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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 9-- NJLP State Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM at Farrell's Ice Cream Parlour, Route 18 South, (Brunswick Square Mall), East Brunswick. All NJLP members welcome.

December 11-- The Holiday Party sponsored by LP of NYC and Laissez Faire Books with novelist Kay Nolte Smith as featured speaker. 6 PM at The Ukrainian East Village Restaurant, 140 Second Ave., NYC, \$20/person. Call 212/966-5772 for details and reservations.

January 13-- NJLP Steering Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM at Farrell's Ice Cream Parlour, Route 18 South, (Brunswick Square Mall), East Brunswick. All NJLP members invited and welcome.

FROM THE CHAIR

by Rich Duprey

Now is the time members should start planning on attending the state convention, currently slotted for mid-March. We are still seeking a convention theme and are offering a free ticket for the winning entry. My wife, Jeannette and I will be planning the event, but if anyone is interested in assisting, feel free to give me a call.

The convention is the only time when certain issues can be decided upon. One such issue is membership dues. I believe the current dues structure is inadequate for our purposes--either it offers no incentives for members to contribute greater amounts or it amounts to an expensive giveaway. In both cases, the NJLP loses.

For that reason, I would like

to change the dues process as well as make it attractive for Libertarians to give more. The problem currently is that no matter which category a member joins (i.e., Regular, Sustaining, etc.) he gets the same thing: a subscription to NJ Libertarian. Also, the "Lifetime" category is too low-cost. While essentially amounting to a 10-year membership (\$15 x 10 yrs. = \$150), party expenses run much more than that. Dues barely cover the cost of your newsletter subscription.

My solution to these problems is twofold: first, instead of different dues categories of varying amounts I propose memberships of varying lengths, i.e. 1-year, 2-year, 3-year, and Lifetime. Second, I also propose a system of premiums offered for contributions of different amounts.

Reprinted elsewhere is a proposed membership application. I believe it represents an improvement over the current form because it clearly sets out what is being offered. It also makes the "Lifetime" category a more significant donation, as well it should be. In addition, for people who wish to contribute to NJLP activities premiums such as subscriptions to Reason, silk-screened sweatshirts and T-shirts, gift certificates to Laissez-Faire Books and so on will be offered.

Again, the state convention is the only time such matters can be discussed, therefore I urge you to study the proposed application and compare it with the current one. Also, review the above ideas and see if they do not seem better than what we now have. And if you have any questions or comments about any of the foregoing, feel free to give me a call. Most importantly, however is to attend the state convention and cast your vote one way or the other.

PROPOSED NEW MEMBERSHIP FORM

by Rich Duprey



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

YES, you can count me in the NJLP. I want to do my part to roll back big government. Send me my membership card and monthly subscription to **NEW JERSEY LIBERTARIAN**.

Please send me more information on **THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY**.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Telephone No. _____

- \$15 1 year \$30 Joint NJLP/National
- \$28 2 years \$25 Family
- \$40 3 years \$10 NJ Libertarian only
- \$500 Lifetime \$ 5 Student

New Renewal

I reside in _____ municipality.

I am eligible to vote in _____ county.

I am registered to vote in New Jersey.

Here's an additional contribution of \$ _____

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

Signature (Required for Membership)

PAUL RECEPTION FOLLOWS MISES DINNER

by Rich Duprey

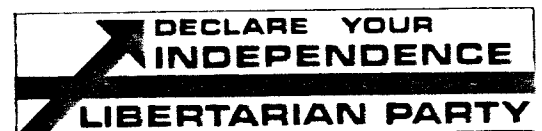
On October 17 the Ludwig von Mises Institute held a dinner at the Halloran House in New York City in honor of the great libertarian economist Henry Hazlitt who wrote Economics in One Lesson.

This was followed later in the evening by a reception for LP Presidential candidate Ron Paul.

On hand to honor Ron was Murray Rothbard, Reason contributor Mark Skousen, Lew Rockwell, Don Ernsberger and others. It was reported (perhaps half-jokingly) by Mark that if Ron was to raise \$1000 that evening he was eligible to qualify for federal matching funds and he started the fundraising by contributing \$100 himself. That was quickly doubled by another supporter. While no tally was given, I believe that at least \$1000 was raised.

