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Convention

Preparations for the state convention were continued at the January 12th meeting of NJLP. Because of the energy crisis, the convention was reduced to a one day affair, to be held on February 9th at the Ramada Inn in Clark (right off exit 135 of the Garden State Parkway). The convention will commence at 10 a.m. Morning activities will include the election of new party officers, and nominations for public office. Those who have formally announced for office are:

Larry Totams (for NJLP Chairman): Larry is presently NJLP Treasurer. He aided in raising funds for the Goodson campaign, and is manager of Bob Steiner's campaign for Congress.

Joe Salerno (for NJLP Vice-Chairman): Joe is a graduate student in Economics at Rutgers, and is our present Vice-Chairman.

Robert Steiner (for Congress, 12th Cong. District): Bob has been Chairman of NJLP since its inception.

Lunch will consist of a prime-rib dinner, after which the convention will be addressed by Sharon Presley (Psychology of Laissez-Faire), Bruce Evoy (History of Libertarianism) and David Friedman (Some Proposals).

A cocktail party will begin at 8 p.m. which will feature entertainment by Bruce Evoy, founder of the Canadian Libertarian Party. Cost of admission to the cocktail party will not include drinks.

Admission fee to the convention, including dinner, is \$10 per person. If you wish to attend the cocktail party, an additional \$5 is required. If you plan on coming, fill out the coupon on the last page and mail it, with your check, as soon as possible, but not later than February 4th.

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

N.Y. ELECTION RESULTS

In her race for mayor of New York City on the Free Libertarian Party ticket, Fran Youngstein received 8818 votes, outpolling all other "minor" candidates! In fact, she polled nearly as many votes as the other four minor-party socialist candidates combined.

Fran's campaign included 2 TV commercials and over 70 radio spots, including sponsorship of one night of the Long John Nebel Show. Several $\frac{1}{4}$ page ads were placed in the Village Voice and other community newspapers. The campaign reached millions of New Yorkers with the issues of freedom, and should prove a strong basis for the further growth of the FLP.

VOTES FOR MAYOR (MINOR PARTIES ONLY)

COUNTY	FLP	SWP	LAB	SLP	COM	% OF TOTAL	% OF MINOR
BRONX	1138	318	292	354	538	.4	43
KINGS	2086	599	510	518	980	.41	44.4
NEW YORK	2655	838	635	422	1303	.83	45.4
QUEENS	2640	464	511	432	708	.52	55
RICHMOND	299	73	52	36	72	.37	56
TOTAL	8818	2282	2000	1762	3601	.52	47.8

VOTES FOR COMPTROLLER

COUNTY	FLP	SWP	LAB	SLP	COM	% OF TOTAL	% OF MINOR
BRONX	976	420	585	509	838	.51	29.2
KINGS	1702	760	1054	862	1648	.39	28
NEW YORK	1707	826	905	680	1620	.62	29.75
QUEENS	1376	538	795	731	1041	.32	30.7
RICHMOND	142	64	69	87	127	.20	29
TOTAL	5903	2608	3408	2896	5274	.41	29.4

VOTES FOR CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

COUNTY	FLP	SWP	LAB	SLP	COM	% OF TOTAL	% OF MINOR
BRONX	438	262	471	583	495	.18	19.5
KINGS	755	523	874	984	1247	.18	17.2
NEW YORK	851	586	764	427	881	.29	24.25
QUEENS	767	456	559	817	700	.17	23.25
RICHMOND	87	77	62	103	118	.12	14.46
TOTAL	2898	1904	2730	2914	3441	.20	20.9

VOTES FOR COUNTY-WIDE OFFICES (NEW YORK - BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN)

	FLP	SWP	COM	INTEGRITY*
COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE	1480	865	2466	1229
BOROUGH PRESIDENT	2507	1957	-	-
DISTRICT ATTORNEY	8301	-	-	-

*This was a second line used by Republican candidates

LEGEND: FLP-Free Libertarian Party; SWP-Socialist Workers Party;
L-Labor Party; SLP-Socialist Labor Party; COM-Communist Party

Letters

To the Editor:

I recently received an appeal from Larry Totams on behalf of Bob Steiner. The letter is an attack on John Goodson for his refusal to devote all of his time to the gubernatorial campaign. Just for the record, Mr. Goodson did not want to run, but gave permission to use his name in the campaign when no one else came forward; in spite of that, he did more work than Messrs. Steiner or Totams. Secondly, Steiner has not yet been nominated, but he is using NJLP stationery. Thirdly, John Goodson is not the enemy, the statistis are. The whole thing was in execrable taste; I think that Mr. Goodson is due an apology.

