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HOSPERS ADDRESSES NJLP!

Nearly 50 people attended the October 20th meeting of NJLP, and heard Dr. John Hospers deliver an extended talk on the problems caused by government.

Hospers began by discussing the effects of rent-control, pointing out that New York City, which has retained rent-control since WWII while most other cities have dropped it, has the worst housing problem in the country. On inflation, he noted that in 1972, the government increased the money supply by about 9%, and then blamed everyone but themselves for the resulting inflation. Hospers said that the energy crisis is real and phony - that there is a long-range crisis (which technology can, if left unhampered, deal with) and a short-range crisis which is man-made. Government policies have discouraged oil companies from expanding production, specifically in the area of refineries where no building has been done recently because of possible government intervention. Pollution controls which make engines less efficient have contributed to the problem, Hospers said. He described a recent trip to Alaska where the people are incensed over government restrictions on their oil production. He said the pioneering spirit is very much alive there, and that a small secessionist movement has attracted considerable attention.

Hospers called for the legalization of gold and repeal of legal-tender laws, and pointed to 3 factors in the growth of government:

- (1) the politicians' lust for power,
- (2) the public's desire for "security" and "free" services,
- (3) educators who cater to the state.

Of these, Hospers said the educational establishment is the worst enemy because of their influence on the young, and their promotion of the view that the bureaucracy is doing good things.

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THE BASIC PREMISE OF A FREE SOCIETY IS THAT EACH INDIVIDUAL HAS THE RIGHT TO LIVE HIS LIFE FOR HIS OWN HAPPINESS.

Hospers closed with a moving account of a speech he gave to a philosophical society in Iowa, his home state. The speech concerned "Liberty", and while the predominantly Marxist philosophers were dumbfounded at what he was saying, his friends and relatives could not understand why anyone should have to go to college to learn such obvious truths. Hospers assured them that he had not learned about freedom in college.

In an extended question and answer period, Hospers said that he thought the present conflict between anarchists and minarchists was silly, since 'we are on a train hurtling toward 1984, and we should be turning it around before we worry about how far back we want to go'. In response to another question, Hospers said that the first thing he thought a libertarian president should do would be to free the economy. He blasted the 'established rich', like Nelson Rockefeller, saying that Rocky had moved from spending his father's money to spending the taxpayers', and decried the fact that these same people had set it up now so that no one else could amass the fortunes which they had inherited.

It was a most exciting afternoon, and we are indebted to Dr. Hospers for sharing his time and genius with us.

meeting

There will be a meeting of NJLP on Tuesday, Nov. 20th, 8 p.m. at the Lyon's Den in Hillside (246 Long Ave.). Bob Steiner is trying to arrange for a guest speaker.

LETTERS

To the Editor:

The tone of your reply to my letter in the last PREMISE came as a most unpleasant surprise. I had intended constructive criticism of some of our shortcomings in communicating our position on current issues as manifested by the article in the Toms River paper. I was not attacking any member of the party or the idea of political involvement, but just urging greater concern with internal education, in order that we may better educate others as well as broaden our own scopes.

I did not expect to be subjected to verbal abuse and ad hominum arguments. I take strong exception to your terminology which was the sort of rhetorical carping that would be unbecoming if used against an enemy, let alone an ally.

As to the substantive issues which you attempted (poorly) to raise, I am prepared to meet you in public debate at your earliest convenience.

- Ralph Fucetola III

We wonder what response Mr. Fucetola expected. After working to get exposure for libertarian ideas among the public, we're told that what got printed was not the optimum, that we need to do lots more study (to attain his level of brilliance?) and that what we're doing amounts to political "games".

We're sure a debate on all this would draw the interest of, oh, two persons or so, but if Mr. Fucetola will provide two-way transport plus expenses, we'll be happy to debate the issues on Waikiki Beach, Hawaii, Saturday next.

- Editor

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"It may be frustrating, but on the other hand, aren't you glad your'e not getting all the government you're paying for?"

- Lucille J. Goodyear

NOTES.....In a poll taken by the Home News on the gubernatorial election (80 people polled), Goodson was the only minor party candidate to get a vote.....Editorial replies to the endorsement of Brendan Byrne were taped by Lydia Longinotti and broadcast by WCBS-TV and radio in New York, and by WCAU-TV and radio in Philadelphia (the CBS affiliate). All replies were similar to the radio speech on CBS, a copy of which is enclosed....WNEW-TV channel 5 in New York quoted John Goodson at the beginning of their late-night program on the minor-party candidates. Goodson said he would not attend because the show would be a "zoo-o-rama". A reporter for the Hackensack Record apparently agreed, writing that "perhaps John A. Goodson, the Libertarian party candidate, showed the most insight ...when he refused to appear".....Goodson's contract was released to the press about two weeks before the election (see last page of PREMISE)..... David Barg, student at Princeton, addressed Political Science Class at Somerset County College on Goodson and libertarianism..... Kay Harroff, chairman of Ohio LP, has declared for Senator in '74, and needs 10,000 signatures by Feb. 6 to get on the ballot (she currently has 1,350)..... Newspaper ads for Goodson are planned for two daily NJ papers before the election.....Goodson was interviewed by Home News, and by students of Rutgers and Ocean County College (one interview for Rutgers on videotape).

