



# PREMISE

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The following are quotes from real human beings, who faced great dangers for what some might consider minor grievances. If you can read them without emotion, you are more cynical than we are:

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness."

- Thomas Jefferson

"Gentlemen may cry peace, peace-- but there is no peace... Is life so dear or peace so sweet, as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, almighty God! I know not what course others may take, but as for me, give me liberty or give me death!"

- Patrick Henry

Happy Birthday America! And may your future reflect more favorably on your proud beginnings than the present.

## CAHILL OUT!

The results of the primary were glorious in that Cahill didn't even come close despite newspaper backing, support from county Republican leaders, and pride in his "progressive" record. But don't get too excited- Charles Sandman is no libertarian. It took him less than 24 hours after the primary to back-off from the issue that probably won it for him (said he'd support the income tax "as a last resort"). At this writing, the GOP platform has been unveiled, the drift being that Sandman can 'run with pride' on Cahill's record.

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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.

Sandman's strategy is plain - move right for the nomination (anti-income tax, anti-crime, anti-busing) and left for the election (as we think you will see). Already he refuses to let others brand him a "conservative".

Brendan Byrne is a self-described "progressive-liberal", so nothing else need be said (to hear him is to be underwhelmed by his ideas) except that he should fire the mortician who does his makeup.

Which leaves - guess who! Experience should have taught us by now that the difference between liberals and conservatives is only a matter of time- you get the same thing from conservatives, only it takes a little longer. What is needed to check the headlong plunge into totalitarianism, and what has been missing from the political spectrum, is an ideal of freedom, to counteract the one of egalitarianism that is driving us to ruin. It should and will be the purpose of the Goodson campaign to make the alternative of liberty known to as many NJ voters as possible.

## meeting

There will be a meeting of NJLP on Friday, July 27th, 7:30 pm at 1220 S. Long Avenue, Hillside. A map is included as the last page of this newsletter. Should you get lost anyway, the phone is 355-6751.

GOODSON CAMPAIGN NEEDS



Plans for the Goodson onslaught are becoming definitized. Length of the campaign will be about 10 weeks, with the formal announcement of Goodson's candidacy coming in a late August press conference.

To draw attention to the event, we will advertise to the press that in addition to his candidacy and basic philosophy, Goodson will announce a new political concept - a legally enforceable contract between him and the voter. If Goodson fails to follow the positions in the contract, any NJ voter may bring suit against him in a court of law to remove him from office. We hope the press will pick this up and try it on the other candidates!

Three press conferences will follow on specific issues (adding positions to the contract as we go along). And, of course, we hope to get (other) media appearances as the campaign gets underway. Total cost of the four news conferences (mailings, reproduction, room rental, etc.) is estimated at \$250. Buttons and bumper-stickers are essential to any campaign. Ours cost \$110. We also plan a direct mail solicitation to about 500 libertarians and objectivists in NJ for membership and contribution. Cost of the mailing (including purchase of lists) is about \$125.

For the bare-bones campaign described above, including about 2000 pamphlets for distribution, we estimate a cost of \$500 to \$600 dollars. Thus far, we have received contributions totalling about \$260, of which \$130 remains. The message should be clear: we need money to keep things going. We hope the button and bumper-sticker sent to each member with this mailing will act as an inducement to contribute.

The more money we get, the more we can do (more mailings, posters, radio spots, newspaper ads, etc.). We think we can have a definite impact on the political climate in the state, but only with your help. If you can use more buttons (.25¢) and bumper-stickers (.50¢) let us know and we'll send what you need, up to the amount of your contribution.

