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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 10-- Fund raising wine & cheese party at 8 PM at Palven's for the Moyers for Governor Campaign. Call Tom or Jan at 201/938-4775.

October 16-- Center for Libertarian Studies (CLS) Libertarian Heritage monthly lecture series begins with Murray Rothbard discussing Ludwig von Mises. All CLS lectures begin at 7 PM, are held at CLS headquarters at 200 Park Ave. South in Manhattan, and are free of charge. (For info. call 212/533-6600.)

October 17-- NJLP Steering Comm. meeting at 1:00 PM at the Flagship restaurant in East Brunswick.

November 2-- CLS lecture by Bill Evers on "The politics of John Milton: A Revisionist View."

November 3-- Election Day: VOTE LIBERTARIAN.

November 6-- CLS lecture by IHS fellow George Smith on "The English Opponents of State Education."

November 14-- NJLP General Meeting starts at 2 PM at the Franklin Park Inn on Route 27 in Franklin Park. Speaker will be LP NatCom representative Dave Walter (Region 14-- PA, NJ, & DE). Business to include motion for removal of NJLP Steering Committee At-large member because of nonattendance.

December 11-- CLS lecture by Doug Rasmussen on "Ethics and the Free Market."

BY GEORGE

With another National Convention behind us, it's time to move on with the goal that unites us all--the creation of a free society in our lifetimes.

Our new National Chair is Alicia Clark who ran as a "unity candidate," stressing internal education and grass roots organizing. Her victory presents some interesting possibilities for the future of the LP.

From the discussion on August 30th at the first meeting of the new National Committee, it appears likely that the National LP will have a "co-chair" system, with Alicia taking responsibility for the West and Vice-Chair Sheldon Richman taking responsibility for the East.

This should prove to be beneficial to the East coast states like New Jersey, which have been largely written off by so many LP leaders in the past. Also, Alicia's campaign, more than any other candidate's, focused on the need for strong internal education programs of the type that the NJLP has been requesting.

As soon as I was made aware of the results, I offered my congratulations and assistance to our new National Chair.

Perhaps the 1981 National Convention results will be the first of a series of positive steps toward the building of the National LP into the potent political force it can be.

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Alicia Clark New Chair---

"LP/10," the Tenth Anniversary Convention of the Libertarian Party, was held on August 26-30th in Denver, Colorado. Alicia Clark was elected the new National Chair of the LP. She ran on a platform emphasizing grass-roots organizing and a steady reliance on state and local LP leaders, and National Committee members for ideas and direction for the national organization. She also cited her organizing experience in business in her native country of Mexico, and with the Libertarian Party since 1972 with her husband Ed.

Alicia's campaign stops in the 1980 presidential effort and her 1981 campaigning for National Chair have given her extensive experience in assisting state and local LP's and in dealing with the media. She intends to continue this type of work as National Chair.

In a close election which required three ballots, Alicia ran ahead of John Mason of Colorado and Kent Guida of Maryland, and also late-entry Lyn Sapowsky of California. One of Alicia's advantages in the hard-fought race was her eagerness to work with all elements of the Party.

Other Officers---

In another close, three-ballot race, Sheldon Richman (who only announced his candidacy the day before the election!) was elected Vice-Chair. He ran ahead of Craig Franklin, Dallas Cooley, and Scott Olmsted. Sheldon chaired the national Platform Committee this year and is a veteran Libertarian thinker and writer.

Vivian Baures was elected without opposition as Treasurer. She was Chair of the Audit Committee for the National Committee for the past year, and performed a free audit of the LP books early this year.

Frances Eddy was elected Secretary, also without opposition. She is a long-time Libertarian activist and a former National Committee member.

NatCom Elections---

Seven National Committee members were elected in "at-large" elections. They are: Dick Randolph, Andrea Millen Rich, Mary Louise Hanson, Chris Hocker, Michael Emerling, Kent Guida, and Murray Rothbard.

Our new Region 14 NatCom representative is Dave Walter, Pennsylvania LP Chair and Co-Director of the Society for Individual Liberty.

Platform Revisions---

The Convention approved a new Women's Rights plank supporting the pro-choice position on abortion and opposing "protective" labor legislation. A new plank on juries supports all-volunteer juries and the principle of allowing juries to decide the justice as well as the facts in criminal cases. A new plank opposing government interference with private space exploration was also approved.

NatCom Anti-draft Resolution---

The LP National Committee passed a strong anti-draft resolution supporting both registration and draft resisters.

10th ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

Mark your calendars now for the Tenth Anniversary Banquet for AGAINST THE WALL, an independently-published libertarian magazine in New Jersey. The banquet will be held next August at the Jacques Restaurant in South Plainfield with Karl Hess as featured speaker. More on this in future issues as we get closer to August.

--- Bill George

THE TRUTH ABOUT RONALD REAGAN

PERSONAL FREEDOM AND CIVIL LIBERTY

Ronald Reagan has often denounced Big Government for its interference in peoples' lives. His opposition to Big Government, however, is purely rhetorical and does not extend to issues of personal freedom.

