

# NJ LIBERTARIAN

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## LAND OF OPPORTUNITY?

"Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free..."

These words are printed at the base of the Statue of Liberty and, for many generations, have been an important part of what United States has stood for. As the freest country in the world, we have traditionally welcomed all who were in search of a better way of life. The United States has truly been a land of opportunity and refuge for millions of immigrants.

The moral authority of our open door policy allowed us to criticize totalitarian regimes like those in Russia and Red China for preventing emigration. However, in recent years, the American open door has begun to swing shut. Our government has adopted the policy of refusing to admit more than a handful of the hundreds of thousands of refugees steadily pouring out of Vietnam and Cambodia, since the Communists completed their conquest of Indochina in 1975. This closed door policy is just as morally bankrupt as the Communists' policy of not letting the people out.

Our government tries to justify this policy on economic grounds. They say that an influx of refugees will take away American jobs.

This is nonsense. In fact, the government's own forecasters expect a continued slowing of the economic growth rate in this country due to the declining birthrate, because of a labor shortage! The refugees could fill this labor gap.

Logic shows us that the more people producing things for us to buy, the better off we are. We now get watches from the Swiss, cameras from the Germans, wine from the Italians, fashions from the French, video-cassette from the Japanese, and oil from the Arabs. The work of all these 'foreigners' RAISES our standard of living.

The work of refugees who immigrated into this country would be the same. So, doing the morally correct thing of opening our doors to all refugees who want to come in is also good economics.

The Libertarian Party urges our government to live up to its creed and allow in all those "huddled masses yearning to breathe free."

ROBERT SHAPIRO

## 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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# The Libertarian Party

YOU'RE NOT ALONE ANY MORE.

"Strictly Business"-

NJLP State Committee Meeting

On Jan. 27 the NJLP State Committee met at the San Francisco restaurant in Mountainside. Bill George opened the meeting with a report on the convention. He reminded the committee members of the Feb. 7, 1979 deadline for receipt of registrations for meals, because the hotel will only allow 10 extra ("at the door") servings per meal beyond those prepaid.

Jeanne Macron then presented the treasurer's report. The NJLP has a \$632.36 balance and 165 members.

The committee unanimously passed a motion to propose a revision in the NJLP Bylaws to permit the 1980 and subsequent state conventions to be held in February or March. This amendment may be passed by a 2/3 vote at the convention. It reads: replace "each February" in Article IV Part B(1) first sentence with "not before February 1 nor after March 31 of each year."

Lee Schubert discussed the IRS proposal on private tax-exempt schools, and he stated he would pursue the issue no further at this time. Dan Hurley volunteered to investigate and obtain copies of federal legislation to rescind the IRS action.

By vote of 7-2 the State Committee approved the following statement on campaign strategy for 1979:

"The NJLP State Committee encourages both supporting as many candidates who want to run for NJ Assembly in 1979 and concentrating major NJLP efforts on strong individual candidates. NJLP members are urged to support either or both strategy as they see fit." The NJLP needs someone to coordinate petitioning.

The Committee heard that the following members expressed an interest in running as candidates for N.J. Assembly: Ginny Flynn (9th District), Lucy Bender (10th), Tom Palven (11th), Steve Enterline & Jack Moyers (12th), George Hatem (20th), Dick Roth (26th), Peter Golomb (Ken Kaplan & Barry Siegel to check district), and Henry Koch (39th). Qualifications are 21 years.

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of age, resident of N.J. and citizen for 2 years, and resident of district for 1 year (2 candidates per district).

There are eleven announced candidates for delegates to the national LP convention in Los Angeles representing the NJLP: Mitch & Dan Feldman, Len Flynn, Jeanne Macron, Bill George, Jane Rehmke, Lee Schubert, Bob Shapiro, Barry Siegel, Jose Stella, and Chris White. The NJLP delegates will be selected at the NJLP convention on Feb. 17. The State Committee also voted to list all known national and/or state LP members as alternates. The national convention will be held on Sept. 6-9 (inclusive) and will select the 1980 LP candidate for President.

The State Committee supported this motion: "The NJLP opposes raising the N.J. drinking age from 18 to 19 as proposed by Senate bill no. 1126 by Graves, Orechio, and Friedland and Assembly bill no. 1590 by Shuck." Ken Kaplan will get information on efforts to repeal price controls on liquor. An ad hoc committee of Dale Sutthoff, Dan Hurley, Bob Shapiro, Len Flynn, and Mike Perry was formed to try to formulate a viable libertarian position on the abolition of all government restrictions on the possession or sale of alcoholic beverages to persons of any age. (See article on page 3.)

