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To the Editor:

I am proud to have served as an at-large member of the NJLP State Committee longer than any other person and to have been, on many occasions, a minority of one on questions of campaign strategy and tactics. Fortunately for the party, I believe, my position often is adopted at a later date.

I welcome new member Fred Marra's letter in the January/February newsletter as a refreshing change from the philosophical abstractions we hear so often from libertarian political activists. Many of the same ideas I have been expressing privately and in the newsletter were contained therein, and it is good to learn that others recognize their validity.

In case anyone is wondering what happened to the 1977 Legislative Research Committee, for which the State Committee appropriated \$50, it never got off the ground because nobody was willing to devote the time to it that it deserved. As the appointed chairperson, I quickly grasped the magnitude of the research required and had no intention of doing all of it myself. Perhaps Fred's message will be heeded, and we won't make the same mistake twice. Research is one of the lifebloods of any campaign that is more than just a name on the ballot, and these are the kind of campaigns we need if we are to ever succeed in a rollback of the State.

Like Fred, I have wondered why our candidates refrain from placing the blame for Big Government where it belongs -- on the incumbents.

But my biggest concern about the direction of the 1978 campaign is the wrongheaded approach I feel the State Committee decided to take at its January meeting with regard to Congressional nominations.

Judging from the number of times that I and David Nolan, our party's founder, have voted on opposite sides at IP National Conventions, one could say that the two of us are pretty far apart on the application of libertarian philosophy to issues. But on questions of campaign strategy and tactics, we are as one.

In POLITICAL ACTION MANUAL, one of the LP's earliest publications, Nolan said the following:

"First, and most important, until the IP reaches something approaching major-party status, it will be the sheerest folly for us to field candidates in more than a handful of races. The surest way to make sure that we accomplish nothing is to try to do too much, too soon (the Sherwin-Williams Syndrome).

"Instead, every IP organization should select a few 'target districts' where it will concentrate its efforts, and simply let the other districts go their merry way. A good rule-of-thumb is that candidates should not be fielded in more than 10% of any state's Congressional and Legislative Districts; in addition, ONE candidate might be fielded in some statewide race (Governor, Senator, etc.) simply for the purpose of getting statewide publicity. ...

"This strategy, of course, raises the question 'But

WHICH 10% of the contests should we concentrate our efforts on?' And, unfortunately, there is no cut-and-dried answer to this question. There are, however, some indicators to look for in selecting a 'target district.'

"First, it should be a 'swing' district -- a district where the margin of victory of the winning major-party candidate is usually less than 10%, or, preferably, 5%, and where neither major party wins consistently. In a district of this type, a Libertarian Party candidate can strike terror into the hearts of both major-party candidates -- causing them to make all kinds of concessions on key issues, and making it impossible for them to ignore our presence. The more they talk about us, the better off we are, as this causes people to start listening seriously to what we have to say.

"The second key indicator that a given district is a good one on which to concentrate efforts is a high concentration of young voters -- students, and young professional people, particularly.

"And the third point to bear in mind in selecting your 'target districts' is that you should not jeopardize the tenure of those rare office-holders who are reasonably acceptable by libertarian standards; if the incumbent is about as libertarian as can reasonably be expected to win, there is no point in wasting our scarce resources by entering a candidate of our own, who will probably just draw off votes from the 'good guy,' with the result that someone far worse will take his place. Likewise, if the incumbent is exceptionally bad, and his major opponent appears to offer some hope of a significant change for the better, there is no point in fielding our own candidate."

Taking Nolan's cue and applying these ideas, which I believe are sound, to the 1978 campaign, the NJLP should run a candidate for U.S. Senator and no more than two candidates for Congress. Of course, NJLP county organizations should be encouraged to run as many candidates for lower-level offices as are needed to acquire a ballot column or line.

We are a small but growing party with limited resources. Let's use these resources to the maximum effect possible so that our impact upon the public's political consciousness can be increased.

C. William George
NJLP State Committeeperson

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J.D. sez:



While driving around a few days ago, we were listening to the CBS station out of New York. Apparently the station had broadcast an editorial in praise of the recent decision by the bricklayer's union to take a voluntary cut in hourly rates. Union leadership had hoped, by this action, to stimulate a demand for bricklaying by helping to lower construction costs.

A lot of controversy had been stirred up by the editorial and a number of listeners had written letters both agreeing with and condemning the union's stand. A member of the station management read some of the letters, commented on them, and invited more listeners to write.

While we generally agree with CBS's efforts to promote open discussion of public issues, we feel that the station is not fulfilling its basic function of news analysis by permitting discussion to continue on such a low, uninformed and trivial level. All this fuss about whether the union is right or wrong in lowering its rates is, of course, entirely beside the point.

There is a widespread but totally false idea that inflation is caused by increasing wages and prices--that unprincipled businessmen, greedy for more and more profits, and power-mad unionists, selfishly determined to put their own interests first, are the ones to blame. Increased costs and higher wages are the result not the cause of inflation.

