committee also unanimously approved a motion to reimburse the Development Coordinator \$65.20 for the May 6, 1990 fund raising mailing expenses. (The mailing raised about \$400.)

After the Steering Committee meeting, the membership approved the modified gun resolution, then the group adjourned at 7:05 PM.

PSALMS OF NEW JERSEY

Jim Florio is my shepherd, I shall
not want.

He leadeth me beside the still
factories.

He restoreth my doubt in New Jersey
politics.

He guideth me to the path of
unemployment.

He annointeth my wage with freeze.

My expenses runneth over my income.

Surely poverty & hard lives shall
follow this administration.

And I shall live in a rented house
forever.

5000 years ago, Moses said, "Pack
your camel, pick up your shovel,
mount your ass, and I will lead you
to the Promised Land."

5000 years later, F.D. Roosevelt
said, "Lay down your shovel, sit on
your ass and light up a Camel, for
this is the Promised Land."

Today, Jim Florio will tax your
shovel, sell your camel, kick your
ass, and tell you that the Promised
Land is in Japan.

P.S. I am glad I am an American. I
am glad I'm free.

But I wish I were a little dog and
Jim Florio were a tree.

- Anon.



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