



# THE NEW JERSEY LIBERTARIAN

NOVEMBER

1988

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**October 25-- Dan Maiullo on Monmouth Cablevision Candidates' Forum at 8 PM.**

**October 29-- Campaign Cocktail Party for NJLP US Senate candidate Jerry Zeldin, 7:30 PM at his home in Laurel Springs. Call Jerry at 609/783-4306 for details.**

**November 2-- Laura Stewart on Monmouth Cablevision League of Women Voters Debate at 7 PM.**

**November 2-- Dan Mauillo on Storer Cable for League of Women Voters Debate at 7 PM.**

**November 4-- Middlesex/Somerset Cty. Libertarians to meet at 7 PM at Howard Schoen's home, 2602 Merrywood Dr., Edison ("Edison Manor," off Brunswick Ave., off Plainfield Ave., near old Camp Kilmer). Meet your Congressional candidates. Business meeting at 8 PM. Call 201/572-0207 evenings/weekends for details.**

**November 4-- Libertarians of Monmouth County Meeting, 8 PM, at the Stewarts', 147 Broadway, Keyport. Robert Latorre will speak about the Constitution, "Congress Shall Make No Laws...." Call 201/264-4492 for details.**

**November 8-- Election day-----VOTE LIBERTARIAN!!**

**November 8-- General Meeting/ Election night celebration beginning 8 PM at two locations: Northern--Rick Hoegberg's at 64 Baldwin St. New Brunswick (201/246-1731); Southern--John Hill's at 119 Park Place in Cherry Hill (609/665-6833).**

**December 6-- Steering Committee Meeting 6:30 PM at Farrell's Ice Cream Parlour, Route 18 South (Brunswick Square Mall) in East Brunswick. Meeting begins after dinner. All NJLP members are welcome and invited.**

**January 10, 1989-- State Committee Meeting 6:30 PM at Farrell's.**

## OPEN LETTER TO ALL CAMPAIGN WORKERS

by Lucille Bender

The vote count was small but I don't feel I lost the September 15th N.J. Assembly election campaign. I made new friends, met many nice people during the campaign, and enjoyed the love and help which continually surrounded me for three hectic weeks. I saw my name up in lights and got six full pages of newspaper advertising--which I plan to save to show my grandchildren. These are only a few of the many memories I will carry away from my experience.

Even though the election results were not as I had hoped, I feel that everyone who worked on the campaign deserves a huge THANK YOU from me. Special and immeasurable thanks are due Laura Stewart who did the work of 20 people, went without sleep (literally) and contributed several hundred dollars of her own money.

Next in line for prize winning in the effort department is Barbara Jones. Barbara gave relentlessly of her time and her home which was invaded nearly 24 hours a day by volunteers. Not only was her home available but she continually

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supplied everyone with food and drink--GOOD food and drink too! Words really fail me in any effort to adequately thank these two dedicated women.

Ed Brown, owner and editor of The Herald newspaper in Wall Township, provided substantial financial help. His editorial endorsement just before the election left me overwhelmed. We have a real believer in Ed Brown and I have made a valuable new friend.

Sometimes the regulars get taken for granted because we are all so used to them just "being there," so I want to give three loud cheers to Ginny and Len Flynn, whose efforts for the Party appear to be endless. Many thanks.

Another new friend appeared from North Jersey. His name is Ted Kubly and he turned up smiling and helpful every Friday. Hopefully he'll become a new member.

Volunteers came into Barbara's from everywhere. Their help and verbal support carried me through the days when I thought I was crazy and should just drop out. Each and every one of you made a difference and I do thank all of you.

Finally, I don't know how to thank the more than 80 people who contributed their hard earned dollars. I understand we collected (and quickly spent) more than \$3500--a rare figure for such a small and local LP election. (The majors spent an estimated quarter of a million dollars!) Many people sacrificed--from Warren Kupchik's broken piggy bank to the person who sent in just \$1.00. Many people sent encouraging notes along with their checks, and these meant as much to me as the money.

NJLP officials had positive opinions and their feelings were of hope for future success built upon what we learned from this campaign. I certainly hope they are right and that this will be a beginning for more and more "real campaigns" which can elect true Libertarians to restrain the all consuming monster we call our government today.