NOTES..... Goodson's name mentioned third in list of NJ candidates on radio station WNEW in May ..... Goodson interview was broadcast by WCTC in New Brunswick..... Larry Totams planning a "beer-bash" fund raising picnic which will be attended by Goodson..... LP Exec Comm is supporting Goodson campaign by offering (1) one of their full-page REASON ad spaces (2) a list of contributors to the Hopers-Nathan campaign (3) a mailing to all LP members both as LP NEWS insert and direct mail solicitation. We plan to take advantage of most of the offers. .... Cause and Effect? Cahill signed bills in June (1) to "protect" NJ's coastline and (2) to create an energy crisis study commission..... The state controlled minimum retail price of milk went up to 58 cents a half-gallon. The increase was the second in four months ..... The number of state welfare recipients increased by 5.4% during the last year to 505,625 people..... We hope to have Goodson pamphlets ready by end of July for mailing with next month's PREMISE..... You can help the campaign by thinking of slogans using the other candidate's names, for example.... REJECT THE B.S. (BYRNE-SANDMAN) TICKET, or Don't Be BYRNEd or SANDbagged.... etc.... NJ Environmental Commissioner Richard J. Sullivan has proposed a state tax on electricity. Sullivan said "Payment will be made to the citizens of NJ"!!?? Who does he think will be taxed? This appears to be the first move towards state monopolization of energy, as Sullivan added "the state may exempt certain socially deserving (my underline) users such as schools, municipal governments, and churches."

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STATE ADVANCES HIGH "ART" OF WASTE

The state has awarded 19 \$1000 art grants. One went to a man from New Brunswick to "investigate in detail the use of colorants and steam bubbles in glass blowing". A West Orange woman got an equal amount for "designing, sewing, and handquilting blankets."

You think that's bad? The federal funds in the program were \$150,000 - assuming matching state funds, total funds expended to award \$19,000 worth of grants was probably about \$300,000!!! Chalk it up to "administrative expenses".



# 1973 NATIONAL LP CONVENTION

The National Convention of the Libertarian Party was held at the Holiday Inn in Strongsville Ohio from June 7 through June 10, 1973.

Technically speaking, nothing took place Thursday night, June 7. However, "nothing" does not account for the fact that persons who arrived at 3:00 pm chose not to retire until 5:30 the next morning! Imagine yourself surrounded with hundreds of people who are rational! Envision being able to hold intellectual discussions with no deadlines, no reason to retire early, and with bunches of people who have the calm ability to reason!

Friday was an open day. Lunch with David Friedman succeeded in convincing me that the differences between the Anarcho-Capitalists and the Limited-Government Libertarians are for internal discussions only. Vis-a-vis the general public, these differences are virtually invisible.

Friday night was a cocktail party, dinner, and speeches. The speakers included:

- David F. Nolan, founder of the Libertarian Party, who spoke on libertarianism, "an idea whose time has come".
- Susan L. Nolan, Chairman of the party, who discussed the history of LP.
- Tonie Nathan, '72 Vice-Presidential candidate, who discussed her political views.
- Roger L. MacBride, elector from Va. who voted for the LP ticket in '72. After the 'MacBride in '76' banners were displayed, Roger discussed liberty.
- Willis Stone, author of the Liberty Amendment.
- Karl Bray, Chairman of the Utah LP, who spoke on tax rebellion.
- Andrea Millen, New York FLP chairman, outlined operations of the NY party in the near future.
- Frances Youngstein, David Friedman, and many others also spoke. The speeches were short and snappy, and were well received by the audience. I was pleased to be called upon to give a speech.

Friday night speeches were followed by more discussions. Once more the sun rose before the Libertarians set.

Saturday there were many seminars and workshops. They included the following topics: Taxes, New Countries, Communications Strategy, Fundraising, Gold Standard, Censorship, Canadian caucus, and others. My attendance was necessarily limited. I conducted a 2½ hour seminar on Effective Public Speaking with the assistance of Larry Totams. In the afternoon, I attended the seminars on Education/Schools and Fundraising. I was a panelist on the seminar on Organizing a state party. At the Saturday night Luau at poolside, the ideas from the day sessions were still bouncing around in the assembled brains. The rap sessions continued.

