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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jan. 15 -- Somerset/Middlesex Area Libertarians (SMAL)* meet at Howard and Althea Shoen's home, 2602 Merrywood Dr., Edison at 7PM. Call (201/572-0207) for directions.

Jan. 19 -- Libertarians of Monmouth County meet 7 PM at the Radders' home, 172 Smithburg Rd. (Rt.524A), Manalapan. Call Helen or Stu at 201/780-2086 for directions.

Jan. 22 -- March for Life in Washington, DC, begins at noon at the Washington Monument. Call Laura Stewart, 201/264-4492, for info. on transport., housing, etc.

Jan. 27 -- Society for Int'l Liberty (SIL)/Suffolk offer "Current Geo-Political Upheavals & Their Significance for the Future of Freedom" at 7:30 PM at Mt. Sinai. Call Fran Porretto (516)928-9419 for details.

Jan. 29 -- Metuchen Libertarian Club meets 8PM at Sam Edelston's, 67 Norris Ave., Metuchen. Call 201/906-0766 for directions.

Feb. 10 -- NJLP Steering Committee Meeting 2 PM at Dan Karlan's parents' home in Clearbrook, Jamesburg. Specific directions are needed. If you haven't received them, call Dan at 201/444-2846. All NJLP members are welcome and invited.

Feb. 23 -- Libertarians of Monmouth County meet at Lucille Bender's, 1167 Lincoln Ct., Elberon, NJ at 7

PM. Ocean County residents are especially welcome at this meeting. Call Lucille, 201/222-9182, or Laura Stewart, 201/264-4492, for directions.

March 10 -- NJLP Annual Convention at Days Hotel in New Brunswick. Details yet to come.

March 24 -- NY State LP Convention at White Plains Hotel, White Plains, NY. Call 212/966-5772 for details.

*SMAL will have a meeting in Feb. but date and place have not yet been decided. Call Howard Shoen for further information (201/572-0207).

NJLP STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

By Len Flynn

On December 9, 1989 the NJLP Steering Committee met at Dan Karlan's parents' home in Cranbury. Present were Karlan, Zeldin, Flynn, Stewart, Kaplan, Schoen, and (late) Edelston. Stefanelli was absent. Dan opened the meeting at 2:35 PM.

Dan began the meeting by presenting an update on the status of the NJLP budget. The committee unanimously adopted a motion to readopt the calendar year 1989 budget for 1990, except for reallocation of postage charges by Lou Stefanelli and subject to review in February 1990. A motion to direct the Treasurer to get a tax number from the IRS to save on bank charges was tabled unanimously. (The group

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THIS IS NO JOKE!

*The following item really did appear in the
Bergen Record, 1/6/90.*

TIPPING THE SCALES AGAINST DRUG DEALERS

AMITYVILLE, N.Y. — A Suffolk County legislator said Friday that she will introduce a measure to require narcotics traffickers to register their scales, which she says will give authorities another tool for going after drug peddlers.

Under the proposed law, a dealer would have to bring his scales to the county's weights and measures office to be certified, said the legislator, Maxine Postal, an Amityville Democrat. The penalty for having an uncertified scale would be a year in jail and a minimum fine of \$5,000. In the unlikely event that a dealer came in to register, the fee would be \$1,000 for a license and \$100 per scale, Postal said.

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LIBERTARIAN HANGS JURY

On 11/14/89, Robert Goodman, LP chair in New York City, hung the jury in a federal narcotics trial. Because of this, he was subsequently threatened by a federal official. Space only allows an abridged version here, but interested persons can contact Robert Goodman (1402 Astor Ave., Bronx, NY 10469) for the complete story.

The case being tried involved a man, Mr. M.R., accused of selling a \$10 bag of heroin to a plainclothesman as well as possession of small amounts of heroin and crack. He also had in his possession a marked \$10 bill, allegedly received from the plainclothes cop. The witnesses for the prosecution were all from the NYC Police Dep't. The defendant's lawyer said that the police had initially arrested a woman in connection with the subject buy & bust operation, but that she was released because she was the wrong woman. The police then, arrested her client, Mr. M.R., apparently because they failed to find the right woman and that her client may have received the marked \$10 in change from the woman dealer the police originally sought. Since the plainclothesman had \$100 in marked bills, why didn't he buy more product from M.R., if Mr. M.R. was a dealer, and then make a bigger bust?

The prosecutor suggested the other bills in M.R.'s pocket -- amounting to \$41 -- indicated sales of heroin that day (quick! check your wallet! Might you, also, have evidence of narcotics receipts?)