- Christopher Lobb

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CAMPAIGN FOLLOW-UP

It's been several months since we've written to the Sec. of State and the County Clerks for the detailed election results, and still our data is incomplete. Goodson's vote totals in the counties we've heard from are reprinted below. Numbers in parentheses indicate Goodson's place among the 10 minor-party candidates for the particular county.

Atlantic	450	(2)
Bergen	246	(7)
Camden	105	(7)
Cape May	8	(8)
Cumberland	10	(5)
Essex	202	(8)
Gloucester	19	(8)
Hudson	154	(9)
Hunterdon	29	(4)
Mercer	104	(5)
Middlesex	477	(2)
Ocean	62	(3)
Passaic	577	(1)
Salem	3	(5)
Somerset	71	(5)
Union	193	(5)
Warren	8	(7)

NOTES..... A resolution was passed at the Jan. 12th meeting of NJLP to support the impeachment of Richard Nixon, and to inform Congress of our resolution.....About 20,000 people witnessed the re-enactment of the Boston Tea Party on its 200th anniversary December 17th. The Society for Individual Liberty chartered a boat, and manned it with 25 "Indians". The ship displayed anti-tax, anti-state banners, and dumped government-agency labelled cans into the water. SIL reported a good crowd responseLatest elections in Denmark revealed a significant tax revolt. Almost 500,000 voters (out of 3 million) voted for the Progress Party, headed by Mogens Gilstруп. Gilstруп is a millionaire lawyer who claims publicly that he has not paid one cent in income tax for the last six years. Gilstруп wants most of Denmark's 600,000 civil servants fired, and would replace the Dept. of Defense with a recorded telephone message (in Russian) saying "We surrender"..... Eric Scott Royce (LP ExecComm member) has published his Royce Report, a rating of members of Congress. Some ratings of interest (100% is a perfect libertarian vote): Senator Scott of Virginia (67%) and Rep. Gross of Iowa (85%) were highest in their respective houses. Steve Symms of Idaho scored 72%, and Teddy Kennedy measured at 38%, while Barry Goldwater wound up with a surprising 36%. Hatfield scored 62%, Hughes of Iowa 52%, Proxmire 44%, and Scoop Jackson led the statistis with 12%.....For the oil conspiracists among you, we point out that there are 7000 oil and gas producers, 127 refining companies, over 30,000 marketing firms, and nearly 200,000 independently owned or managed retail outlets. The real culprit is the insurmountable layer of government regulations/price guidelines/ import-export quotas/environmental restrictions (reasons why there have been no refineries built in the last 3 years). Regarding the clamor for rationing, we quote from John McKay's letter of Dec. 20th in the NY Times: "In the allegory about the goose that laid the golden egg, the king killed his source of wealth in an effort to control a power he could not understand. When the Times starts thinking about how the government should control the energy industries, it had better worry about where it can find extra geese" See also "The Case Against Gasoline Rationing" reproduced elsewhere in this issue.....(Staggering Statistics File): It takes the Federal Government just 1.2 seconds to spend \$10,000, the average family's yearly income. One million dollars is spent every 2 minutes.

Renew your membership!!

LEARNING FROM THE SOVIETS

Jerome Daly, one of the country's leading tax rebels, was recently committed to the Federal Medical Prison (mental institution) in Springfield, Missouri for 90 days observation by the government for refusing to pay his taxes. The National Tax Strike Coalition believes they can get him out, if they can raise \$5000 to pay the fee of Dr. Thomas Szasz, who has gotten many individuals out of mental institutions. If you want to help, make out your check to the Daly Defense Fund, and send it to 349 East 65th Street, Apt. 5C, New York, New York 10021.

NTSC also encourages calls to Daly, claiming it won't cost anything if you call person-to-person since they won't let him talk to anyone. The number is (417) 862-7041. When they ask who is calling, you can tell them "Samuel Adams".

