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FIRST LP POLITICAL ACTION WORKSHOP HELD

The first in a series of six political action workshops sponsored by National LP was held March 10-11 at the University City Holiday Inn in Philadelphia.

As one who has been loudly calling for practical workshops of this sort for several years, I was sort of obligated to attend to "put up or shut up," even though most of the material covered was old hat to me. But I was disappointed that most NJLP candidates and their campaign managers, who could have used some pointers in running a campaign, failed to take advantage of a VERY reasonably priced (\$21) two-day workshop (the major parties run similar workshops for \$150).

Chris Hocker, Marion Williams and the Cummings (Carol and Ray) carried the ball for most of the workshop, covering everything from advertising to petition drives (as an amusing sidelight, these four related to me as how they were stranded at the Beacon Manor in the blizzard which followed the NJLP Convention there). They were assisted by Gary Greenberg and Joann Chernow. Audience participation was encouraged.

Carol and Ray gave a very good overview of campaign management, using the Clark for Governor campaign in California as a model. Joann, a professional artist, followed with brochures. Chris made a point of commenting upon how LP candidates' brochures have greatly improved over the past five years.

Gary discussed media coverage, based on his experience as FLP gubernatorial nominee in New York. Chris returned to go over the national magazine ad campaign of last year, with the audience rating the three different ads as to readability and effectiveness.

A cocktail party and banquet featuring Chicken Jefferson rounded out the first day's official events, but there was the inevitable SIL (Society for Individual Liberty) party 'til the wee hours.

Sunday morning got off to a good start with Ray, appropriately as the LP National Finance Chair, discussing fundraising. Chris followed with a look at direct mail. After the lunch break, he returned with Marion to talk about the in's and out's of petition drives.

Bill George

NJLP GENERAL MEETING

The next general meeting of the NJLP membership will be held Saturday, April 14, at the Franklin Park Inn, Route 27. Lunch will start at 1 p.m. and business will begin PROMPTLY at 2 p.m. All NJLP members are urged to attend and to order lunch, if possible, as the Inn is giving us the space for our meeting without charge. Also, two hot entrees will be added to the Inn's extensive menu of hot and cold sandwiches especially for NJLP members (State Committee members enjoyed Chicken Paprikas and Weiner Schnitzel at their March 24 meeting at the Inn).

Members who plan to attend and order lunch should call Bill George at (201) 233-4082, noon to 5 p.m., so we can tell the Inn how many people to expect for lunch.

DIRECTIONS: From shore area, take Rt. 18 west, get off at East Brunswick and proceed south on Rt. 1 to Finnegan's Lane. Turn right and proceed to traffic light (Rt. 27). Turn left; Inn is three blocks down, on right (gray building). From north, take Garden State Pkwy. south to Exit 130, proceed south on Rt. 1 as above. Or, take N.J. Tpk. south to Exit 9, take Rt. 18 west and continue as from shore.

HIGHLIGHTS OF STATE COMMITTEE MEETING

A state committee meeting was held at the Franklin Park Inn on March 24th.

The petition drive was the first order of business. Chris White, petition coordinator, stated that in addition to the six assembly candidates nominated at the convention, the following have announced their candidacies: Chris Toto will run in the 12th LD along with Jack Moyers, Dan Bauch in the 40th and Hal Cundari in the 37th. Chris requested that all those holding petitions contact him. Also, we were reminded that the filing date is April 26th.

The N.J. Election Law Reform was discussed with mention made to Bill #A744 still in committee. It was suggested that we write our assemblymen to have it amended.

In regard to the N.J. Drinking Age Increase, Len suggested a committee be formed to put together a proposal to be brought up at the next general meeting.

Lee Schubert led the discussion of the IRS Proposal on Tax Exempt Schools. He stated that the revision was an improvement.

In order to make our Bylaws more meaningful, (in keeping with our goals) a committee was formed to revise them. Len Flynn, Lee Schubert, Jane Rehmke, Steve Enterline and Dan Hurley have agreed to serve on this.

