

The Jersey Libertarian

NOVEMBER 1980

Dear fellow libertarian:

The 1980 election results for the Libertarian Party were encouraging considering the small amount of money and time spent. There was a slight increase overall. We still need to build a strong organizational network. We need to master such skills as petitioning, fundraising and basic campaigning. In building a strong political party, we do not and must not compromise our principles. (see attached Elections analysis.)

As you might know, I took a brief vacation as State Chair for personal reasons. I received countless phone calls and letters urging me to continue. I am currently re-organizing my life in order to devote as much time as possible to the LP. Let me assure everyone, I am and will continue to be State Chair until the convention.

The time to reorganize and plan for next year's elections is now. If you want our vote totals to increase, each one of us must devote time and/or money to the party. There are many individuals who are doing more than their share of the workload. However, a good majority of our members are sitting back and waiting.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR Mark Francis has resigned as Newsletter Editor due to personal reasons. Until the appointment of the next editor, I shall issue letters as per this issue.

CONVENTION '81 Bob Shapiro (836-6741) and Dick Siano (996-2469) are organizing next year's state convention. If you wish to assist, contact them. The convention sight will be Saddlebrook.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY DINNER Ginny Flynn (928-0978) is the coordinator of this most festive event. It will take place on December 14 at 5:30 PM at Charlie's Uncle in East Brunswick. Admission is \$15. See Attached Flyer.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE Carl Samson (994-1847) is organizing the membership drive. Its target is to get 500 state and 1000 national members. It is vitally important that we reach these modest goals. Everyone who is not a national LP member is encouraged to join.

Below is a National and State membership application. We are offering a \$2. discount to anyone who joins national. If we are to continue to grow, each one of you is needed.

ELECTIONS COMMITTEE Jonathan Steele (798-0199) is heading this committee. It is currently formulating a plan of action for next year's elections. Results of its recommendations will be sent to all NJLP members and a vote by mail will be taken to accept or reject its plan of action.

DELEGATES TO NATIONAL CONVENTION Any National LP member who wishes to become a delegate from New Jersey to the national convention, should submit their name, by mail, to 695 West 7th Street * Plainfield, NJ 07060 no later than January 10, 1981. A postcard will suffice. Delegates must be elected by the State Convention. National Convention will be held in Colorado in August.

NOMINATIONS FOR STATE OFFICERS Anyone interested in running for State Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and the three At-large seats on the steering committee, should forward their names and brief biography to 695 West 7th Street * Plainfield, NJ 07060 no later than January 1, 1981. This will facilitate the preparation and mailing of information about all the candidates to the entire membership. Those seeking re-election should also submit the information requested to the above address.

Ray Blance

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION*****

Type of Membership: _____ Name: _____ Date: _____
National LP: _____ Address: _____
() Student \$4. _____ City/State/Zip: _____
() Regular \$8. _____ Phone: _____ County: _____

NJLP: _____
() Student \$5. "I hereby certify that I do not believe in or advocate the initiation
() Regular \$10. of force as a means of achieving political or social goals."
Signature: _____

Make checks payable to: _____
New Jersey Do you have any experience or interest in political or organizational
Libertarian Party work? _____
Total enclosed \$ _____ Mail to: Bonnie Swirsky * 7 Maxwell Lane * Englishtown, NJ 07726

THE NEW JERSEY CLARK EFFORT.

Essentially, we experienced a slight increase in our vote total. MacBride received 9,449 and Clark got 19,460. However, there was a 20% increase in total vote cast. We distributed over 200,000 pieces of literature by hand and mail. Ed Clark and David Koch made one appearance each in the state. Less than \$4,000 was raised for local Clark efforts. Countless of stories appeared locally in weeklies. The Sussex Spectator wrote an outstanding editorial which made the best case for the election of LP candidates everywhere. It came very close to an endorsement. Below is a comparison of MacBride and Clark totals by county. Also, ballot positions for Clark and MacBride, if known.

County	MacBride/position	Clark/position
Atlantic	195	800 (C)
Bergen	1,119	2,661 (C)
Burlington	264	1,010 (E)
Camden	533	1,267 (I)
Cape May	124	312 (C)
Cumberland	66	324 (F)
Essex	415	1,192 (F)
Gloucester	154	851 (C)
Hudson	230	840 (F)
Hunterdon	101	404 (D)
Mercer	350	1,153 (C)
Middlesex	1,173	1,787 (D)
Monmouth	730	1,696 (D)
Morris	448	1,375 (C)
Ocean	700	1,165 (D)
Passaic	286	904 (G)
Salem	40	265 (I)
Somerset	706	599 (F)
Sussex	100	518 (C)
Union	1,655(C)	1,167 (G)
Warren	60	372 (C)
New Jersey Total	9,449	20,662

THE BLANCO CAMPAIGN.

Ray Blanco was the fourth LP candidate nationwide to receive over 10% of the vote in a three-way race. He received 10% of the vote while his democratic opponet was re-elected by a landslide (60%), Plainfield is probably the only city in the nation which experienced a democratic landslide. The Democrats carried every district --- a first in the city's political history. The campaign received excellent coverage.

NJ BALANCE OF POWER CANDIDATES.

Patricia Brown held the balance of power in the hotly cor tested Middlesex county sheriff race. She also received the highest number of votes of all our candidates minus Clark. Thom Wright (Bergen County Freeholder candidate), Doug Rubin (Mercer Co. Freeholder Candidate), and Walt Swirsky (Monmouth Co. Sheriff candidate) also held balance of power.