EVENTS.....New York and New Jersey Libertarians are planning a trip to Boston on the weekend of December 15-16 to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the Boston Tea Party. Interested parties should contact Bob Steiner, 413 Cumberland St., Westfield (201-233-7088).....Libertarian Party of Kentucky is sponsoring a FREE WOMEN'S SEMINAR at Stouffer's Louisville Inn, 120 West Broadway, Saturday Nov. 24, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Guest speakers will include Tonie Nathan, Miss Kentucky 1973, Susan Brown, Kay McAlpine, and Bobbi Jahn. Cost is \$3.50/person. Send reservations to: Free Women's Seminar, 1836 Algonquin Parkway #4, Louisville, KY 40210.....Libertarian Party will be holding an Executive Committee meeting on Nov. 24 in Denver. Bob Steiner may be going, so if you're interested, contact Bob at the above number.

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Not the lesser of two evils

By JERRY BIRENZ

Since the upcoming gubernatorial election is the first chance I have to legally vote, I had hoped I would have the chance to be able to make an intelligent and informed distinction between honest and responsible candidates of the major parties. Unfortunately that great occasion will not occur this year.

On the afternoon of Wednesday, October 3, I saw and heard gubernatorial candidate Brenden Byrne speak to a group of Rutgers' students. Although I admittedly went to the meeting with preconceived notions, Mr. Byrne, instead of dispelling those ideas in my head, merely confirmed them.

Why? you may ask. Where does Mr. Byrne stand on the issue of legalized gambling in New Jersey, and particularly the establishment of a casino in Atlantic City? "Well," to paraphrase Candidate Byrne's strong decisive reply, "I am most definitely in favor of, and have even ruled in favor of, putting such a referendum on the ballot"! As a matter of fact, he brazenly continues to declare to our astonished and dumbfounded faces, he is even in favor of a local referendum on the issue, in order to give the local residents a greater voice in determining their own affairs!

Okay. How does the Shit Shoveler in the guise of a Democratic candidate see the issue of abortion, and what does he propose to do in regard to this very controversial subject? To this straightforward question, we receive a double-jointed answer: Mr. Byrne and his wife have seven children, and the United States Supreme Court has ruled on the subject; Byrne also interjected that his religious convictions force him to be personally opposed to abortion.

Homosexual freedom from job and housing discrimination? Judge Byrne expects us to believe that he, a public figure for tens of years, a well-known prosecutor, a magistrate in the highest levels in this state, does not have enough information on the subject to make a reasonably informed answer. The obvious reason for his refusal to answer the question is that he doesn't want to alienate those voters who live in mortal fear of

homosexuality, although he may even privately be all for homosexual civil rights.

Brenden Byrne is **not** the lesser of two evils (in reference to Republican Charlie Sandman). He is the other of two evils. Not one of Mr. Byrne's campus supporters has yet been able to tell me where he firmly stands on any issue, excepting that he thinks that Brenden Byrne is the best man for governor of our beloved home state.

A third candidate, John Goodson of the Libertarian Party, is not the lesser of two evils, either. He is the greater of three candidates. John Goodson is not afraid to declare where he stands on the issues. A state income tax? Unalterably opposed. Subsidies to industry? Opposed. Repeal of unconstitutional "blue" laws, including the prohibition of gambling, and other victimless crimes?

Basically and firmly in favor. Mr. Goodson will go so far as to sign a contract with the people of New Jersey before the election requiring him to fulfill and employ his campaign pledges. Should he renege on the contract, he can be thrown out of office through the legal action of New Jersey's voters.

The Libertarian Party and John Goodson are the long-awaited political personification of the great human ideals of individual liberty and personal privacy, based on the concept of limited governmental interference in citizen's private affairs. This is the ideal of the American Constitution.

I, for one, refuse to disgrace my debut vote with a farcical choice. I am voting for John Goodson.

Birenz, a freshman, is a political science major.



JOHN GOODSON
...Libertarian candidate

The Home News

Candidate offers voters a contract

NEW BRUNSWICK — The Libertarian Party's gubernatorial candidate has offered New Jersey residents a contract that would legally bind him to the positions he has taken during the campaign.

"Politicians should be just as responsible as anyone who sells a service," John A. Goodson said. "But it seems the 'truth-in-advertising' laws have overlooked them."

The contract, which can be obtained from the party at a cost of one dollar, provides space for the signatures of Goodson and a witness.