Dan Hurley reported on the N.J. Libertarian's "free" reciprocal subscriptions. Jeanne Macron will apply for a bulk mail permit, due to a new federal law permitting "national and state committees of political parties" to mail at the nonprofit organization rate of 2.7¢ per piece.

Dale Sutthoff told the Committee about N.J. Concurrent Resolution #13, a half-hearted attempt by the N.J. legislature to cash in on Proposition 13. Ken Kaplan and Barry Siegel will prepare a real resolution on Initiative, Referendum, and Recall to present to the NJLP Convention for approval.

Other business included approval of a \$100 advance to Bill George for convention expenses, and Dale

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Sutthoff's announcement that he will not seek reelection as NJLP Vice-Chairman because of heavy business commitments. Also Jane Rehmke volunteered to investigate the \$200 deposit requirement for an NJLP telephone.

Before adjournment the NJLP Chairman asked for help in locating a Recording Secretary, so he wouldn't have to write long minutes and endless boring reports for the N.J. Libertarian. Any volunteers?

by Len Flynn

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## LIBERTARIANS AND LIQUOR LAWS

by Len Flynn

At the Jan. 27th meeting the NJLP State Committee voted to oppose any increase in the NJ drinking age and to support repeal of all price controls on alcoholic beverages. Two further issues were referred to an ad hoc committee for review: the immediate repeal of all restrictions on the possession of liquor by persons of any age and an eventual repeal of all restrictions on the sale of alcoholic beverages.

Repeal of possession restrictions is based on the principle of equal justice under the law. The mere possession of alcohol by a minor should not be a crime, because similar possession by an adult is not prohibited. The national LP platform puts it this way: "We advocate the repeal of all laws establishing any category of crimes applicable to minors for which adults would not be similarly answerable." Does arrest and prosecution of a 15-year old driving without a license constitute injustice? No, because any person regardless of age who drives without a license is in violation of the law. (Of course, one might well criticize the age criteria for gaining a license.)

Repeal of age restrictions on the sale of alcohol involves more complex issues. Primary among them is the issue of tort, i.e. where

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does the responsibility lie in the sale of a potentially hazardous item (liquor, firearms, explosives knives, drugs, flammable materials etc.) to a young person which subsequently leads to injury? The crucial question is to what extent if any, is a youth not responsible for his or her actions. Finally, the physiologic effect of the hazardous item on the purchaser must be considered.

Faced with these difficult questions the NJLP State Committee chose only to oppose raising the drinking age and to support repeal of price controls at this time. Further discussion of the other issues was left to the ad hoc committee to study.

My own view is that the NJLP should vigorously support repeal of all possession statutes and present this view to the N.J. legislature along with our opposition to raising the drinking age and our support of repeal of price and hours restrictions on liquor dealers. Anyone wishing to participate in the ad hoc committee discussions should contact me at 201/434-3000 ext. 475 (9-5 weekdays) or 928-0758 (weekends & 7-11 weekdays). We also need a spokesperson/coordinator for this effort.

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## Convention Lodging

There may be no such thing as a free lunch, but NJLP conventioners may enjoy free lodging at the Palven's home in Farmingdale. Call Tom and Jan at 201/938-4775 for information and directions.

Remember that the Beacon Manor hotel also has rooms available at the very reasonable rate of \$18.90 per night (not per person). If you and 18 of your friends get a room, that's less than a buck apiece. Call the hotel at 201/892-2111 for reservations and be sure to mention the NJLP convention.

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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 228-0758 (7-11 PM weekdays). The NJLP will be allocated about 20 delegates.

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Editor, the N.J. LIBERTARIAN:

The election is over and the holidays too and it is the middle of January already. February is breathing down my neck and I must write these notes while I can still remember them.

I came away from the election with the feeling that it was wonderful getting 876 votes from people I don't know. Even if the percentage of the total was ridiculously low. I did not really shake many hands, except in my own town. A minute percentage may have attended the LWV forums and some may have read the newspapers, but many of them must have voted Libertarian just to avoid voting for the standard brands.