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Fred Stein is a member of NJLP, and an outspoken defender of freedom at Irvington Town Council Meetings. We wish Fred success with his new organization, and congratulate him on getting the right words in print (see below):

Taxpayer group being organized

A new organization dedicated to fighting confiscatory taxes at all levels of government is being organized in Irvington. Fred Stein of 44d Paine ave., a regular observer at Town Council meetings, announced formation of the Irvington Tax Fighters and invited interested persons to contact him at 375-9390.

A graduate of Irvington High and Monmouth College, Stein is on the sales staff of Gruber's, Irvington Center. He said the Tax Fighters believe that taxation is theft and that what an individual earns belongs to himself, not the government.

"The national urban renewal program has thrown more than two million people out of their homes, 80 percent of whom are from minority groups. They had to crowd into poorer accommodations and pay higher rents."

*Red Martin, economist, formerly
employed by the Hoover Institute
at Stanford University*

GRAYSON REPENTS

C. Jackson Grayson, Head of the Price Commission during Phase II, has seen government controls at work in the economy, and has some misgivings. His views, recently published in the Harvard Business Review, are liberally quoted below.

"It is still unclear whether large corporations have sufficient power to control markets, reduce competition, and "administer" prices. Our internal studies at the Price Commission did not provide any evidence that prices were being administered by corporations...We did have time, however, to observe innumerable instances in which business turned to government to seek forms of assistance which, in effect, would reduce competition- for example, asking for imposition of subsidies and tariffs, occupational licensing, fair trade laws, and import quotas."

"Several heavy-industry companies reported that they feared competing too aggressively on price because they would capture a large market share, drive out smaller companies, and be subject to Justice Department or competitor anti-trust suits...Many companies report hesitancy to reduce prices for fear of being caught with a low "base price" in future freezes and phases. This was clearly demonstrated in Phase III, when freeze "talk" actually accelerated price increases."

"Like big business, big labor tries to use government or private power to protect itself against such natural effects of competition as layoffs, dislocations, wage reductions, and advancement by competition."

"(I am convinced) that it is impossible to improve on the system in which billions of daily market decisions by the public determine our resource allocations....Capitalism is more than a system of economic voting by buying a can of peas. It is also a system of values and attitudes, a way of life that permits individual motivation, excitement, personal freedom, variety, and excellence."

The Case Against Gas Rationing

GAS RATIONING is a terrible idea. The best way out of the oil shortage is to pay higher prices. Fifty or 60 or 70 cents per gallon would be okay. Here's why.

Higher prices would end the gas shortage. An extra 10 or 20 cents per gallon would bring prices to a level where oil could be economically squeezed out of shale or coal. We have shale and coal coming out of our ears in this country.

Gas rationing would cause corruption and scandals and a loss of faith in government. It led to a major black market during World War II, in spite of 5,000 or 6,000 enforcement agents and the patriotic frenzy of the times. We already have all the scandal and corruption we can handle.

Higher prices would divert oil and gas to where it is most needed, to where it is so necessary that people and business are willing to pay extra for it. This is called the law of supply and demand. It ensures that resources go into their most productive uses, creating more goods, jobs, and prosperity. That is the way our economy worked in the days when our economy worked.

Gas rationing would be as unfair as it would be uneconomical. There is no fair way to divvy up gasoline between Volkswagen owners and Oldsmobile owners, between skiers and TV-watchers, between doctors who make house calls and doctors who don't. Some people will be more restricted than others in their business and pleasure (unless they buy black-market gas coupons) and others will have gas coupons left over (unless they sell them on the black market).

Most important, gas rationing will be another long step in the Russification of our economy, further substituting the economic judgments of myriad bureaucrats for those of the people who actually make the econ-

omy go around. We've seen how well this setup works in Russia; we've seen it totter along here through Phases I, II, III, and IV. It would likely be a permanent step toward Russification too. If higher prices aren't allowed to squeeze oil out of rocks and coal, we will have less and less gasoline and need more and more bureaucrats to divvy it up.

The price of gas rationing is prohibitive—socially, morally, and economically. The price of gas on a free market would not be prohibitive. A boost of 20 cents per gallon would mean a penny-a-mile more to run a Volkswagen, 2 cents more to run an eight-cylinder Dinosaur. Figure one or two dollars per week for ordinary commuters. You could make it up by reducing your unnecessary driving, but it would be you, not the bureaucracy, that defined what was necessary.

