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OBJECTIVISM MARCHES ON

By Len Flynn

On December 19, 1978 I completed a course on "The Philosophy of Objectivism" taught by Dr. Leonard Peikoff, the only "authorized" instructor of Ayn Rand's philosophy. This 12 lecture course produced interesting insights into the philosophical basis of today's statism, and Peikoff also gave a thorough exposition of Objectivism as a means to restore the basis for limited government, individual liberty, and the free market. Dr. Peikoff's course will not be given again in person for about two years, but individuals interested in Objectivist philosophy and the activities of Ayn Rand should subscribe to The Objectivist Calendar (\$9.00 for eight issues from P.O. Box 95; Murray Hill Station; New York, NY 10016).

Although Rand opposes the Libertarian Party, her philosophy and writings contain many useful insights into the morality of capitalism from which libertarians can profit. Indeed, her novel Atlas Shrugged may have done more to support the free market than any other contemporary book.

A most interesting recent development is the September 1978 announcement that Miss Rand has signed a contract for the miniseries production of Atlas Shrugged by NBC. The 8 hour motion picture for TV is expected to be broadcast during the 1980-81 season. Mr. Sterling Silliphant, who won the Academy Award for his screenplay of In the Heat of the Night, will write the script with Rand's editorial assistance.

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DELEGATES WANTED

By Len Flynn

This year's national LP convention will be held in Los Angeles the week after Labor Day and will choose the 1980 national ticket and platform. If you are a national LP member and would like to be a delegate representing the NJLP, please contact your local State Committee member or me at 201/434-3000 ext. 475 (9-5 PM) or 928-0758 (7-11 PM weekdays). The NJLP will be allocated about 20 delegates.

CANDIDATES WANTED

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY

All 80 of New Jersey's Assembly seats are up for reelection this fall and the NJLP is looking for candidates. If you would like to serve as an NJLP candidate in your area, please call your local NJLP State Committee representative before the January 27 meeting of the State Committee.

Petitioning and campaign assistance will be provided to each candidate to the extent possible. The candidate slate will be formally approved at the Feb. 17, 1979 NJLP Annual Convention.

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YOU'RE NOT ALONE ANY MORE.

THE LP's ABORTION PLANK

by Dan Hurley

It's generally agreed among LP's that one of the most satisfying aspects of Libertarianism is its simple and clearcut answers to issues that leave the other parties stammering. Certainly the philosophy goes a long way towards clearing away the confusion in economic debates and introducing objective principles into political debates.

Unfortunately, this powerful philosophy's ability to quickly resolve most 'complicated' issues facing our country today, has led many Libertarians to grow careless when applying its principles to the really complex issues.

One very good example of this problem is the abortion issue. My copy of the Libertarian Party Platform states: "We further support the repeal of all laws restricting voluntary birthcontrol or the right of women to make a personal moral choice regarding the termination of pregnancy." By terming abortion 'termination of pregnancy', (therby avoiding any mention of the fetus), the auther is hoping to escape the question of the fetus's rights simply pretending they don't exist.

While it would be nice if this were true, it is not at all obvious. To start, I think it is safe to assume that a large percentage of 'inconvenient(!) pregnancies' are the results of the careless actions of mature adults. One could easily argue that at least in these cases, the mother has waived any rights she might have had. While there are some situations with less obvious solutions (rape victims), its difficult to justify the blanket legality suggested by the LP platform.

Furthermore, for a party that calls itself the "Party of Principle", this reckless, flip-a-coin solution to a conflict of rights is totally out of character and may return to haunt us when we become the major political party.

Censorship and Pizza- NJLP General Meeting

The NJLP held a general meeting at Bob and Maria Shapiro's home in Teaneck on Sunday, Dec. 3, 1978. Approximately 30 people attended and unanimously passed two motions:

- 1) A 20% discount on national LP dues will be given to new members and renewals which are submitted jointly with NJLP dues. (National LP allows the discount, so this costs NJLP nothing.)
- 2) Effective Dec. 1, 1978 the monthly salary for the NJLP Treasurer will be \$2.00, payable in Federal Reserve Notes or equivalent fiat currency, until such time as the U.S. government adopts lawful money as a medium of exchange.

The highlight of the meeting was speaker Mike Talmo, President of United Citizens Association Against Censorship (U.C.A.A.C.). While the group was certainly receptive to his views regarding the eradication of government censorship, they found Mr. Talmo to be unclear about the differences between government censorship by law (coercion) and voluntary censorship (economic pressure, boycotts, etc.). He seemed to see little difference between coercive federal interference in TV programming and the pressures exerted by complaint letters from viewers to sponsors. An interesting and sometimes heated exchange of ideas occurred which we hope helped him understand the libertarian position.