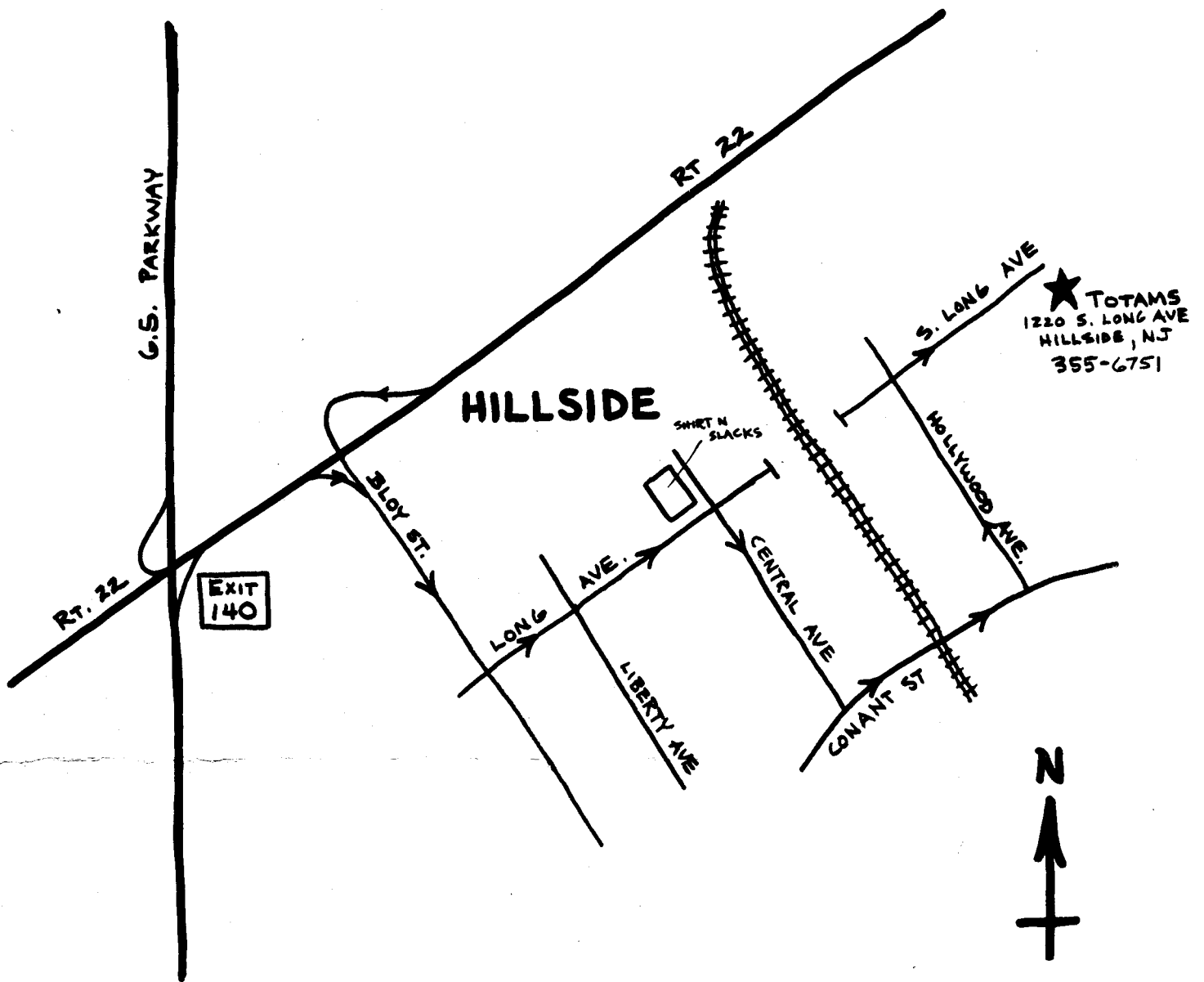
Sunday was the ExecComm meeting and the farewells. Upon leaving, I was left with a warm feeling. I had been in an environment where my brain was encouraged to wander and wonder without limits, and where I was able to find someone to help bounce around any idea.

- Robert Steiner

The most exciting aspect of the weekend, from my point of view, was the presence of sixteen of our neighbors from Canada. The libertarian philosophy is truly an idea that recognizes no political boundaries. After making some good friends from Toronto and Montreal, I was invited to listen in on the Canadian Caucus. The Movement is flourishing up there and we should hear more from our neighbors to the north soon.

In talking to my new friends, I realized how little most citizens of the U.S. really know about Canada. Their government (about as bad as ours) and their history are largely neglected in most schools here. A great gap was filled during the wee hours of Sunday morning. Mostly Objectivists, the Canadian LP is being organized by temporary chairman M. Bruce Evoy of Toronto.

- Jane Rehmke



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