Ron gave an excellent speech and fielded questions from the audience who applauded his call to abolish the IRS, the Federal Reserve, and to finally get rid of the burdensome Social Security system.

Anyone who wants to contribute to Ron's campaign (up to a maximum of \$1000 per person), can send their money to Ron Paul for President, 1120 NASA Rd., Suite 104, Houston, TX 77058. The "early" money is desperately needed to make the potential of being on all 50 state ballots a reality. Several NJLPers have already contributed, or plan to contribute, the maximum allowed. Your money today is worth ten times more than it will be next year. Please give generously.



LIBERTARIAN HEALTH INSURANCE?

by Rich Duprey

The NJLP will be researching the possibility of offering its members health insurance at a reduced cost. Because of group rates available, NJLPers will no longer have to worry about cost of illness if their current job does not offer a plan. Also, with the number of self-employed entrepreneurs in the party, this may be a way for them to get coverage that was not available to them previously. Also being considered are services such as AAA Road Service, life insurance and so on. A big factor in such a plan would be potential member participation. Therefore, we request you take a moment to fill out the survey below:

Would you be interested in participating in any or all of the following programs?

YES NO MAYBE

- *Private Health Insurance
- *Automobile Road Service
- *Term Life Insurance
- *Credit Card Services
- *Other (specify):

Optional:
Name:
Address:
Telephone:

Cut and mail to: NJLP, P.O. Box 56, Tennent, NJ 07763.

N.J. called police state

Editor, The Record:

Malcolm Forbes can surely afford a \$1,500 fine should his hot-air balloon make an inadvertent landing on a farmer's north 40 (The Record, Aug. 16). Yet maybe he sees a principle here. If there's no damage to crops or machinery and the cows are not unduly frightened, why is this a crime against the state? And if there is damage, why not let the balloonist simply recompense the farmer directly?

Some might see in this, however, the continuation of a disturbing trend. New Jersey was among the first to get tough with drunken drivers. Toughness and counseling were needed, to be sure, but the mandatory punishment — heavy fines and surcharges — is ruinous to low-income families, and license suspension can end the career of a car-dependent worker.

Then came sue-the-host laws.

The Bergen County Record

And seat-belt laws, with New Jersey leading the pack to create still another victimless crime. In times of water shortage, the state's first response is to threaten homeowners with fines, rather than ask for their cooperation. Even taking out your garbage can subject you to a fine in some communities. The recent crackdowns on kids caught with even one joint vastly expand the net over peaceful people who have reason to fear the police.

So now it's the balloonists' turn. Do they wonder who are these legislators in Trenton who see fines and punishment as the first answer to any problem? Do they sense that The Garden State is turning into a police state?

RAYMOND YOUNG
Waldwick

NJLP MEETINGS

by Len Flynn

The NJLP Steering Committee met on October 21, 1987 at Farrell's ice cream parlour in East Brunswick. Present were Duprey, Flynn, Maiullo, Friedlander, and Peters. Absent were Harris and Zeldin. Chairman Duprey called the meeting to order at 7:20 PM.

A motion was made to send all 50 state LP chairs the N.J. Libertarian as requested at the meeting of State Chairs in Seattle. In addition the newsletter will now be sent bulk rate, since the minimum 200 number can now be met. The motion was unanimously approved.

There was a discussion of group services, such as AAA or health insurance, through the NJLP. A questionnaire will be placed in the newsletter for member input.

National LP said they would not send us an exchange copy of "The LP Activist News" for the N.J. Libertarian. The N.J. Libertarian editor announced that we would no longer send extra copies of the newsletter to National LP in Texas (formerly Terry Mitchell) or in Virginia (Jim Turney), only LP News Editor Karl Hess will get one. Furthermore we will ask Karl to send us one exchange copy of the LP News.

A motion was made to direct the NJLP Chairman not to order the activist news with party funds. After discussion and the treasurer's report, the motion was defeated 4-0 with one abstention.

On November 1, 1987 a phone-a-thon will be held from Dan Maiullo's office to raise money for the NJLP. The purpose of the money will be fund publication of NJLP literature and cover NJLP expenses, including a permanent NJLP office. Do you have office space to spare for the NJLP to use? Please call us if you do.

Dan said the NJLP should change our bank account because we now pay a monthly fee. No one objected to this improvement.