**NJLP STATE COMMITTEE MEETING**

By Len Flynn

On October 11, 1988 the NJLP State Committee met at Farrell's Ice Cream Parlour in East Brunswick. Present were Karlan, Maiullo, Flynn, Friedlander, Schoen, Hill, Stewart, and Peters. Zeldin, White, Swirsky, Harris, Polombo, Meinshausen, Kerr, Schafer, Pierone, and Agnew were absent.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by State Chair Dan Karlan. After the minutes of the August 23 State Committee meeting were corrected (Jerry Zeldin was absent not present) and approved, other items of unfinished business were reviewed.

Dan Maiullo told the group that incorporation for the NJLP was proceeding. The "Solution" (South Africa) video is expected to be received shortly. Lists of members and prospects from National LP were circulated and copies given to State Committee Representatives. Copies of labels for Libertarian International use have been supplied.

Laura Stewart reported on the Lucille Bender for Assembly campaign. Prospects have been gained for the future and useful information concerning the election is expected to be gained.

All literature ordered had been received except for "Outlook" LP News from National LP. Howard Schoen suggested creating the NJLP position of Librarian to watch over LP books and/or archive documents. NJLP members are invited to submit opinions to the NJLP Chair about this matter.

For new business it was observed that the next General Meeting (11/8/88) should consider the Bylaws amendment to direct the Steering Committee to prepare a budget each year. The consensus of the meeting was that the budget would be a guidance document not mandatory constraints.

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## The crazy candidacy of Libertarian Paul

By JAMES J. KILPATRICK

WASHINGTON — Let us contemplate for a moment the presidential candidacy of a gentleman from Texas.

The gentleman proposes — seriously proposes — to abolish the Federal Reserve, to repeal federal laws on pornography, to wipe out farm subsidies, and to legalize the sale of marijuana, heroin and cocaine. Not content, he also would scrub the Mann Act because he believes that laws against prostitution are a violation of personal liberty.

This is not all. The gentleman would ask Congress to end foreign aid, to restore the gold standard, to turn air traffic control over to private enterprise, and to balance the budget by cutting EVERYTHING by at least 20 percent across the board. That includes Social Security, hot school lunches, subsidized housing and food stamps for the poor.

These are a few of the planks in the platform of Dr. Ron Paul, nominee of the Libertarian Party. He brings to his campaign the frustrating experience of four terms in the House of Representatives as a congressman from Houston. There he accomplished little but learned a great deal. He also is recognized as a knowledgeable authority on monetary policy. In private life he is an obstetrician who has delivered at least 8,000 babies.

What is to be said of such a candidate? In the conventional wisdom, what one says is that Dr. Paul is nuts. In a more generous appraisal, he is

naive, idealistic, ingenuous and simplistic. After these modest observations have been made, it must also be said that on some issues the gentleman makes uncomfortably good sense.

The candidate does not look much like a John the Baptist crying in the wilderness. He lacks the zealot's eye, the prophet's beard. He is 53, though he looks 10 years younger, and might easily be taken for the soccer coach at a high-toned high school. The candidate is soft-spoken, but when he gets going on libertarian principles, he is about as soft as a fire alarm.

The interesting thing is that Ron Paul believes. He truly believes. He believes in life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, and he believes that society prospers when the people rely on their own resources first and look to the government last. He is convinced that if most programs of public welfare were cut off on a Monday, by Tuesday the recipients would find ways to make do. He regards politicians as a breed of hypocrites who are all in favor of economy — until an economy affects their constituents.

In the newspaper business we seldom meet true believers. It is therefore a refreshing experience to spend an hour talking with Dr. Paul. Viewed in the real world, his proposals are preposterous. Impossible. Unachievable.

And yet ... and yet. In his farewell address to the House in 1984, he spoke of farm subsidies: "We learned nothing from the Depression years and continue to pay farmers to raise crops not needed, and then pay them to stop planting. Our policies drive prices of commodities down, so we prop up the prices and put up the surpluses. The consumer

suffers, the farmer suffers, the country suffers, but our policies never change; we just legislate more of the same programs that caused the problems in the first place."