Bill George talked about the Libertarian Dinner Club. According to Bill, both presidential candidates are expected to visit N.J. and would provide us with speakers for our first two dinners. In addition, Bill stated that he was preparing a list of potential Libertarian speakers for the future. The dinner club, Bill suggests, would be a means of attracting non members as well as making money for the party.

A discussion regarding holding a National Convention in N.J. followed. Jane Rehmke informed us that in order to do so, we would have to submit a detailed bid specifying location, prices, speakers, media coverage, etc.

The meeting adjourned following Bob Shapiro's taped radio reply regarding the gasoline rationing and the so-called energy crises.

A general meeting was set for April 14th at 1:00 PM again at the Franklin Park Inn.

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie Swirsky

License urged for Resorts

DEAR EDITOR:

The kind of games going on with regard to the granting of a permanent gambling license to Resorts International is of the sort that can only be termed political, in the worst sense of that word.

Attorney General Degnan and the Division of Gaming Enforcement are jumping up and down about the company's past connections with organized crime and unsavory characters. This past was all public knowledge before the temporary license was granted. Two years ago my wife took a sociology course at Montclair State College entitled "Organized Crime," where she learned all about the Mary Carter Paint Co., forerunner of Resorts International, and its Bahamian activities. If the state, with knowledge of this past, was willing to approve a temporary permit in May, why the fuss now, when denial of a permanent license stands to cost thousands of New Jersey employees and stockholders of Resorts International their jobs and their investments?

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The Casino Control Commission should examine only the present management and employees of the company, and even there, no organization as large as Resorts can be expected to know everything about all its employees. If the commission finds that past wrongdoing, if any, has ceased, and that management is making a good-faith effort to comply with the law, then a permanent license should be granted.

I think it would be grossly unfair to deny Resorts International a license based on the published allegations against it, since Resorts acted as the pathfinder, risking a major investment in New Jersey. It is only in the wake of Resorts' success that other casino projects are attracting necessary financing. In a game of follow the leader, why penalize the leader, without whom there would be no game?

One final point. Resorts has been charged with accounting violations leading to the disappearance of \$194,000. I am sure steps will be taken to prevent a recurrence. But that amount really is not so bad in light of the multimillion dollar handle. I only wish the state government were run as efficiently.

Kenneth R. Kaplan,
Orange

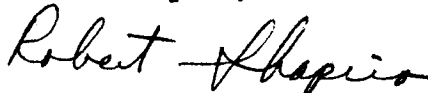
REPLY TO A WCBS EDITORIAL ON THE SUBJECT OF ENERGY

WCBS says that conservation is our only way out of the energy shortage. Since WCBS agrees with the gloom and doomers that we're running out of energy, will it tell us how soon? Is it next year? In 10 years? In 20 years? Using 10% less energy yearly for 20 years only gives us an extra 2 years of energy. That's hardly enough to be the salvation of western civilization.

The Libertarian Party rejects the basic premise of the WCBS argument. There is no energy shortage. Confusion on this point is understandable, since long lines at gas stations followed the 1973 Arab oil embargo, and rationing is now being proposed to counter the Iranian supply disruption. But the long lines in '73 were the result of the government's gasoline allocation program, and rationing (ie "doing something") is the only way the Energy Department can justify its \$10 Billion budget and keep on growing.

We are not running out of energy. There are many sources of energy including: oil, gas, coal, nuclear, fusion, solar, geothermal, and others. The problem is finding the most economically beneficial mix of energy sources. The Libertarian Party doesn't know what the right mix is, but neither do the politicians. Only you, the consumer, by deciding how much money you're willing to pay for each competing energy source can find the right mix. As technology changes, the relative prices of each source will change. Just as the major source of energy shifted from whale oil to kerosene to coal to oil and natural gas because of price changes, future price changes will persuade you to adjust your purchases to a new most economically beneficial mix. All that's needed is for our government to end price controls, subsidies, and other tampering with the energy market.