After lunch, one of the jurors wondered aloud why the case was federal, and why the feds prosecute such a petty case when the Police Dep't brought it about. Robert Goodman explained why at length.

Then came the judge's "charge" to the jury foreman: whatever qualms they may have, the law says it's OK to determine guilt by sales to a plainclothesman, even if solicited. If they did not find M.R. guilty of illegal possession with intent to sell, they could still find him guilty of illegal possession.

In Goodman's judgment, M.R. was not guilty. He tried some jury education and presented legal theories to his fellow jurors that would absolve the defense of any possible guilt, but his efforts were rewarded with anger. They thought Robert was out of place, wasting taxpayers time and money and were revolted by his use of the term "pharmaceutical supplier" rather than "drug dealer." One juror tried to win him over by explaining she didn't want M.R. to get prison, only rehabilitation (the judge had told them not to take into account possible sentencing in their determination). Bob's reply was that he wanted M.R. to get an apology, return of his property and a guarantee that he'd be left alone.

Since a consensus could not be reached, Judge Metzner declared a mistrial. Afterwards, the prosecutor's assistant asked Goodman whether there was anything they could do to improve their presentation of cases like this. He told her no and that he was the chairman of the LP in NYC, dedicated to putting her out of business and that soon they wouldn't be able to get convictions in cases like this.

The next day, the jury administrator, Paul Riley, called him in. After some conversation regarding whether or not Robert took his juror's oath seriously, he asked Goodman whether a trial for perjury would inconvenience his career and if he was prepared to defend himself against a charge of perjury. Goodman responded that he didn't know what "being prepared" meant and that he didn't think he should give any further explanations for himself as he had no idea how such info. would be used. Riley then dismissed him from further service as a juror; whether for that term or forever was not made clear. Riley also added that Goodman may be hearing from his office in the future -- a threat that's wasted on one such as Goodman. He is determined to keep his eligibility as a US juror and if it has been withdrawn permanently, will make it his business to get it back.

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wanted Lou to explain the impact of the number.)

The committee recessed at 3:15 to hear a presentation from Clifford Thies, the regional (NJ, PA, DE, MD) representative to the National LP committee (Natcom). Cliff began by noting the "beneficial" changes in having 15 rather than 30 regional reps in Natcom. For the first time in National LP history there was 100% attendance at the recent San Diego Natcom meeting!

National LP starts 1990 with \$35 thousand in cash, instead of past debts, and of the \$500,000 gross receipts budget more than half are earmarked for spending outside the national office. For instance, funds are set for campus outreach, campaign '90 support, and membership cards. (You too can now be a "card-carrying member" of the LP!)

National LP is working with the Second Amendment Foundation (Alan Gottlieb's organization) mailing list and will advertise in their publication. Cliff noted that the 50/50 split of national dues collected through state parties will become permanent.

The Steering Committee resumed its meeting at 4:15 PM with several motions approved concerning the next NJLP state convention. The group unanimously approved holding the convention at the Jamesburg Holiday Inn like last year "or other appropriate location as approved by the (4) NJLP officers." The committee approved Dan Karlan as convention chair, the date as Saturday, March 10, 1990, and the program as decided by Dan with advice of the NJLP officers.

Two spending motions were approved, although due to limited NJLP finances, the proposals were not without opposition. A sum of \$250 was allotted to Sam Edelston to send about 1,000 prospects a mailing for membership and contributions. For \$28.50 Laura Stewart was allowed to send 54 additional New Jersey Libertarians to Monmouth County members inviting them to join the

NJLP and participate in the protest against the INS detention center in New York City.

Three items of Convention business were announced: two Bylaws amendments and Sam's proposal to add a \$100 Patron category to the NJLP dues structure. Dan Karlan said he wished to amend the NJLP Bylaws to make the term of office for the four NJLP officers to be two years instead of the present one.

Laura Stewart presented her Bylaws amendment to change Article 11 Quorum. She wishes to add part C to allow 25% (rather than a majority) of State or Steering Committee members to constitute a quorum, provided proper notice has been given for the meeting. She also proposes to add part D to clarify that "County Committees shall determine their own quorum requirements."

At 5:15 PM three members presented outreach information to enlighten the committee. Ken Kaplan described his recent "Seminar I" effort. (See Ken's article.) Dan Karlan distributed notebooks of a proposed syllabus for libertarian activists prepared by the National LP Affiliates Party Committee. Finally, Sam Edelston said he was organizing a Metuchen Libertarian Club for local activity. The meeting adjourned per the Agenda at 5:30 PM.



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You mean you haven't heard about Marshall Fritz's Seminar 1? Well listen up while Ken Kaplan relates his delightful and gratifying experience at conducting one.