One of his many radical proposals goes to the legalization of drugs. He draws a parallel between current policies and Prohibition. Manifestly, Prohibition was a failure. It created a vast underground of speakeasies, rum runners and moonshiners; it bred contempt for law; it corrupted police and made gangsters rich. By calling off the costly war on drugs, and making them legally available to adults, the worst of these comparable evils could be eliminated. For his own part, "I despise the use of illegal drugs." He and his wife have been active in the campaign against their use, "but we do it through moral and medical persuasion." The force of prohibitive law, he says, is serving only to make bad matters worse.

The Libertarians have been running presidential candidates since 1972. They now are firmly established as the most prominent of all third parties. This time their ticket will be on the November ballot in 47 states. The nominee has no illusions about winning, though he cheerfully observes that if all the people who are dissatisfied with George Bush and Michael Dukakis would vote for him, he'd make a respectable showing. I expect he has a valid point there.

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How I Spent My Summer Vacation

Dan Karlan

I was out of the country July 9 to Aug 14 -- 5 weeks of vacation. (I missed what I have heard was some truly horrible weather.) 4 of the 5 weeks was in East Africa, on an extended Safari that took me from the mountain jungles of Zaire to the parched plains of Tanzania. Between Aug 6 and 7 I worked my way from Arusha, Tanzania, through Nairobi, Kenya, and Johannesburg, South Africa, to the outskirts of Mbabane, Swaziland for the 4th World Libertarian International Conference. (Tom and Janice Palven from NJ were also present, as was the chair of the Pa LP, John Famularo.)

Because the Safari started in a different place from where it ended, baggage was strictly limited -- nothing could be left for later pick-up. I did manage, however, to include a copy of THE SOLUTION, for autographing by our hosts, Leon Louw and Frances Kendall.

I won't delve deeply into my East African adventures, except to mention that I saw everything I wanted to, it was all terrific, but I don't think I was able to interest many of my 15 travelling companions in our philosophy -- though I didn't try very hard. Some interest was expressed, however -- especially in the Conference they all knew I would be attending.

While I was in my hotel room in Arusha, and later in the hotel in Nairobi, I was bored enough to take out THE SOLUTION and read it. After all, it was to be a major topic at the Conference.

From the first pages, I was hooked. I finished it in Nairobi, on the 6th; when I arrived at the Con, 24 hours later, I was already excited.

I must say that as for the Conference itself, it was a mixed bag. There were some good talks, and some not-so-good. Disappointments included the notable no-shows, including Karl Hess and Barbara Branden, and an incomprehensible speaker. With that out of my system, I can focus on the positive.

First was the organization hosting the Con -- the Free Market Foundation. This group has had major successes in getting libertarian ideas to the public, and we saw one of them -- a video set entitled "Justice for All." It is a collection of 8 tapes and written follow-up material, made available to business and public groups. Using stylized mostly non-racial cartoons, the tapes present the principles and practice of the free market, from free trade to unions and wages and regulation. We were shown an excerpt. It was very impressive. It was also expensive, and we could not -- and should not -- follow their lead on our own. Much better, if it can be done, would be to translate the tapes to US format and change the voice-over where appropriate only. On the other hand, perhaps Reason Foundation's "The New Enlightenment" will do the job as well. I don't know -- I haven't seen the Reason set.

Then there were Leon and Frances themselves. (They were 2 of the 6 founders of the Free Market Foundation; I met 2 others, and 2 have left and have not been heard from.) They more than lived up to the image I formed from their book. In print, any intelligent libertarian can present an air-tight case reasonably well. But in person, appearances matter and have an impact. Besides being very intelligent, Leon and Frances are very articulate, very personable, and very quick. We could not have wished for better spokesmen.

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# Swaziland plays host to a major conference

**HAVE** you ever heard of an organisation called Libertarian International? Or do you know what the organisation is all about?

The Kingdom of Swaziland is blessed to host such an august conference convened by this international organisation. The conference, the fourth to be held since its inception is attended by renowned personalities from various schools of thoughts. Among them political pundits, authors, local ministers, and men of high calibre, just to mention a few gracing the conference.

The convener of the conference is Mr and

Mrs Leon Louw, from South Africa, who have jointly written a book entitled: "South Africa, The Solution."