Fact: Ronald Reagan is a strong believer in harsh drug laws, including those against marijuana, which he has labeled "the most dangerous drug in America." When asked about marijuana in a recent magazine interview, he replied, "I know what some of the young people are saying: it's a victimless crime... To hell with that."

Fact: Reagan wants to increase penalties for the sale and distribution of pornography.

Fact: Reagan is opposed to repeal of laws governing sexual behavior between consenting adults. He is also opposed to an Executive Order forbidding discrimination in employment on the basis of sexual preference by the federal government and the military.

Fact: Reagan opposes the right of women to choose abortions. He supports the so-called "Human Life Amendment," which would outlaw abortions entirely.

Fact: Reagan's opposition to the ERA is well-known.

Fact: Reagan, who received the enthusiastic support of fundamentalist political action groups, has stated that "freedom of religion does not mean freedom from religion."

Fact: The Republican Party platform, for which Mr. Reagan has pledged his support, advocates a substantial weakening of the Privacy Act and the Freedom of Information Act. The platform also pledges to strengthen the CIA and its ability to conduct covert activities overseas. In addition, Senator Paul Laxalt, one of Reagan's top advisors, has introduced legislation to give the FBI power to spy on American citizens. It can be expected that President Reagan will support his legislation.

FOREIGN POLICY

Reagan's criticism of federal bureaucrats and their wasteful spending does not apply to the bureaucrats in the Pentagon. He supports massive increases in defense spending and virtually every new weapon proposed by military.

Fact: Reagan has advocated or contemplated confrontation with the Soviet Union in numerous spots around the world, including Afghanistan, Cuba, Angola, and Southeast Asia. He has advocated intervention on behalf of repressive rightwing **dictatorships** in countries such as Chile, Iran, Nicaragua, and **South Korea**.

Fact: Reagan and his foreign policy advisors, such as Richard Allen of The Committee on the Present Danger, advocate an even larger increase in military spending than did President Carter. They agree that "defense" expenditures should rise by at least \$30 billion per year during his first term. Reagan supports the development of every new weapons system devised by the Pentagon, including the notorious MX missile. The cost of this one new weapon alone could be as much as \$100 billion, which makes a mockery of his promise to simultaneously cut taxes and balance the budget.

Fact: Reagan has stated that "there is only one military-industrial complex whose operations should concern us and it is not in Arlington, Virginia, but in Moscow in the Soviet Union."

Fact: Reagan believes that the United States should threaten the Soviet Union with an arms race in order to win concessions. His opposition to the SALT II Treaty is an extension of that belief.

FREE ENTERPRISE

Ronald Reagan made a career out of preaching the virtues of free enterprise. The positions he has espoused during his campaign for the Presidency, however, are those of a confirmed believer in the corporate state.

Fact: Reagan has endorsed the federal bailout of Chrysler Corporation, saying that, because the federal government is the cause of Chrysler's financial woes, it has "some responsibility to rectify the damage it has done."

Fact: Reagan has denounced the Carter Administration for allowing the imports of beef, for allowing a free market in the importation of Japanese steel, and for not doing enough to stem the tide of imported foreign automobiles.

Fact: Reagan has consistently wavered on the issue of trucking deregulation. His present position is that he wants to form a federal commission to "study" the problem. Ironically, he takes less of a free market position on this issue than Senator Edward Kennedy.

Fact: During the campaign, Reagan attacked the recently created Synthetic Fuels Corporation, a multi-billion dollar subsidy to the big oil companies. However, he now intends to go ahead with full funding for the new agency.

Fact: Reagan has pledged to retain the farm price supports system.

Fact: While once vowing to abolish the minimum wage because of the massive unemployment it causes, he now seeks only a reduction in the minimum for teenagers.

Fact: Reagan is an enthusiastic supporter of the heavily subsidized nuclear power industry. He endorses the Price-Anderson Act, which limits the liability of the public utilities in the event of a nuclear power accident.

FEDERAL SPENDING AND TAXATION

Reagan's promise to cut federal spending was the hallmark of his campaign and his promise to cut income taxes probably contributed to his election as much as any other single factor. Yet his record as governor of California and his statements made during the campaign inspire little confidence or hope that significant reform and reduction in these areas will be achieved.

Fact: As governor of California, Reagan was responsible for the highest real growth rate in the history of the state budget. Under Reagan, the budget ballooned from \$4.6 billion to \$10.4 billion, an increase of 126 percent.

Fact: As mentioned before, Reagan supports a massive increase in military spending, even at the expense of cutting taxes or balancing the budget.

Fact: As governor of California, Reagan pushed through the largest tax increases in the state's history. New tax collections from these increases alone (taking into account inflation) totaled over \$21 billion during Reagan's two terms. Some of the taxes increased by Reagan were the state income, sales, inheritance, estate, and corporate taxes.