At this point the minutes of the September 16, 1987 meeting were read, amended, and accepted. The correction was that John Schafer was absent not present. Dan passed out the NJLP phone chain for information and comment.

Because it is centrally located and was used successfully last year, the Holiday Inn in Carteret is our first choice for the 1988 NJLP annual convention. One alternate site, the Rutgers Continuing Education Center, did not have enough room (100 people maximum and \$100 room charge). Rich Duprey is following up on convention arrangements.

Rich Duprey announced he would run an active campaign for Congress in the 8th CD. Anyone who wants to help should call him at 201/743-9425.

Dan Maiullo is preparing a program for next year's (4/15/87) tax protest. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.

The NJLP membership met on November 3, 1987 at 8:20 PM at Mike Harris's home in Mahwah. The minutes of the October 21 Steering Committee meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer reported an improvement in NJLP finances, then the group recessed to view Demopublican political nonsense on the TV. Rich Duprey mentioned that little of interest had appeared in "The LP Activist News" for the last two months. Newsletter matters were discussed, then the meeting adjourned by general consent at 9:30 PM.

The NJLP Steering Committee met for one minute and unanimously approved Jim Agnew as the NJLP Representative for Warren County. Dan Karlan announced that he was now the Bergen County Representative.

A petition drive to appoint Dan as an At-Large Representative to the Steering Committee has nearly achieved the necessary number of signatures of NJLP members. If you agree that Dan is worthy of this position, please send a written statement supporting his candidacy to the NJLP at P.O. Box 56 in Tennent, NJ 07763.

Every day, on radio, TV, and in conversation, one is continually bombarded with "We are selling arms to Saudi Arabia", "We are sending warships into the Persian Gulf", "We are sending aid to the Contras", and so on. Even anti-state libertarians, voluntarists, and anarchists use "we" in this manner.

Until recently I followed this same pattern- "We shouldn't be selling arms to Iran", etc., but I now try to avoid it, and if someone else says that "we" should or shouldn't bomb Iran or whatever, I pleasantly ask them to exclude me in the "we".

I'm generally not a nitpicker and I hope that I'm not nitpicking now. It seems that by using "we" that one is subjecting oneself to the state, or as Ayn Rand said before she became partially senile, bestowing "moral sanction" on it.

Libertarian International begins its recruiting flyer with John Lennon's "Imagine there's no countries" quote, and libertarians, along with anarchists, argue for totally free trade and immigration, but in some ways we radicals haven't gone much beyond discarding the old "My country right or wrong" philosophy. I've heard more than one libertarian tell the platitude that it's always moral to support your country against your government, but never moral to support your government against your country. These people will assert that they love their country, but not its government. Apparently they accept the nonsense that we've all been brainwashed with that it is evil not to "love one's country", and that the ultimate horror would be to be a "man without a country".

When examined critically, this government-country dichotomy is nonsense. For example, the U.S. is composed of various peoples and so is Canada. To "love" the U.S. more than Canada is to love its political history and political boundaries more than those of Canada. After all, you and I have more in common with some Canadians than we do with some American eskimos and other people. In Europe, boundaries move over the centuries and countries have come and gone, but politicians still strive to whip up nationalist fervor. It would seem to make more sense for anti-statists to love individuals- Jefferson, Thoreau, Twain, King, or whomever, rather than love state politics and its history.

It has been an important psychological leap for me to recognize that I am not a citizen (member of a state or nation), and that if a state bureaucracy wants to call me a citizen that this is their problem. While it may force me to admit citizenship under duress (won't allow me to travel or whatever), I will refuse to sanction the initiation of force against me, and will regard myself as a denizen of North America rather than the property of any state.

Any comments will be appreciated.

RON PAUL CASTS "PERFECT" PRESIDENTIAL VOTES

by Rich Duprey

According to the Ron Paul for President campaign headquarters, Ron was asked at a recent campaign stop whom he had voted for in '72, '76, '80 and '84. Ron had the perfect Libertarian response: Hospers, MacBride, Clark and Bergland. Says HQ, "Now we know who cast the only recorded votes for these giants in Ron's Lake Jackson, Texas precinct."

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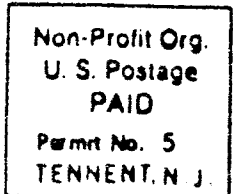
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