Speaking to the *Swazi Observer*, Mr Louw said the conference was to focus on how to promote freedom in the developing countries.

This approach, he said, would outline some possible ways and means to follow towards achieving individual freedom and free enterprise.

He said he and his

wife chose to hold the conference in Swaziland because of her scenery and that Swaziland was one of the African countries that practised and encouraged free enterprise, which is one of the Libertarian International's basic principles.

Yesterday one of the speakers, a founder of a number of trade unions in South Africa, Mr Lawrence Mavundla presented his paper on "Fighting the System."

Today, former leader of the Progressive Federal Party in South Africa, Dr Frederik van zyl Slabbert will deliver his paper on "Centralisation of Power in South Africa and Prospects of Devolution."

What is Libertarian International?

It is an association of individuals and orga-

## Does Libertarian International ring a bell to you?

nisations dedicated to building a free and peaceful world, respect for individual rights and liberties, and an open and competitive economic system based on voluntary exchange and free trade.

Members and affiliate organisations pursue this goal through independent action, using their freely chosen strategies. The association exists to promote the exchange of information and ideas, to

and to foster fellowship.

Libertarian International, incidentally, study diverse strategies has no power structure or political hierarchy. The relationship maintained between members and regional representatives is totally voluntary and is based entirely upon a sense of friendship and dedication to mutually cherished goals.

In the words of Pro-

fessor Timothy Leary, "Libertarianism is the leading edge of human evolutions."

Who are the members of Libertarian International?

The members of this international organisation are of many different races and creeds from 40 countries around the world, so far. Bound by an intense desire to see justice triumph over evil, all are working today to build

the foundations of a better, freer world tomorrow.

They are people who see very clearly that the solution to the problems of today's turbulent world and to the unlocking of individual human potential is to be achieved not via the institutionalised violence and force to government action, but rather via free and enlightened people seeking private, voluntary, and non-coercive solutions among themselves.

Libertarian International members from around the world are on the vanguard of a new and exciting wave of change. Some are creating intellectual think-tanks, others are working on building economic free zone move-

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**Blessed are the young, for they shall inherit the national debt.**

Taxes are said to be a method used by the government to artificially induce the rainy day everybody's been saving for.

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# Libertarian International: what it does

ments, others have written constitutions for new countries, others are challenging obnoxious state acts such as South African apartheid, others are teaching in the universities and creating charitable foundations and still others are writing books, reviving long-suppressed and forgotten Libertarian works and translating Libertarian materials into other languages.

The organisations has been working for five

years now to promote a worldwide brotherhood amongst those who love liberty, the success of which is much in evidence at world conferences where one cannot help but be moved by the intense and very warm feelings of comradeship, and by the unbridled cooperation and unity of purpose.

Libertarian International's primary function has been and continues to be to provide a world communications network for Libertarian activists -- the primary

medium being monthly international activist newsletter, Freedom Network News. The organisation was founded in Ann Arbor Michigan in 1980 by Canadian newspaper editor, longtime Libertarian activist and internationalist Vincent Miller.

The Libertarian Charter  
The Individual shall be Free!

These are the axioms by which Individuals may live freely and in

peace:

1. Each human being is the exclusive owner of his or her life, and of all the products of that life.
2. No individual or group may initiate force or the threat of force against another individual. Individuals may resist force against themselves with any reasonable means.
3. No obligation is binding amongst individuals except those to which they freely and explicitly consent.
4. No group has more

liberties than its individual members.

## Implications

Freedom of speech, association, contract and movement.

Respect for the individual and for the individual's rights.

Love for life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Limits on the power of groups, governments and gangsters.

Rights to resist force or theft or enslavement.

Reason to be used to the settlement of disputes.

Labour may not use coercion to achieve its objectives. Enforce strikes, closed shops, compulsory union membership, all conflict with this charter.

Individuals have a right to be left alone and to keep what is rightfully their property, derived through effort, inheritance or gift. They have a right to teach

their children as they wish, to freely choose where they live and work, in order to obtain the best income available. They do not have a right to an education, or a house, or a job, or a living wage. All these things must be earned, not coercively taken at the expense of some other individual, no matter how well endowed.