Robert Shapiro,



Bergen County Chairman,

Libertarian Party of New Jersey

To Whom It May Concern:

The recent moratorium on growth proclaimed for South Jersey by His Majesty Brenden Byrne is reminiscent of feudalism and Nazi Germany. It ignores peoples' property rights. It is unconstitutional. If his majesty's policies are upheld, we the people are surely "on the road to serfdom."

A man's "property rights" means that he has a right to use his property as he sees fit. It is absurd to say that a man owns property if he can't use it. If anyone is prohibited from using his own land and threatened with force to back up this prohibition, he is being robbed and assaulted. Byrne's moratorium prevents citizens from using their property.

If this moratorium is upheld, His Majesty Brendan Byrne is guilty of theft and assault. His agent of force is the State of New Jersey. His victims are the decent citizens who live by earning - not stealing.

The moratorium's aim is to make peoples' land cheaper by making it useless. Then the state can buy the Pinelands dirt cheap. The state will have a monopoly on buying the Pinelands. Who else would want to buy useless property?

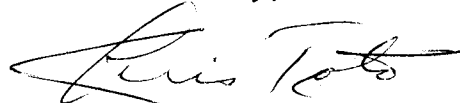
After state acquisition of the Pinelands, Byrne and his well-heeled commissioners can make it into a playground for their children. Because of this robbery, the children of the robbed parents will not be able to enjoy His Majesty's Pineland Park. They will be too busy scrambling to earn a living.

Byrne and his clique have profitted from the development of north New Jersey. But his boondoggle will deny southern New Jerseyans from benefiting from their own lands. The moratorium will cripple the construction industry in the area. Unemployment will spread. Byrne's bright idea is a nightmare more appropriate for the U.S.S.R.

Initiation of force against a person in civilized society is inexcusable. Our society remains strong only so long as men use reason to deal with one another. Otherwise men degenerate into savages. He who supports a scheme which initiates force against a person is an intellectual fraud. He has discarded reason for brute force.

Byrne's moratorium is as justifiable as a mugging.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Chris Toto".

Chris Toto

Editor, the N.J.Libertarian:

I wish to respond to John Hurley's sarcastic and humorless letter regarding the panel on abortion which was given at last month's N.J.L.P. Convention.

First may I state that the so-called "debate" itself was an abortion. As a person who has judged debates in the past, (I'm sure Mr. Hurley will now characterize me as "Supreme Judge") I would have had to score each side evenly with a "0". The first rule of debate as any high school student can tell you is to answer the debatable question and then go on to present the arguments to support the appropriate positions. Neither side did that but instead bombarded us with moral platitudes, psychological assumptions and scientifically incorrect statements that were all presented as factual information. The only person who attempted to answer the debatable point was in fact Dr. Frank Primich. His interpretation of the Libertarian position on abortion while he qualified it as his own can be found to be precisely the position stated in the National L.P. Platform for 1978: Under "Domestic Ills":

4 Population we further support the repeal of all laws restricting voluntary birth control or the right of the women to make a personal moral choice regarding the termination of pregnancy."
adopted in convention July 14-17 1977
San Francisco, California

It is my understanding that this position is shared by the majority of Libertarians. Since I know for a fact that there were non party members present in the audience at this session I was glad to hear someone present the prevailing party viewpoint. Since no one on the panel did so I saw Dr. Primich's effort as very necessary.

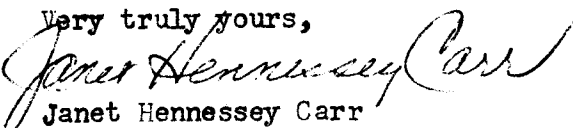
As another point of information to Mr. Hurley, prior to making his statement, Dr. Primich first requested the time and was authorized by Mr. Ken Kaplan who was "Moderator" of the panel. Will he now characterize Mr. Kaplan as "Supreme Moderator"? As I recall Dr. Primich did not preclude answering questions from the floor or rebuttal from the panel, in fact he answered questions from audience members well after the discussion was officially ended. Anyone who is at all familiar with Dr. Primich knows that he would have welcomed any and all questions and would have discussed them at great length even if it would have taken all night.