Fact: Reagan significantly narrowed California's income tax brackets, which pushed taxpayers more quickly into higher brackets.

Fact: Reagan's current tax cut proposals, which include a **thirty-three** percent cut in tax rates over the next three years, simply cut the rate of increase in federal taxation. His plan does not actually reduce taxes.

Compiled by Students for a Libertarian Society

Elect Henry Koch—Libertarian Candidate—Councilman Old Tappan

We moved from North Bergen in 1951. Our daughter and our son attended Old Tappan schools.

Over the years I have taken part in raising money for building the Pascack Valley Hospital, the fund drives for the Old Tappan Library, support for the Lions Club, Old Tappan Fire Dept., Boy Scouts, High School Dramatics.

I am a retired member of the First Aid Corps.

I participated in activities of the Civic Club of about 20 years ago. I urged the Mayor and Council to retain the Voluntary Marshal police system.

I attended Council meetings relating to zoning and flood control Legislation.

Tax problems are a primary concern. I have attended annual meetings of Mayor and Council for minimum appropriations in the local purpose tax budget. Since taxation is the major issue of local government, I shall for brevity limit discussion to two issues.

This photo was taken at our 40th wedding anniversary surprise party. 30 of these years were enjoyed in Old Tappan. I hope to afford continuing to live here.



SELL THE GOLF COURSE!

When residents of Old Tappan are reminded that the golf course is "in the red" they usually take the 1981 golf course appropriations for salaries, wages, and other expenses of \$131,455 less anticipated revenues for golf course fees of \$128,700, a difference of \$2,755 as the anticipated loss for 1981. They are unaware that the budget under Municipal Debt Service shows an allocation of \$35,000 payment of bond principal and of \$22,177.50 interest on bonds. The addition of the operating loss to these latter items shows a total 1981 loss of \$59,932.50. Time wise, the financial picture is worse. By 1988 additional bond principal payments of \$210,000, and bond interest of \$46,672 will become due. If the entire 17 years 6.35% of interest bond issue is examined, total bonds are \$595,000 and interest \$340,000, a total cost of \$935,000, not including golf course operating deficits and emergency capital.

Relating to golfing by Old Tappan residents, of a population of 4,200 there are 532 1981 club memberships of which 41% are non-residents.

I am opposed to *all* taxpayers being compelled to pay the golf bills for a lesser number of taxpayers. I recommend a sale of the golf course.

The net proceeds of golf course sale should be issued as tax credits to tax payments made during the golf years. Since for safety Old Tappan needs more sidewalks, tax credits should be given to homeowners for sidewalk installation. Where already installed, an alternative should be given toward improvement costs of converting one family to two family dwellings.

TWO FAMILY HOMES

I suggest the Old Tappan zoning ordinance be amended (Section 4.1) to permit two family homes. A home owner, if he so desires, should exercise a wider use for his property.

In summary, the Republican political machine has ruled Old Tappan for several decades. I seek your support to loosen their grip on this community. Please call me at 768-9288.

TIME FOR CHANGE

Elect Henry Koch—Libertarian Candidate—Councilman Old Tappan

The Federal Reserve continues to generate inflation by increasing the money supply faster than increases in production.

The con job in Washington is mirrored in New Jersey politics. The only sensible thing to do is what Alaskans are doing: elect Libertarians, the only persons or party dedicated to limiting government and restoring freedom. The Libertarian candidate for governor is Jack Moyers.

ESLER G. HELLER,
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--- P. T. Bauer

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Koch favors selling OT golf course

OLD TAPPAN — Henry Koch, Libertarian candidate for Borough Council, says the municipal golf course must be sold to provide tax relief for residents.

Launching his campaign for the November election, Koch said in a press statement that the golf course "is a luxury item which must be terminated if residents are to obtain tax relief."

He said that the appropriations, including bonds, for the golf course during its 11 years of operation through 1980 totalled \$1,577,835. The fees realized totalled \$1,177,160, leaving a loss of \$400,175.

"For 1,200 homeowners, this averages out to \$333.50 in extra taxes per homeowner. Because of increasing costs of maintenance, the deficits of the golf course will continue to increase.

"I recommend that the golf course be sold to the highest bidder, with the net proceeds distributed as tax credits to property owners.

"The credit may be applied to constructing sidewalks. If already installed, the credit may be applied to home improvement for conversion to a two-family house."

Koch said he recommended an amendment to the borough's zoning ordinance to allow two-family homes in Old Tappan because he felt the homeowner "should have wider use of his property."

Announcing that high taxes would be the issue of his campaign, Koch said the Republican political machine which governs Old Tappan "is to be held accountable for failing to lower taxes during these years of recession."

From the July/August 1981 issue of the New York Libertarian, we find this quote from Free Libertarian Party Chairman Gary Greenberg on the FLP's plan to break up New York City: "As for Staten Island, their decision is up to them. If they're smart, they'll join New Jersey."

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