When Cal Coolidge married Grace in 1905, they rented six rooms in Northampton, Mass., half of a two-family house, for \$28 month. With the wartime inflation, the rent soared to \$32, and Governor Coolidge feared a second increase in 1919.

But he was able to manage. In the early years his law practice had netted him \$1500 to \$2000 a year, and when he graduated from mayor of Northampton to the State Senate in 1912, he made a little more. By the time he left the governorship for Washington and the vice presidency in 1921, his investments were worth \$25-\$30,000 (say, in the \$300,000 range today), and every dollar honestly come by.

They kept their place in Northampton. For living quarters in Washington, Vice President and Mrs. Coolidge had a suite in the Willard Hotel, complete with maid servants and large enough for entertaining. This set Cal back \$8 a day, but did he worry? At \$12,000 a year he was making more money than he ever dreamed possible, and saving a good part of it. Besides, as Vice President he had a sizable staff (secretary, chauffeur, two clerks), all paid for by Uncle Sam.

Lie got busier when Cal became President after Harding's sudden death in August 1923. He shook hands with some four hundred tourists on a typical day, and they never had to be searched for guns, knives or bombs. He often signed autographs and passed for pictures with visitors. If he was too busy to stop and greet them, he let them pass through his office while he was working or conferring.

The mail was heavy, some ten thousand letters a week. (Yes, Virginia, Americans wrote letters in olden times.) Most of the mail appealed for help in dealing with the bureaucracy — even back in the Twenties. His staff took care of those requests. But Cal himself read the more personal letters, several hundred a week, and more often than not answered them himself.

He invented the press conference and held two a week. The questions had to be submitted in advance, and Cal answered those he chose to answer. Direct quotation was forbidden. If a Sam Donaldson had shown up, he'd have been turned, feathered and pelted with aging eggs. (Too good for him, you say?)

Cal, however, should not be mistaken for a plaster saint. Grace had most of the warmth and all of the charm that the Lord allotted to the Coolidges. When Lindbergh stayed overnight at the White House, Cal was out of sorts. The young hero was getting all the attention.

When Coolidge took office the population was approaching 115 million. When he left it was around 120 million. In short, not quite half our present size. But while the budget runs over \$1 trillion today, it ran under \$4 billion in Cal's day. At that, he worried about high taxes and government spending, not to mention the horrendous \$20.5 billion national debt, legacy of Wilson's war. So he cut all three.

He repealed the gift tax, slashed the estate tax in half, trimmed surtaxes on the rich by half. Not until the end of his tenure could he persuade Congress to lower corporation taxes. The Democrats and liberal Republicans, almost as economically illiterate then as now, charged him with favoring the rich. Yet he also cut income taxes, eliminating them entirely for the lower third of the taxpayers. After the Coolidge cuts, only 2.5 million paid any income tax — about one American in fifty. Cal's only regret: they wouldn't let him cut taxes more.

While Coolidge was cutting the budget, he also cut the national debt by \$1 billion a year.

If all this sounds like another country, be assured, it is. Why then do I write about exotic lands and alien cultures like America (1927)? I guess because the liberals don't want me to. Since they can't entirely rewrite history, they'd rather we didn't read about it. They'd rather we think it normal to live in a cesspool, with profligacy the way of life for governments and citizens alike.

One last thought. From Cal, of course, as reported by Dwight Morrow:

*"It is not the business of government to do good but to prevent harm. When governments try to do good they generally get themselves and other people in trouble."*

— Neil McAffery

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## VACATION...

There was THE SOLUTION video, a very impressive presentation of the ideas and arguments from the book. Groundswell USA is making a US-format of the video available, and NJLP has authorized purchase of it. It will be made available to local groups. Take advantage of this. (Fees will be negotiated so that Groundswell USA benefits and NJLP recoups a portion of its investment.)

There were discussions of the work of Groundswell, the separate effort to publicize and popularize THE SOLUTION, including Solution Parties. Those are organized by Gail Day (who also did an impressive job in the mundane operation of the Convention), and amount to an analog of Tupperware parties, but for an idea. If you sneer at the notion, your reaction is precisely that of Frances when Gail proposed the idea. But not only has Gail made it work, it is an overwhelming success. Frances presented some preliminary figures, and the conversion rate is quite astonishing. Just as important, they are crossing racial boundaries.