It specifies eight planks in the party's platform, including repeal of the sales tax, repeal of all anti-pornography laws, and laws prohibiting gambling, and elimination of all subsidies to industry.

The contract specifies that Goodson will "make no statements nor take any actions in my official capacity as governor which would contradict" the platform.

"I further agree that, should I be found in any court of competent jurisdiction to have violated this contract, I will immediately resign my position as governor," the contract states.

"TOWARD A NEW LIBERTY"

EAST COAST LIBERTARIAN CONFERENCE SATURDAY, November 17th, PHILA., PA.

DR. MURRAY N. ROTHBARD will deliver two major addresses:

'The State of the U.S. Economy'

'The Case for Optimism'

DR. D.T. ARMENTANO Associate Professor of Economics, Univ. of Hartford will address himself to the question of "Government and Business": "Who is controlling whom?" with particular emphasis on the petroleum industry and the energy crisis.

In addition to the above speakers, the conference will feature at least six workshops on various libertarian topics. Presently scheduled are workshops on Libertarian Arbitration, The Liberty Amendment, The Philosophy of Atheism, Tax Resistance and Avoidance, Effective Public Speaking, and the Psychology of Statism. The Taxpayers' Revolt will be discussed by leading tax resistors Karl Bray of Utah and Ken Kalcheim of New York, organizers of the Tax Strike Coalition. Many other surprises and sessions are still being planned at this time. A debate/discussion on Crimes without Victims is being planned between an ACLU spokesman and a prominent libertarian. This conference resumes the successful procession of valuable EAST COAST CONFERENCES that have been held in the past. The speeches will introduce new thinkers and give libertarians a chance to reacquaint themselves with the ideas of well known libertarian spokesmen. This is also a good opportunity to introduce friends to the libertarian movement because the seminars and speeches are geared to reach all levels of understanding.

Date: Saturday, Nov. 17
Place: Matheson Hall, Drexel University
34th & Market St. Phila., Pa.
Time: 9:45 A.M. to 6.00 P.M.
(conference will start on time)
Cost: In advance: \$4 for SL members,
\$5 for non members
At the door: \$5 for SIL members,
\$6 for non members.
SIL members will show their membership card
at the door.

ADVANCE RESERVATIONS FORM... Must arrive in Phila. by Nov. 16th.

Mail to: SIL NOV. 17TH CONFERENCE,
304 EMPIRE BLDG., PHILA., PA. 19107

Please reserve _____ number of tickets for me for the Nov. 17th conference. I have enclosed \$ _____ in payment. SIL members' tickets are \$4 each, non members' are \$5

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EDITORIAL REPLY

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David L. Nelson, Vice President
CBS Radio Division
General Manager, WCBS Radio

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(In a recent editorial, WCBS NEWSRADIO endorsed Democrat Brendan Byrne for Governor of New Jersey. Here with a reply to that editorial is Lydia Longinotti, Campaign Manager for John A. Goodson, the Libertarian Party candidate in that race.)

The WCBS endorsement of Mr. Byrne lauds him as being flexible and pragmatic, but what that really means is that he has no principles whatever. Where would we be if Washington, Jefferson and Adams were flexible and pragmatic? Instead of another pressure group juggler, what we desperately need is a man of strong principles who will do something about reducing the size of government. Such a man is John A. Goodson.

Instead of trying to figure out some way for the state to take more of your money for an increasingly incompetent school system, Goodson supports a constitutional amendment to get the state out of the classroom, and keep it out.

Instead of billion dollar mass transit projects to multiply the problems that government-created highways have produced, Goodson would dissolve the State Department of Transportation and leave travel to the free market.

And instead of trying to discover new ways into the taxpayers pocket-book, Goodson supports a constitutional amendment to prohibit a state income tax and favors prompt repeal of the sales tax.

John A. Goodson believes that every second of your life and every penny you earn belong to you and to no one else. Not to the welfare parasites or the transportation planners or the education czars, but to you. The only function of government should be the protection of the rights of the individual against the use of force by others, and John Goodson intends to return government to its proper role.

If you believe that you have the capability to run your own life and spend your own money without the help of some political hack, then write to the Libertarian Party, Box 333, Asbury Park. And vote for John A. Goodson for Governor.

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Contract

I, John A. Goodson, hereby agree that, in exchange for one dollar from _____, I will make no statements nor take any actions in my official capacity as Governor (if I am so elected) which would contradict the following goals:

- Adoption of a constitutional amendment to prohibit a state income tax.
- Repeal of the sales tax.
- Elimination of all subsidies to industry.
- Adoption of a constitutional amendment to remove the state government from all areas of education.
- Elimination of all state welfare programs.
- Repeal of all laws prohibiting gambling.
- Elimination of all state powers to control wages and prices.
- Repeal of all anti-pornography laws.

I further agree that, should I be found in any court of competent jurisdiction to have violated this contract, I will immediately resign my position as Governor.



John A. Goodson

Date

Witness

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