On December 5th, I had a delightful experience. That night was the final session of my first Seminar 1. For the first hour or so, we had our usual Socratic Method discussion on political and economic issues, whereby the participants discover the soundness of libertarian positions, with a minimum of guidance from the leader. Then, I gave them the brief final exam. They were asked to define libertarianism, and then to sign their name if they agreed with what they had written. I can't describe the thrill I experienced when both of my participants "defined and signed" as new libertarians.

as possible to give this project some serious thought. The more leaders we have, the more seminars can be conducted, the more new libertarians developed, and the faster libertarianism will be accepted by the general society as an idea whose time has come. Contact the Advocates for Self Government at 209-441-1776 or 800-932-1776, 940 East Bremer Ave., Fresno, CA 93728. My number is 201-992-3991 if you would like to ask me any questions or if you might like to attend one of my seminars as an observer.

Kenneth Kaplan

After years of meager success at making libertarian converts, we now have an invaluable tool to make the job painless, joyful, and financially self-supporting. Marshall Fritz, President of the Advocates for Self Government, has put together a program that gives each and everyone of us the opportunity to present libertarian ideas to friends, relatives, business associates, and complete strangers. Seminar leaders are provided with a training manual, books for use in the seminar, invitations, video and audio cassettes. In addition, weekly teleconferences make sure you are progressing properly and give you the opportunity to exchange ideas with other seminar leaders.

I learned a lot from my first Seminar 1, and can't wait until my next one. Marshall hopes to launch 100 seminars simultaneously the week of March 26th, and that will require many more seminar leaders. Currently, I am the only leader in New Jersey, and already I had one would-be participant decline because he lived too far away. I wish to urge as many of you



Somerset/Middlesex Area Libertarians (We may be SMAL, but we're thinking big.)

Highlights of December 11, 1989 meeting

- Had a guest speaker from Toastmasters, an organization which helps people become better public speakers. (If you're thinking of running for office, why not get some extra speaking experience on the side?)
- We're compiling a list of places where we can use Operation Political Homeless in 1990... fairs and the like. (Possible sources of information include ride rental companies and other concessionaires.) Our optimistic goal is to have a steady level of activity through the warm season.
- We're also looking into placing classified ads in college newspapers to find student libertarians. College students make good activists and could help us a lot. Plus, they could start on-campus libertarian organizations.

Letters

(N.Y.)

What about drug legalization?

To the Editor:

Not long ago, in your opinion poll, you asked people if they thought that the drug problem would be lessened by legalization, as was recently suggested by a federal judge. The responses (with the exception of one lady) were all what I would expect, considering the constant media barrage about the "War on Drugs," coupled with the American people's sad state of knowledge of our heritage of personal liberty.

The drug nightmare is not caused by drugs themselves, but by the fact that they are illegal. You don't have to have a Ph.D. in economics to know that when you control, restrict or outlaw a certain product or substance, you will cause the price on the remaining supply to "go through the roof." Consequently, this is why drugs that are outlawed cost so much, causing people to commit crimes to get large amounts of cash to purchase them.

We have been down this road before; in the 1920s, with the prohibition of alcohol, there were gangland shootouts (remember Al Capone?) just like today's "drug wars." When Prohibition ended in 1933, so did the violence! The more the government tries to suppress drug use, the more violence grows. Furthermore, when one drug is outlawed, another one is soon invented to take its place, oftentimes one that is more potent and dangerous than

outlawed predecessor drugs! These drugs may very well be as harmful as we've been told; however, a free people do not need protection from their own folly. There is nothing in the Constitution authorizing the government to meddle in our private lives and the choices we make as to what we do with our own bodies.

It's rather amusing when one hears people who are pro-choice on abortion suddenly become anti-choice on issues like drug use, handgun ownership, seatbelt use, recycling and other current social controversies. Sadly, Americans have been bamboozled into looking to government to solve all their earthly wants. I hate to think we'll give up our liberties to "solve" a perceived social ill such as drugs.

The bitter irony in this is that as the nations of Eastern Europe seem to be casting off Marxist collectivism, the United States is rushing headfirst into its own version of Socialism. Our gradual and continued erosion of freedom is what should be of concern, not our neighbors' morals or social habits. For more information on this issue, I suggest you write to The International Society for Individual Liberty, 9308 Farmington Dr., Richmond, Va., 23229. Ask for their five-cent flyer, "Ending Our Drug Nightmare." You'll find it to be an eye-opener!

Mark Richards
West Milford, N.J.

From the Editor:

Many thanks to all those who gave input regarding making candidacy more attractive. We will try to make effective use of the insights gained.