All of these were more than impressive -- they were exhilarating. And not just to me.

Case in point. The Swaziland government is not repressive, but it is not free-market. There were people from the Swazi government in attendance, and I learned that after the talks on de-regulation and privatization, they approached Leon about consulting FMF for implementation of the ideas in their own country!

Support for THE SOLUTION and the solution it presents is growing in South Africa dramatically. There is the very real possibility that if time for a peaceful solution of the crisis can be made, THE SOLUTION will form the blueprint for the future. And if that happens, at least some of the cantons can be expected to implement libertarian ideas. We might get to see Freedom In Our Time!

(How much time do they need? So many South Africans are becoming so desperate for any peaceful resolution, and THE SOLUTION's is the only one yet proposed, that as little as two years might be enough. That is my own estimate, however. I don't know that anyone has offered any basis for a firm time-table.)

This was my first Libertarian International conference, and I am thrilled to have been there. The next one, a European (rather than a World) conference, will be in Paris next summer: July 7-13. Our local rep has already reserved the entire conference center, with 100+ rooms, and you can hold a place for \$50. I look forward to seeing a few of you there. Note: the dates were chosen to lead into the 200th anniversary of the start of the French Revolution. While that cannot compare to our own, especially in outcome, it is certainly the case that the French know how to throw a party.

## Quick! Can you define capitalism?

According to Robert Peterson, a professor at the University of Texas, only about a third of the population can give a remotely accurate definition of the word capitalism.

"Our study," says Peterson, "shows that when people are asked to define the word, they are as likely to give a description of socialism, communism, bureaucracy, or virtually any other conceivable political-economic philosophy as they are to give a correct definition."

Most of the 1,200 people who responded to the

survey associated capitalism with its negative excesses and with connotations of big business — the idea that large companies are indifferent to individuals. Peterson suggested that much of the public's lack of knowledge and misinformation about capitalism — the underlying economic principle of this country — stems from the way it has been treated, or mistreated, in Western art, literature, and film.

"People really don't have much understanding of business and economics," he said.

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# The Libertarian Party's man

Editor, The Record:

Richard Reeves is correct when he states (Sept. 11 column) that the 1988 presidential campaign is "a debate about the role of government in the United States." However, Mr. Reeves is not correct when he states that the Republican party is the party of liberty while the Democrats stand squarely for justice. He claims that "liberty and justice are often in opposition."

Nothing can be further from the truth.

In his new book, "Freedom Under Siege," Libertarian Party presidential candidate Ron Paul states: "Careless disregard for liberty allows politicians to promise anything in order to be re-elected. Inevitably this leads to a steady increase in spending, forcing higher taxes, more borrowing, and inflation. The rights of property ownership has been replaced with forced redistribution of wealth and property, without concern for the individual creating the wealth."

This passage articulates the notion that liberty and justice is inexorably intertwined. One cannot exist without the other. And the American people know it too.

The small-government versus big-government theme has dominated American presidential elec-

tions throughout our history. In the 19th century, voter participation was extremely high as the candidates staked out clearly articulated positions on taxes, money, trade, regulation, war and peace, etc. The decline in voter turnout in the postwar period has been attributed to the "fuzziness" of the candidates' rhetoric.

Thus, the American people may think they are getting one model when in fact they got a "lemon." In the 1964 presidential campaign President Johnson promised not to send American boys to fight in the jungles of mainland Asia. After his overwhelming defeat of Barry Goldwater that November — a reflection of the American people's desire not to be the world's policeman — LBJ escalated the Vietnam war, and the rest is history.

In 1980 and again in 1984, Ronald Reagan won landslide victories emphasizing a Jeffersonian theme: Smaller government is better than big government. Yet even Mr. Reagan's ardent supporters concede his performance has fallen far short of the president's rhetoric.

Clearly, the American people have overwhelmingly elected presidents in recent elections who have campaigned for noninterventionism abroad and cutting back the size of government at home.

Neither Bush or Dukakis is a limited-government candidate.

Yet the candidate who is proposing that liberty and justice be dispensed to all the American people is virtually unknown by the vast majority of voters.