The major appeal of the Libertarian concept is that application of it's basic principles to any issue will evolve a consistent position. I personally oppose abortion on moral grounds but I respect the rights of others to make their own moral judgement and hence find the libertarian position acceptable.

Mr. Hurley apparently suffers from a misconception. Dr. Primich neither advocates nor performs abortions. He has counseled many patients regarding the medical and psychological pros and cons of abortion. He has left the decision to the patient. For those patients opting for abortion he has suggested facilities where they could obtain expert qualified care. For those women opting to continue their pregnancies he has recommended supportive agencies where they were indicated. Could it be that knowledge of a specific subject is offensive to Mr. Hurley?

What hopefully distinguishes the Libertarian Party is it's courage in stating libertarian positions. If what Mr. Hurley suggests with his caustic letter becomes a reality then the above mentioned purpose is gone and many of us will wind up on the list of ex-Libertarian Party members which now is much longer than anyone would care to admit.

Very truly yours,


Janet Hennessey Carr

To the Editor:

The abortion issue is performing a marvelous job of creating dissention. What is puzzling is that Libertarians could be drawn into battle against each other, particularly over rights of individuals; whether one does or not have the right to determine one's own destiny.

Perhaps the Libertarian Party "Statement of Principles" should be reread, particularly the principle which holds that "...all individuals have the right to sole dominion over their own lives in whatever manner they choose, so long as they don't forcibly interfere with the equal right of others....."

Those who decide in one direction have no right to compel others to discard opposing viewpoints. And the abortion issue must not be exempt from one's right to a pro or con decision.

But the great mistake being made by the pro life and the abortionists is their opening a Pandora's box by inviting more State-concocted restraints upon over-regulated individuals, which restraints are more harmful than the effect of individual decisions.

In any event, since it is one's inherent right to choose, pro or con, the L P Platform need not be changed; it is already included, as noted above.

Hannibal Cundari

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We, the members of the Libertarian Party, challenge the cult of the omnipotent state and defend the rights of the individual.

We hold that all individuals have the right to exercise sole dominion over their own lives, and have the right to live in whatever manner they choose, so long as they do not forcibly interfere with the equal right of others to live in whatever manner they choose.

Governments throughout history have regularly operated on the opposite principle, that the State has the right to dispose of the lives of individuals and the fruits of their labor. Even within the United States, all political parties other than our own grant to government the right to regulate the lives of individuals and seize the fruits of their labor without their consent.

We, on the contrary, deny the right of any government to do these things, and hold that where governments exist, they must not violate the rights of any individual: namely, (1) the right to life—accordingly we support prohibition of the initiation of physical force against others; (2) the right to liberty of speech and action—accordingly we oppose all attempts by government to abridge the freedom of speech and press, as well as government censorship in any form; and (3) the right to property—accordingly we oppose all government interference with private property, such as confiscation, nationalization, and eminent domain, and support the prohibition of robbery, trespass, fraud, and misrepresentation.

Since governments, when instituted, must not violate individual rights, we oppose all interference by government in the areas of voluntary and contractual relations among individuals. People should not be forced to sacrifice their lives and property for the benefit of others. They should be left free by government to deal with one another as free traders; and the resultant economic system, the only one compatible with the protection of individual rights, is the free market.

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Do you believe the government—through its meddling, corruption, catering to special interests, awarding of subsidies and bail-outs and special bank privileges—has shown itself to be totally incapable or unwilling to control the declining dollar, or in fact, to act benevolently for the working person?

Do you believe that voluntary agreements between companies or individuals are none of the government's business—provided that no force or fraud is involved nor intended against anyone else?

Do you believe the government should stop trying to impose its morality on the American people, that no crime has been committed if there is no victim? Do you believe it is wrong to use the time, budgets and resources of our police, courts and prisons to persecute people who may be harming no one but themselves?

Do you believe government should leave the buying of seatbelts, motorcycle helmets or any other item designed for personal safety up to the individual?

Do you believe government spending and taxation should be cut?

If you answered "yes" to most of these questions, congratulations. You may be more of a Libertarian than you thought.

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