The relevant bureaucracies involved with reporting election results have still not gotten it together. Here, in the 13th Assembly District, I received election results almost immediately from Middlesex County — Old Bridge being the only town in Middlesex in the 13th District. Monmouth County, which comprises the bulk of the 13th, still has not published results.

There are statistics for Dan Karlan's race for Governor, but Dan intends to announce those at the State Convention in March. See you there!

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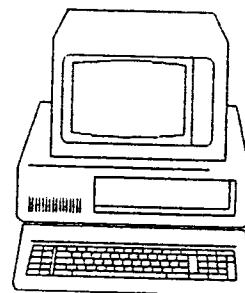
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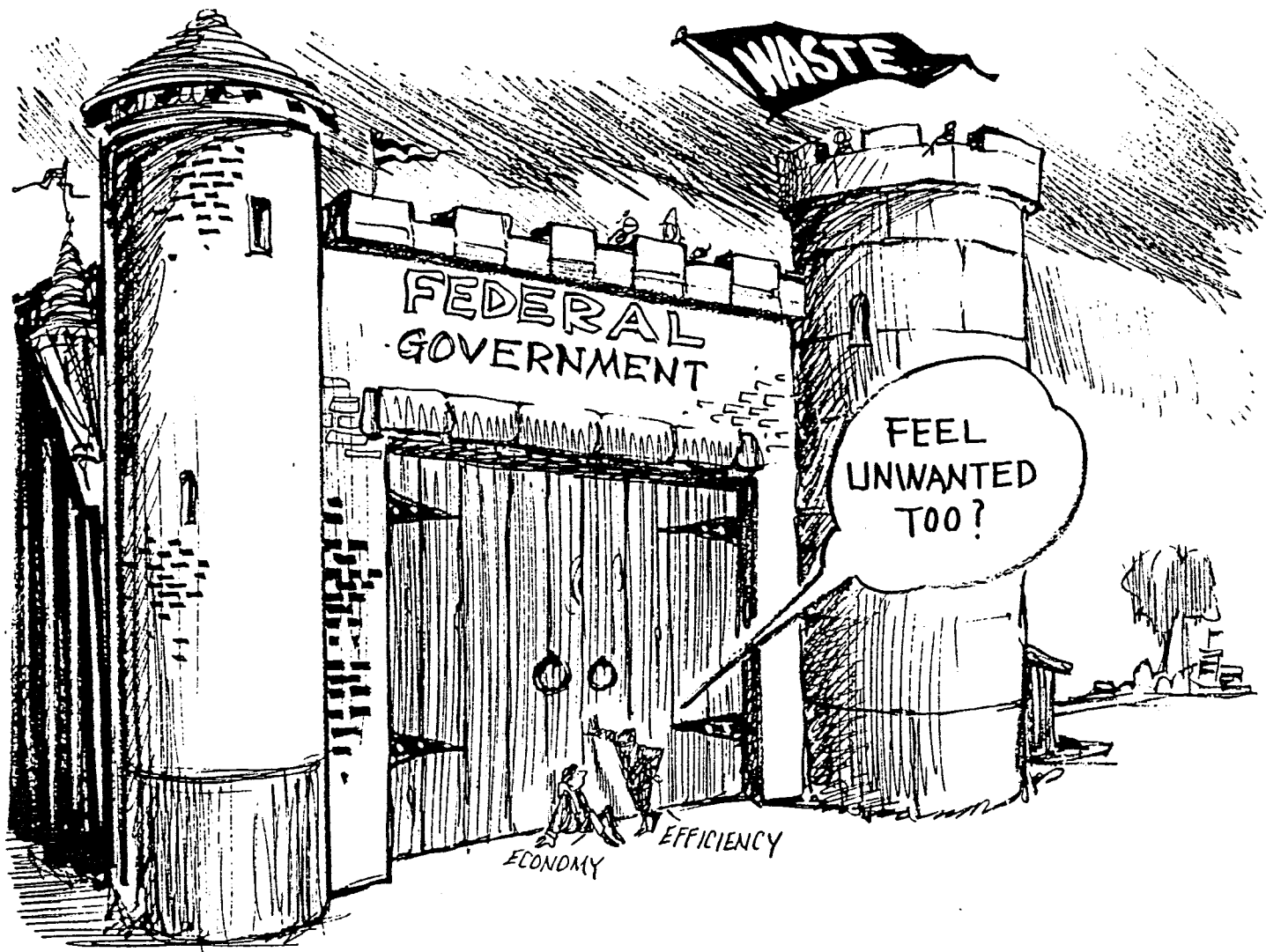
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