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- 4) Our efforts are misdirected.
- 5) Education must precede action.
- 6) We should adopt new objectives.

To allay criticism that I have not thrown myself fully into the fray, let me point out that I served as the professional opinion pollster to the Ed Clark campaign in 1980 and ran for Congress, gaining 2% of the vote against Republican powerhouse Jim Courter. It was my thrill in 1981 to help Dick Siano get elected to the Kingwood Township committee.

During the year that followed, Dick voted Libertarian on issue after issue. With each vote, he lost the support of more and more of his fellow citizens. It became clear to me that Americans prefer Santa Claus to Scrooge in their government.

When we NJ Libertarians attempted to elect John Lutz to a majority seat on the Kingwood committee, a letter was sent to every voter in Kingwood, urging them not to vote for Lutz or, as the letter stated, "Kingwood will go the way of South Plainfield" (not a compliment). That letter was signed by 57 active members of the Republican and Democratic parties. John Lutz was defeated, although he did get over 20% of the total vote.

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## FUTILITY OF LIBERTARIAN POLITICS

by John S. Schafer

What have we learned from year after year of defeats for NJLP candidates, Lucille Bender being only the latest example? As past state chairman, I deplore the waste of time, talent and treasure on an unappreciative electorate.

Desperate pleas come in from the Ron Paul campaign (and the Bergland, Clark and McBride campaigns before this one), asking for donations of hundreds of thousands of dollars, much of it for state ballot access.

It is time that we Libertarians "got real" and faced some daunting facts:

- 1) America has a two party system.
- 2) We are a minority third party.
- 3) We offer a vent for voter frustration, but so do other parties.



## NEW JERSEY LIBERTARIAN PARTY MEMBERSHIP FORM

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State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (H or B) \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I live in the municipality of \_\_\_\_\_☐ I am eligible to vote in \_\_\_\_\_ county.☐ I am registered to vote in NJ.☐ Please do not include my name if the NJLP list is rented to other organizations.NJLP DuesMembership Category

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$300.00 | Lifetime Sustaining     | <input type="checkbox"/> I would like to contribute: \$ _____                          |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> 50.00    | Sustaining              | <input type="checkbox"/> NJ Libertarian subscription only, \$10.00.                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 35.00    | Supporting              | <input type="checkbox"/> I am not the first member at this mailing address, and do not |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15.00    | Regular                 | wish to receive the newsletter. (\$10.00 may be deducted from the                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5.00     | Student (School: _____) | Regular membership dues only.)   |

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

X \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(Signature indicating acceptance of above statement is required for membership)

NJLP Bylaws require that members either live or work in NJ.

Make checks payable and return to: NJLP, PO Box 56, Tennent, NJ 07763

## MEETING...

Howard Schoen mentioned that the National Right-to-Work Committee failed to include LP candidates, despite sending a questionnaire. Howard, a NRTWC member, sent a complaint letter about their omission.

Dan Karlan and John Hill are 1989 NJLP Convention co-chairmen. Two sites were considered: the National Convention Center in Hightstown (Turnpike Exit 8) for 2/25/89 and the Holiday Inn in Jamesburg (Tpk. Exit 8A) for 3/4/89. The Holiday Inn was chosen for its lower per person cost. Early registration for \$35 each is projected.

The convention is planned to have a single, two hour morning business session with a preset schedule for speakers and discussions which will be adhered to by convention moderators. Many speakers will be considered by John and Dan in formulating the program. The meeting adjourned at 9:35 PM.

## FUTILITY...

Personally, I have resolved to drop out of partisan politics. Each of you must make his or her own choice. It seems to me that we have become a remnant "not of this world." We can congregate and enjoy our discourse that few outsiders can appreciate or understand. We are akin to other radical sects like the Amish who do not subscribe to present day values.

In my opinion, we would be better off to circle our wagons and spend our time and treasure enjoying one another's company and conversation. We should therefore resolve to become a *successful* Libertarian social or supper club, rather than an *unsuccessful* political party. At the very least, we should refuse to play a game stacked against us.

Do you agree? We invite your comments.

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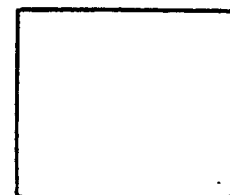
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