NJ CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATES.

The Full New Jersey Congressional slate received more votes than Clark. Generally, we placed fourth. Below is a comparison of the totals in 1976, 1978 and 1980. If there was no LP candidate, we recorded the highest third party candidate total. Also, if there was no third party candidate, NTPC appears.

CD	1976	1978	1980
1	V. Smith 800	(Socialist 671)	Wishart 1,029
2	(NTPC)	(NTPC)	Rothhouse 2,262
3	W. Swirsky 1,641	Enterline 876	Palven 1,460
4	Moyers 946	(Betsy Ross 1145)	Moyers 2,801
5	Rehmke 1,723	(NTPC)	Samson 2,465
6	S. Brown 1,016	Pike 643	V. Flynn 2,165
7	(NTPC)	Shapiro 974	Shapiro 1,640
8	Doll 580	(NTPC)	Horowitz 874
9	Primich 1,759	(Labor 663)	Koch 2,229
10	McAdam 862	(Socialist Worker 347)	Penque 271
11	Kupchik 1,749	Roth 1,238	Roth 1,317
12	(American 1,120)	(NTPC)	Vandersteel 1,018
13	(Independent 4,660)	(NTPC)	Schafer 4,260
14	Ryley 446	(Taxpayers 1,962)	Steele 1,765
15	(Silent Majority 14,543)	Fieschko 1,438	Hart 1,865

COUNTY LEVEL RESULTS

Our county candidates performance was better than average. Again, the general pattern of slight increases were reported. Below are there results.

COUNTY RESULTS (continued)

Bergen County

For Freeholder: Wright 5,324 Lofgren 4,634 Vanechanos 4,654

Hunterdon County

For Freeholder: Shutz 701

Mercer County

For Freeholders: Rubin 2,392 Ludeman 2,249
For County Clerk: Dawson 2,416

Middlesex County

For Sheriff: Brown 5,479

Monmouth County

For Freeholders: Hurley 2,596 C.Toto 2,283
For Sheriff: W.Swirsky 2,327

Ocean County

For Freeholders: L.Flynn 1,848 W.Hall 1,723
For County Clerk: D.Hall 2,213

Somerset County

For Freeholder: Pesyk 1,261
For Surrogate: Hoffman 2,735

Union County

For Freeholders: Perry 2,184 Edwards 2,092 Lally 2,048

CANDIDATES ELECTED (NATIONALLY)

In 1978, Dick Randolph won the last seat for the Alaska State Legislature --- sixth in a 17 candidate race. On November 4, 1980, Dick came through the race as the TOP VOTE-GETTER IN THE STATE, He received 11,110 votes in an 18 candidate race. Three incumbent democrats and one incumbent republican retained their seats in second, third, fifth and sixth position. In the fourth position with an impressive 9,769 votes was another libertarian, Ken Fanning.

Mary Shell, a registered libertarian, was elected Mayor of Bakersfield, California. It was a non-partisan race.

BALLOT STATUS OBTAINED/PRESERVED

States on ballot, December 1, 1979:

North Carolina, South Carolina, Alabama, Hawaii, Nevada, Idaho (6)

States on ballot, December 1, 1980:

South Carolina, Alabama, Hawaii, Michigan, Wisconsin, Oregon, California, Nevada, Idaho, Montana, Alaska, Delaware, New Mexico (13)

CANDIDATES WITH 10% AND ABOVE, THREE WAY RACE

19% Buck Crouch, Arizona State Senate
17% Roberta Rinehart, California State Assembly
13% Ben Olson, Iowa House of Representatives
10% Ray Blanco, Plainfield (NJ) City Council

CANDIDATES WITH 10% AND ABOVE, TWO WAY RACE

32% Vivian Baures, Jackson County (Oregon) Treasurer
21% Jerry Newton, Arizona State Senate
20% Jim Clarkson, Floyd County (Georgia) Commissioner
19% Al Heitzman, California Assembly
15% Eric Garris, California Senate
15% Kevin Dye, California Assembly
14% Jeff Leibling, California Assembly
11% Ken Morrison, U.S. Congress (Virginia)
10% Don Smith, U.S. Congress (Hawaii)

FINAL ANALYSIS

If more libertarians had done their share whether by volunteering time or contributing money, our results could have been better. It's time to get back to work now and prepare for next year's fight. I will be at the December Natcom meeting and will report to the membership on December 14 at the Annual Dinner. See ya, soon.



NEW JERSEY LIBERTARIAN PARTY'S

HOLIDAY DINNER

ON DECEMBER 14 AT 5:30 PM

AT CHARLIE'S UNCLE

ROUTE 18 (1 1/2 Mile east of Turnpike)

EAST BRUNSWICK, NJ (201) 254-4226

ADMISSION **\$15.00** PER PERSON

Choice of Entree:

Chicken Teriyaki
Trout w/ Almonds
Roast Duckling
Steak Kabob

Served with potato, vegetable, salad,
ice cream, glass of wine & coffee or tea.

CALL IN RESERVATION TO G. FLYNN

AT 928-0758 or 755-4930

BUT CHECK MUST BE RECEIVED NO

LATER THAN 12/12/80

Tentative Speaker: Dr. Dallas Cooley

Please reserve _____ dinners. I am enclosing a check for \$ _____.
() Chicken () Trout () Duckling () Steak.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Date: _____

Make Check payable to "New Jersey Libertarian Party."

Send to: Bonnie Swirsky * 7 Maxwell Lane * Englishtown, NJ 07726.