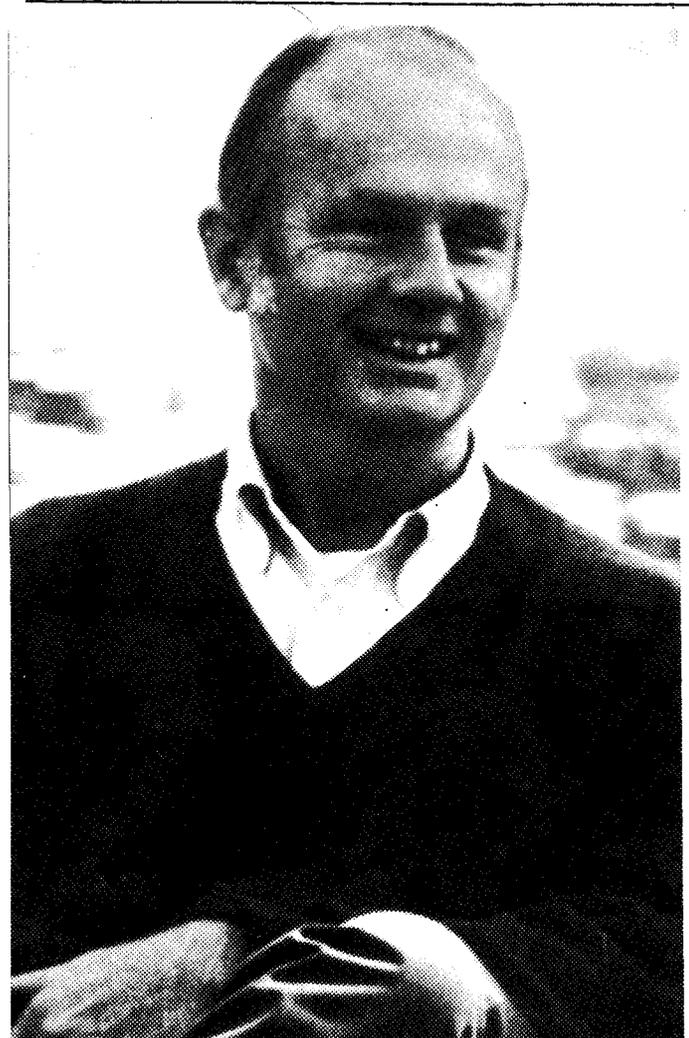
I also came away realizing that we are spread very thin. If all those 800 were card carrying, working members we could really do something--like break out of this less than 1% swamp in which we seem to be stuck. And I thought then, that the only solution is to concentrate our meager resources on a few candidates. If one of them could just approach 10%, the electorate would sit up and take notice.

Now I have read Bill George's article on running as many candidates as possible this year to go for the coveted 10% for ballot status and I cannot find fault with his logic. I don't know if the 2200 vote average is attainable, but a point in favor is that an Assemblyman is quite a few notches down in the voters' minds from a U.S. Congressman. While voter attention varies inversely with the importance of the office, the newspaper attention seems to vary directly. They did alright by me this last trip.

Taken all around, I enjoyed the campaign. Particularly the LWV forums. I thought I got in a couple of good licks. Mr. Coe I took some attention off the arguments with Mr. Howard about who was spending how much. In response to my post-election letters, Mr. Howard replied most graciously. One comment which particularly pleased me came from the

security guard at the door of the Asbury Park Press building. He heard the radio program, liked it and made a point of telling me so as my wife and I emerged from the elevator on the way out.

-STEVE ENTERLINE



JOHN HOLT

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POINT PLEASANT BEACH -- Radical educator and author John Holt will present his controversial ideas on alternatives to traditional education at the N.J. Libertarian Party's State Convention Feb. 17 at the Beacon Manor.

Holt, who believes that education is an on-going life process which is often absent from formal schooling because of its very nature, will conduct a workshop on "The Tyranny of Compulsory Schooling" at 10:30 a.m.

Born in New York City in 1923, Holt helped to give impetus to the growing "alternative schools" movement with his books "How Children Fail," "How Children Learn," "The Underachieving School" and "Freedom and Beyond," as well as numerous articles published in some of the country's leading magazines.

Since 1969, he has operated Holt Associates in Boston, a group of traveling lecturers, consultants and designers of educational environments.

The day-long meeting, the party's seventh State Convention in as many years, also will feature a workshop on tax resistance and a dinner address by tax rebel and financial advisor Irwin A. Schiff, whose trial in Bridgeport, Conn., on charges of failure to file income tax returns will begin Feb. 6. New York attorney and 1978 gubernatorial candidate Gary Greenberg will conduct a workshop on avoiding arrest for victimless crimes, and a panel discussion will be held on the question, "Should the Government Prohibit Abortion?" Tickets will be available at the door for most events.

# Membership Application

Send to: N.J. Libertarian Party  
Jeanne Macron  
2 Bernice Drive  
Freehold, N.J., 07728

## 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 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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