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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 12, 1985-- State Committee meeting, 2:00 PM at John Schafer's home. Take 287N to Boonton Exit 40B (Wooten St.); turn Left and go to 2nd light (blinker); turn Right onto Boonton Ave. (511); pass reservoir and take 1st Left onto Fayson Lakes Rd.; pass 2 streets then 3rd house on Right is John's--#24 Fayson Lakes Rd. (201/492-1234). All NJLP meetings are open to members, so come and join in on the action.

August 14-18, 1985-- National Libertarian Party Convention in Phoenix, Arizona.

Every Monday-- Libertarian Discussion Club, 6 PM, Patti's Restaurant, 37 Bartlett St., New Brunswick. For info and directions call 201/751-2824 (Ianny) or 249-7649 (Rick).

Every Monday-- Free public meeting of NJ Americans for Constitutional Taxation (ACT); 7 PM, Queen Diner, Route 18, East Brunswick.

Every Tuesday-- NJ ACT free public meeting, 7 PM, Moffa's Farm Restaurant, Almonesson Rd., Blenheim. Call 609/HAD-ENUF for info.

Every Wednesday-- Activist and campaign strategy meeting at Richard Duprey's home. Everyone welcome. For directions or info, call Rich at 201/445-6098.

2nd Thursday of each month-- Constitutional Freedom Committee meeting, 8 PM, Ollie's Restaurant, Route 9 and Tilton Rd., Northfield, NJ. Guest anti-tax speaker at each meeting. Call 609/927-2320 after 5 PM for details.

NJLP STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

On December 15th at 3:00 PM the NJLP Steering Committee met at the Franklin Park Inn. All 7 members were present. The NJLP phone will be at Rick Hoegberg's house for at least the next 6 months. During this time NJ Bell will give us a "free" referral to Rick's home phone number.

The NJLP convention was discussed. A motion was passed unanimously suggesting that the 1985 convention be held within 15 miles of New Brunswick and be priced at a package cost of \$35-50--"cheap and fun."

Rick Hoegberg will be conducting an effort to regain old NJLP members who have "dropped out." A motion was passed regarding recruitment of new members: The NJLP member who recruits the most new members between December 15, 1984 and noon on the Saturday of the convention, will receive a refund for one complete convention package. A tie will be broken by a chance drawing. Also, one free Jim Lewis book will be given to anyone who recruits one or more new members--50 of these books have been donated by Joe Kerr. All new members receive a free copy of the Bergland campaign book--donated by Paul Nelson.

The national LP convention will be held in Phoenix, Arizona this summer. The NJLP currently has 141 members; if we can increase our membership to 170 we will be 8th among the states. The top 10 states each get an automatic seat on the Platform Committee.

The next meeting will be a State Committee meeting at John Schafer's home on January 12, 1985. See Calendar of Events for more information.

GYPSIES -- LIBERTARIANS IN ACTION?

By Len Flynn

The July/August 1984 issue of The Sciences (vol. 24 no. 4, pp. 38-41) has a wonderful article about that much despised race of people, the Gypsies, and how they "flout propriety--and prosper" in modern Spain. The author (an anthropologist) observes that the gypsies "are eminently successful as rule breakers" and "their anarchy may be one of the keys to their survival, for it has brought them a measure of prosperity and has spared them some of the perils that go with full participation in a nation state."

She says they "decline to register with Spanish authorities, so the government cannot issue them the identity cards required by law and carried by nearly all Spaniards." The key to Gypsy autonomy is their style of work: "They have worked chiefly for themselves instead of depending on the sale of their labor to others. And they have generally earned their living at work that is difficult to regulate and that provides the state with little or no tax revenue." MARVELOUS!

Yet they do not live marginally, as one might expect because although their work was "virtually always labor-intensive ... it was also profitable." The author found the "Gypsies often lived well even if they worked fewer than five full days a week." However, they never expanded their businesses and were "loath to accumulate material goods." How different from modern America's tax and debt slaves.