There has been a lot of hogwash about how crushing this burden would be to the poor. But what the poor need is money, not gas. The really poor can't afford cars in the first place, and nobody has ever paid much attention to that. If we must take this occasion to begin subsidizing poor car-owners, we could do it by adding gas stamps to the food-stamp program, or by making the food stamps exchangeable at gas stations, or in a lot of ways that wouldn't require an army of energy police to mess up the economy and harass the entire populace.

Higher prices and rationing both require sacrifices. But higher prices would let you choose the sacrifice yourself—paying more or driving less. They would leave the economy free to create the affluence that would eventually make the prices bearable. Higher prices would eventually end the shortage, but rationing, with all its evils, would go on and on. —MICHAEL T. MALLOY

MORE ENVIRONMENTAL MADNESS

(Samples from the muck...)

Mercury in Fish....

"Discharge of mercury presents an intolerable threat to the health and safety of Americans. This dangerous practice must be stopped".

- Walter J. Hickel, Sec. of the Interior, July 71

"It appears, from a review of all the available studies, that over 90% of the mercury 'contamination' comes from natural sources (except in local situations)."

- Richard Main, School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, San Jose State College, Ca.

"Michigan medical researchers tested tissues from cadavers dating back to 1900. Their conclusions were that mercury levels in Americans have decreased since 1913".

- NFI Report, 1971

"Fish caught 44 years ago and just analysed contain twice as much mercury as any fish processed this year."

-Thomas R. Shepard Jr., LOOK pblshr, Jan 28, 71

"Discovery of high levels of mercury in the remains of fish that lived 1,500 years ago...suggest that mercury levels in the ocean have not substantially increased in modern times. The implication of (this) research is that the danger of mercury poisoning from eating certain fishes has been greatly exaggerated and that government standards which killed the swordfish industry may be too severe."

- San Diego Union, Dec. 28, 1971

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THERE'S A TUSSOCK MOTH IN YOUR FUTURE

In 1972, after 81 days of hearings, 125 witnesses and ten thousand pages of testimony, the following conclusions were reached by the hearing examiner: "DDT as offered under the registrations involved herein is not misbranded. DDT is not a carcinogenic hazard to man. The uses of DDT under the registrations involved here do not have a deleterious effect on fresh-water fish, estuarine organisms, wild birds or other wildlife...in my opinion, the evidence in this proceeding supports the conclusion that there is a present need for the essential uses of DDT." Six months later, EPA-except in cases of emergency- banned the pesticide's use.

DDT is the only known chemical which is useful in combatting the tussock moth. Since the banning of DDT, there has been an infestation of the insect in the Northwest. Nearly seven hundred thousand acres of forest land in Washington, Oregon and Northern Idaho have been defoliated, and the bug threatens Montana, Nevada, New Mexico and California. Timber losses, reforestation costs and fire hazard protection costs due to the moth is estimated at \$50 million. Still, EPA rejected petitions by individuals, as well as cities and towns, to use DDT.

Patricia Hawkes, Walter Leonard and Adria Teske have brought suit against EPA for violation of the National Environmental Policy Act, Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act, and Protection of National Forests and Multiple Use-Sustained Act.....in short, they charge that EPA's policies are ruining the environment, contrary to the law. Patricia Hawkes has had 30 acres of timberland defoliated, Walter Leonard has contracted a virulent allergy due to the infestation, and Adria Teske strained her back to the point of paralysis in fighting a fire which threatened her home. The fire started in defoliated trees.



EDITORIAL

WIN

(YES - BUT HOW?)

This being the last issue of PREMISE with yours truly as your editor, allow me a few observations:

If there does come a real split in the Libertarian Party, I do not believe it will be over the limited government/anarchy question, although there are real differences in that area. The bone of contention will more likely be man's right to the products of his mind, and the protection of that right (thru things such as patents, copyrights, etc). Without arguing the point, I would only note that the view that the products of man's mind are up for grabs seems to be shared by a large portion of those classifying themselves as anarcho-capitalists. It is a view which is much more disturbing to me than the advocacy of anarchism, since it is a negation of man's right to the products of his labors.

There is much talk these days of running campaigns "to win", which is a fine goal, but I would counsel caution. If winning is to be accomplished by emphasizing positions of ours which may be popular (anti-tax), while 'hiding' those that would be less well received (e.g. minimum wage laws),

anti cont.

I submit that winning would accomplish nothing at all. If the candidate "sneaks in" and then shows his true colors, he'd be thrown out on his ear (and perhaps rightly so, fraud being immoral). If he continues in office as he did in the campaign, then he is no help to freedom.