Following the meeting everyone enjoyed a "Dutch treat" pizza supper with snacks and beverages provided by the Shapiro's. Thanks to Bob and Maria for their hospitality!

Anyone interested in U.C.A.A.C. can contact Mike Talmo at U.C.A.A.C., P.O. Box 1874, South Hackensack, NJ 07606.

by Ginny Flynn

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REMINDER

Please remember that ticket orders for the NJLP Convention must be received by February 7. See details in last month's newsletter.

CRASH SPACE FOR CONVENTION

Jack Moyers has offered to put up for the night a limited number of NJLP Convention ("Free By the Sea") attendees. Call 201 566 3511.

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To the Editor:

Your November 30th edition refers to the bill to change the scheduled salary increase of the present \$10,000 for an assemblyman. The bill would revise the new \$18,000 to \$15,000 annually. This revision is commendable as you assert, but only from the viewpoint of a cautious legislator from the 39th District who sponsored it.

The fact is the state legislators do not deserve the salary presently paid. Their time is devoted to debate on topics as casino gambling, off track betting, restoring the death penalty for various crimes, changing tavern regulations on the drinking age of minors, smoking pot, approving lucrative appointments to state jobs, raising more money to squander, shifting the burden of taxation.

Like other state governments New Jersey is a vast bureaucracy bordering on complete chaos. One female official commented that the accumulated pile of official documents in one year was taller than herself. Who is able to read, much less understand, all this printed material?

New Jersey needs continuous roll back to diminished government. The Legislature which over the years originated all controls could help by repeal after repeal of the legislation restricting individual rights to property and civil liberty.

It might be a good idea for the Legislature to consider voting itself out of existence.

Henry Koch
Old Tappan

To the Editor:

Rumors loom large that the federal government will greatly curtail, if not eliminate, the revenue sharing to state and local governments. If this should become a reality, those communities such as Bergenfield, which have been duped into building so-called "senior citizens housing," will be hit with enormous increases in their property taxes to subsidize the tenants therein, which tenants need not be senior citizens.

Since only one or two homeowners ever bothered to oppose such projects, the possibility of tax-increase may not cause concern to the average property owner any more than did the proposal to build such housing. However, when homeowners are confronted with the real cost of such misplaced benevolence directly through their property tax, the story will be different and the outcry will fall on deaf ears.

The time to act is now; and not merely over a cup of tea! We have permitted our elected officials to believe that they possess impeccable guidance such that they can direct our every individual creative actions. How dare they!

Yet, so long as we believe that "we can't fight City Hall," we have surrendered to the ignorant political "know-it-all."

Hannibal Cundari
Bergenfield

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Statement of Principles

We, the members of the Libertarian Party, challenge the cult of the omnipotent state and defend the rights of the individual.

We hold that all individuals have the right to exercise sole dominion over their own lives, and have the right to live in whatever manner they choose, so long as they do not forcibly interfere with the equal right of others to live in whatever manner they choose.

Governments throughout history have regularly operated on the opposite principle, that the State has the right to dispose of the lives of individuals and the fruits of their labor. Even within the United States, all political parties other than our own grant to government the right to regulate the lives of individuals and seize the fruits of their labor without their consent.

We, on the contrary, deny the right of any government to do these things, and hold that where governments exist, they must not violate the rights of any individual: namely, (1) the right to life—accordingly we support prohibition of the initiation of physical force against others; (2) the right to liberty of speech and action—accordingly we oppose all attempts by government to abridge the freedom of speech and press, as well as government censorship in any form; and (3) the right to property—accordingly we oppose all government interference with private property, such as confiscation, nationalization, and eminent domain, and support the prohibition of robbery, trespass, fraud, and misrepresentation.

Since governments, when instituted, must not violate individual rights, we oppose all interference by government in the areas of voluntary and contractual relations among individuals. People should not be forced to sacrifice their lives and property for the benefit of others. They should be left free by government to deal with one another as free traders; and the resultant economic system, the only one compatible with the protection of individual rights, is the free market.

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Do you believe the government—through its meddling, corruption, catering to special interests, awarding of subsidies and bail-outs and special bank privileges—has shown itself to be totally incapable or unwilling to control the declining dollar, or in fact, to act benevolently for the working person?

Do you believe that voluntary agreements between companies or individuals are none of the government's business—provided that no force or fraud is involved nor intended against anyone else?

Do you believe the government should stop trying to impose its morality on the American people, that no crime has been committed if there is no victim? Do you believe it is wrong to use the time, budgets and resources of our police, courts and prisons to persecute people who may be harming no one but themselves?

Do you believe government should leave the buying of seatbelts, motorcycle helmets or any other item designed for personal safety up to the individual?

Do you believe government spending and taxation should be cut?

If you answered "yes" to most of these questions, congratulations. You may be more of a Libertarian than you thought.

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