Could it be that the lowly gypsies have found a key to freedom in their rejection of wealth accumulation? Many Americans would never even consider the common practice for Gypsy households to throw away "from three to twelve dollars' worth of leftover food daily." Is it any wonder Libertarianism seems so "impractical" to our fellow citizens?

What benefits have gypsies gained for their "sacrifices"? For one "Gypsies were the only minority in Spain to escape the jurisdiction of the Inquisition." Then and now "they avoided military service." Of the 47 households studied by the author not one had "served in the the armed forces of either side during the Spanish civil war of 1936 to 1939." Today "only a few of their sons and grandsons are fulfilling their compulsory peacetime military service."

The author astutely observes "Government officials understand as well as do social scientists that the nonconformity of any minority group poses a threat to the nation because the group becomes a living example of successful disobedience." For centuries authorities issued laws to force the gypsies to behave but "the laws failed spectacularly--the Gypsies simply ignored them."

Now private groups are trying to "provide Gypsies with the benefits of the welfare state" by "trying persuasion where coercion had failed." Yet the response to these organizations has been less than enthusiastic from the Gypsies, the author concludes they "can be expected to ride out the schemes of the benevolent assimilationists."

Is the lure of modern wealth poisoning our will to seek--and attain--freedom? Are our chains gilded with gold? Are the humble Gypsies more libertarian than we ourselves can ever hope to be?

Let me share this story. A good friend of mine has sworn to break at least one law a day. Most of us can do this easily by simply driving a car. (Who can possibly drive less than 55 mph?!)

But once after working all day in his garden he lay down to sleep at night exhausted. Suddenly he awoke with a start. He forgot to break a law! (Gardening is not yet a crime, nor did he use any bug sprays "contrary to label instructions"--a federal offense!) But he luckily found an old joint to puff a few times and kept his vow!

There's a real "Gypsy"!

**** MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL ****
A letter from the NJLP Treasurer

Hello friends!

er..your money. I want it. There, now that I've blurted it out, let me assure you that (a) it's for the worthiest of causes. (b) I'm not asking for much & (c) it's totally up to you whether to give or not.

The worthy cause is LIBERTY.

The amount I'm asking is your membership dues.

The mode is voluntary.

So come on Libertarians! Give, so a starving volunteer can have the means to the office materials & literature he needs to convert fellow Americans tired of wallowing in statism.

Give, so we can keep the NJLP News coming to you. A vital link that keeps us Libertarians in touch with each other. Where else are you going to find out about all the Libertarian meetings?

Unsure how much your dues are? - The minimum is on the letter I sent you a few weeks ago with the table on the back. Now on mine...if I can find it...well anyway, if you really don't know, why not be generous? Say \$20.00 wrapped up in the membership re/application form at the back of this newsletter. Or (seriously) call me up.

But PLEASE, do it soon. TANSTAAFL. I'm trying my best to make a tough task (asking for money) sound like fun, but some of you are perilously close to (uh oh) having your subscription stop.

I'd be sorry to lose touch with a friend...& the NJLP News & NJLP membership is a good xmas present either to yourself - or someone else.

Don't mi\$\$ out!

Rick Hoegberg

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

By Len Flynn

How would you like a FREE copy of Liberty Reclaimed by 1984 LP VP candidate Jim Lewis? Just recruit one or more NEW NJLP MEMBERS and it's yours! How about one FREE NJLP Convention packet? Be the top recruiter of new members by noon on convention day and your admission is FREE! And each new member will receive a FREE copy of David Bergland's 1984 campaign book.

Just photocopy the membership application, add your initials to identify the "recruiter" then hustle your friends and neighbors to join the NJLP. FREEdom in our time is in your hands!