The principles should be emphasized, along with the most radical extensions of those principles. It is only by changing people's basic philosophy of government that we will affect real change. The outrageous things the communists and socialists were saying in the twenties and thirties are now law. (And they never got elected).

Finally, I would encourage more activism amongst our members. There are a good number of talented people in NJLP, but they may as well be invisible. I sympathize with pursuing one's own interests, but if you don't do something about government soon, you're not going to be able to pursue anyone's interest except some bureaucrat's.

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"The scarlet thread running through the thoughts and actions of people all over the world is the delegation of great problems to the all-absorbing Leviathan - the state....Every time that we try to lift a problem to the government we are sacrificing the liberties of the people." - J.F.K. (?)



LIBERTARIANISM CRACKS THE IVORY TOWER

TANITA AFL

Kean College (formerly Newark State College) is offering a course during their Spring semester entitled "Libertarian Political Thought", taught by one H. Ross. The course description is as follows:

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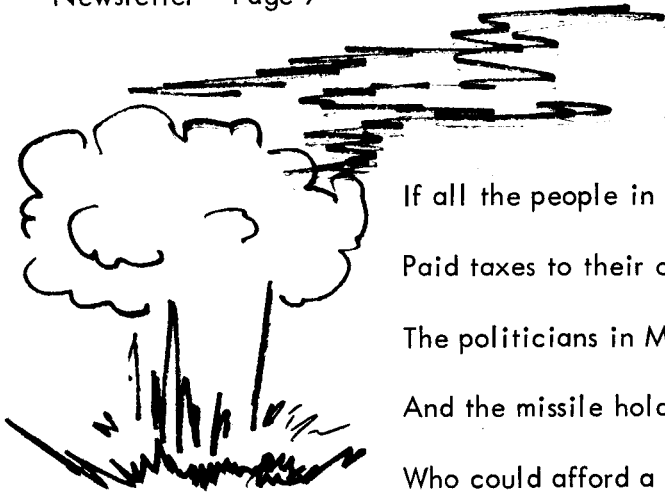
PS 7475 Libertarian Political Thought (3)

H. Ross

An introduction to the philosophy of radical individualism and laissez-faire capitalism. The libertarian concept of individual rights and its political, social and economic implications will be treated. Topics will include military conscription, legislated morality, state education, and govt. control of economics.

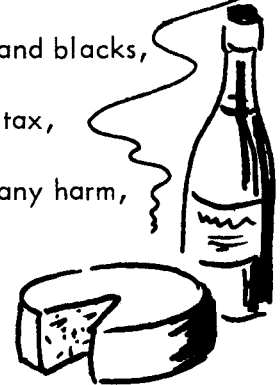
Enrollment: 18

Time and Place: M-F/10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.



QUESTION

If all the people in the world, the whites, the yellows and blacks,
Paid taxes to their cities and towns, but not a national tax,
The politicians in Moscow and Peking could do no one any harm,
And the missile holds could age cheese and wine,
Who could afford a nuclear arm?



Tom Palven

PLEADING THE FIFTH

Last year, William Drexler was arrested on failure to file income tax returns for 1968, 1969 and 1970. In presenting their case, the government produced over 150 witnesses to prove that his income exceeded \$21,000 each of those years.

Drexler proved he had filed but gave no information on his return other than his name and address, and maintained that to do otherwise would tend to incriminate him. The jury deliberated 15 minutes and, on Sept. 28, returned a verdict of innocent on all counts.

THERE'S A FUTURE FOR YOU IN GOVT:

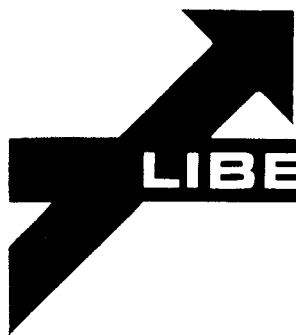
1929:	Govt employs	1 of every	16
1947:	"	"	1 of every 10
1967:	"	"	1 of every 6
1972:	"	"	1 of every 5

2049: We all work for the govt.

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And now, from John A. Goodson; raconteur, poet, philosopher, writer, realist, cynic, gourmet, audiophile, humanitarian, psychologist and philanthropist, a final word:

"Goodbye"



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the person
who thinks....**

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