OFFICIAL NJ ELECTION RESULTS

Bergland--President	6,416 (0.20%)
Leiendecker--Senate	7,135 (0.23)
House of Representatives--	
1st Dist. Zelden	786 (0.37%)
6th " Friedlander	2686 (1.27)
7th " Nelson	799 (0.36)
8th " Maiullo	629 (0.33)
12th " Kerr	1624 (0.71)

Other races:

Bergland received over 250,000 votes nationwide. In Alaska LP candidate Andre Mareau won a seat in the Alaska legislature. Tom Tryon won election to the Calaveras County Board of Supervisors in California. Former LP Vice Presidential candidate (1972) Tonie Nathan narrowly lost in Oregon (48%).

The Libertarian Party now has permanent ballot status in 10 states, partial status in 3 more.

A Maverick Bids the House Farewell

The following is adapted from Rep. Ron Paul's farewell speech on the House floor. The four-term Texas Republican, who lost in a bid to move up to the Senate this year, delivered his remarks on Sept. 19.

Thousands of men and women have come and gone here in our country's history, and except for a few, most go unnoticed and remain nameless in the pages of history, as I am sure I will. The few who are remembered are those who were able to grab the reins of power and, for the most part, use that power to the detriment of the nation. We must remember achieving power is never the goal sought by a truly free society. Dissipation of power is the objective of those who love liberty.

The most I can hope for is that someday a suggestion I've made will be remembered: that the debate shift to a different plane. Instead of asking which form of intervention and planning government should impose, perhaps someday Congress will debate intervention vs. nonintervention, government vs. voluntary planning, U.S. sovereignty vs. internationalism—the pros and cons of true liberty. Today the debate basically is only that of deciding upon who will be the victims and who the beneficiaries.

Some have said my approach is not practical, but most concede, "At least he's consistent." Since I first came here in 1976, the number of lobbyists has doubled and the national debt has tripled—\$550 billion to \$1.59 trillion—to me a most impractical trend. Business cycles, unemployment, inflation, high interest rates and trade wars are the real impracticalities brought about by unwise political and economic policies. I've been impressed by those who concede to me the consistency of my views yet evidently reject them in favor of inconsistent views. Who, I might ask, is served by the politicians of inconsistency—the special interests or the general welfare?

Sadly, I have found that individual members, even though we represent our 500,000 constituents, are much less impor-

tant than most of us would like to believe. The elite few who control the strings of power are the only ones who really count in the legislative process. Votes, of course, occur routinely after heated debate by all those who want to ventilate. More often than not, the floor debates are a charade—a mere chance for grandstanding. Budgetary votes are meaningless in that continuing resolutions and supplemental appropriations are all that count. If covert aid to a nation is voted down, the CIA and the administration in power can find the means to finance whatever is desired. Emergencies are declared, finances are hidden, discretionary funds are found, foreign governments are used, and policy as desired is carried out regardless of the will of the people expressed by Congress.

On occasion, a program requested by the administration is "stopped" or voted down. But this doesn't really change the course of events—the "price" is merely raised. The vote can be reversed on the House floor or in the conference and the "enlightened" member who, casts the crucial vote, will receive an ample reward for his or her district. These arrangements or deals are routine and accepted practice. The better one is at making them, the higher one's "effectiveness" rating and the easier the next election.

The philosophy of the free market—sound money, private property and equal rights—offers the only real "compromise" to the impasse existing in Washington where only token attempts are made to cut the deficit. A truly practical approach to this dilemma can be immediately implemented. I suggest six points:

First, instead of debating forever whether or not cuts should be made in domestic welfare or military spending, the answer is simple: Cut both, and quit arguing—that is, if one is serious about declared hostility to massive deficits.

Second, all votes on spending should be trade-offs. Welfare to the poor vs. welfare

to the rich; aid to friends vs. aid to Communists; water projects in the U.S. vs. water projects in Africa; subsidized loans for steel plants in the U.S. vs. those in South America. Sure, many projects will still exist that are inconsistent with a truly free market but these would only be financed by dropping expenditures elsewhere.

Third, centralized planning fails everywhere else so we can expect it to fail with centralized control over bank credit. Sound money and breaking up the credit/bank cartel, will solve the problem of high interest rates and long-term financing.

Fourth, talks with the Soviets need not stop—only be redirected. But all subsidies to all Communists must end. We can discuss ways to enhance free trade and voluntary cultural exchanges. True friendly unsubsidized relations with even the apparent enemy go a long way toward reducing the chances of war. A nonaggressive, purely defensive foreign policy, which would prompt troop and missile withdrawals from Europe and elsewhere, would be much more important than all the political rhetoric heard surrounding disarmament conferences.

Fifth, equal rights must be guaranteed regardless of race, color or creed. Equal rights cannot, however, be defined vaguely to include demands on another's life or property. The goal of freedom must surpass our obsession with material wealth and its forced redistribution.

Sixth, prosperity with freedom for the individual is the only humanitarian system ever offered that prevented mass starvation and suffering. Refusal to accept the free market based on a natural rights philosophy is the most impractical thing we can do. A system that provides sound money, low interest rates, peace and prosperity will restore trust in the politicians, the money, the future and in ourselves.

More government cannot possibly offer the solution to the problems we face. Big government is the cause; freedom is the answer.



War is the gambling table of governments, and citizens the dupes of the game.

—Thomas Paine

Civil Liberties and Economic Freedom are Indivisible

Government Is The Problem, Not The Solution!

Peace, commerce, and honest friendship with all nations—entangling alliances with none.

—Thomas Jefferson



HEROES OF THE REVOLUTION

By Len Flynn

A continuing series dedicated to the unsung heroes of the Libertarian Revolution, people whose daily efforts swell the ranks of libertarians everywhere and assure the ultimate victory of our noble cause.

PART I--"GOD BLESS ... THE IRS"

We New Jersey Libertarian Party members tend to lose sight of the progress of Libertarianism through our misguided emphasis on vote totals or campaign contributions, when the evidence of our successes are in plain view. For example, the 4/16/84 issue of Business Week highlights the Internal Revenue Service, perhaps the most antilibertarian organization ever created.

We learn in the article that America has "become a nation of tax evaders." Faced with "an increasingly rebellious public" IRS frequently makes excessive assessments which even its own Tax Court will not support. The Tax Court backlog of cases has jumped 107% in four years and the service is "losing more and more cases" there while "collecting only 35 cents for every dollar its agents assess."

The article states that IRS admits the "tax gap is growing by leaps and bounds, as taxpayers show less and less inclination to pay taxes on everything." IRS is working night and day to swell libertarian ranks, because "the harder it pushes enforcement of particular aspects of the tax code, the greater the public's resistance and ingenuity in devising ways of avoiding taxes." One way is clear--not filing at all. IRS statistics estimate 2.6 million taxpayers did not file returns at all in 1983.

And to assure us the public's resistance is genuine comes this statistic: "assaults, threats, and harrassment of tax collectors jumped to 688 incidents in 1983, a 63% increase in just one year." Apparently the IRS not only dishes out harrassment!

I confess that there are times when my dedication to libertarian activities wanes, yet the IRS does its best to keep me active. (Our 3 year 1981 audit for "items unallowed by law" on our return still continues, although IRS refuses to tell us WHAT is "unallowed"! And then there's 1982)

So let us be grateful for that great recruiter for liberty -- the IRS!

PART II--"Welfare Loafers" to come

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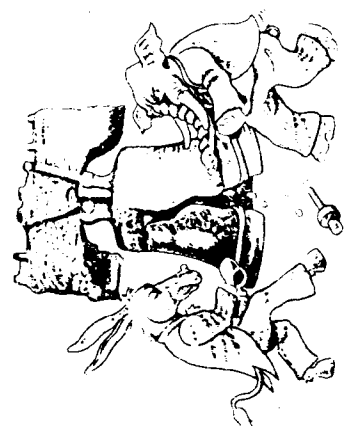
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I hereby certify that I do not believe in or advocate the initiation of force as a means of achieving political or social goals.

Signature _____ Date _____
(Signature indicating acceptance of above statement required for membership.)

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