Inflation is caused by the government's fiscal and monetary policies and by nothing else. Once government interference and mismanagement force the economy into a state of inflation, business and labor have no choice but to keep up as best they can. You might just as logically say that replacing broken windows, repairing toppled chimneys and restoring downed power lines causes windstorms.

As might be expected, government officials are not eager to educate the public on this point. We are treated to the spectacle of Prez Jimmy publicly wringing his hands and "hoping" that the rate of inflation will not increase. Arthur Burns of the Federal Reserve Board "hopes" that inflation will stop and wages and prices will



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not continue to rise. If these two really want to stop inflation, it can be done in three short steps:

- (1) Stop printing money.
- (2) Stop spending money.
- (3) Stop wasting money.

Since all these actions are controlled, or at least strongly influenced by these two officials, the responsibility for inflation is largely theirs. There is no "hoping" about it. Either the Administration and the Federal Reserve System pursue policies designed to reduce the money supply, lower spending and stop waste or they do not. And it is perfectly clear that they do not.

Besides taking full and grateful advantage of public misconceptions about the causes of inflation, both the Prez and Burns engage in a mock antagonism over monetary and fiscal policy. Prez shakes his head at the stubbornness of the Federal Reserve in refusing to "ease up" on credit to facilitate "economic growth." Burns grumbles about government spending and vows "to hold the line." This is nothing but a cheap medicine show act put on for the benefit of the "suckers."

As the Prez, Burns and the Congress well know, increased spending, waste, and cheap money are politically expedient and extremely beneficial to them and their followers. As long as it is, we may be sure they will continue on this free joyride. The real problem is that not enough of the suckers are wise to what's going on and what to do about it. Many, we fear, are going to have to learn the hard way. One thing is certain: It can't and won't go on like this. Every joyride comes to an end, even when other people are paying for it.

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INFLATION CRISIS

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE NJLP ANNUAL CONVENTION

(as submitted by our former recording secretary, Lois Grezenda.)

The NJLP held its Annual Convention on February 11, 1978 at the Appian Way Restaurant in Orange. The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. by Chairperson Walt Swirsky. Walt introduced Keynote Speaker Ralph Fucetola who spoke on the "State of the State." Fucetola told the audience that the Libertarian Party is the only force of opposition in the state, and that Libertarians should build toward becoming the real opposition. He also recommended rebuilding the taxpayer's movement.

The chairperson read the agenda, which included: Election of Officers, Nomination of Candidates, Budget, and New Business.

The following were re-elected:

Walt Swirsky for Chairperson

Dale Sutthoff for Vice Chair

Ken Kaplan for Executive Secretary

Also elected was Chuck Pike for treasurer and Janet Carr for Recording Secretary.

Those nominated for State Committee Member at Large were: Frank Primich, Jane Rehmke, Lee Shubert, Bill George, Jean Macron and Bonnie Swirsky. Of these Jane Rehmke, Frank Primich and Bonnie Swirsky were elected to the State Committee.

After a song performed by Craig Franklin of New Hampshire, the meeting was adjourned until 2:00 p. m.

After reconvening, a drawing for a basket of cheer was won by Barry Seigal. Lois Grezenda read the minutes of the previous meeting. After these were accepted, Walt moved that the party goals which were adopted at the 1977 convention remain the same for the coming year. The motion was passed.

The following candidates were then nominated to run for office:

Senate: Jack Moyers.

Congress:

3rd district - Steve Enterline

7th district - Robert Shapiro

13 district - Dale Sutthoff

15 district - Mike Fieshco

These candidates were all approved by the convention.

Ron Wishart urged as many candidates as possible to run and asked that anyone who would like to run to let Walt know. Walt stated that he had petitions and asked that everyone sign the senatorial and petitions for their districts before leaving.

The business portion of the convention was adjourned at 3:30 and was followed by workshops and talks by Tax Resister Dr. Matzel and a speaker from NORMAL. A cocktail and dinner dance were held in the evening.

FROM THE EDITOR:

According to a contemporary philosophy Jean-Paul Sartre, "man is condemned to live." Freedom and choice not only exist, but are ours to deal with in whatever manner we desire. Unfortunately, not everyone realizes, nor is able to acknowledge this state of mind. They either deny the fact that they are free, thereby absolving themselves from the responsibilities of their behavior, or they assume that they have freedom, despite the fact that this has been the active pursuit of this nation's people since its inception.

If we deny that we are free, then we might as well not bother to struggle against the autocracy. For refusal to acknowledge the possibilities of individual liberty becomes in itself a conflict.

On the other hand, the assumption that we are free, while we know in our minds that many forces exist within our society that prevent our being so, is equally erroneous.

We must think of freedom as an option, -a way of life, a phenomenon that is out there for the taking, if we select this alternative. We cannot accept freedom by the mere virtue of its existence. The fact is that the leaders of our so-called Democratic Republic would have us think this, and therefor coerce us into upholding, supporting and further perpetrating the continuance of this system.

Likewise, those who claim freedom does not exist, as the well known Behaviorist B. F. Skinner suggests, will just go on being resigned to submission by the forces that be.

A life of free choice where the individual is his own master who answers only to the dictates of his conscience is a difficult but most worthwhile pursuit. It is quite accessible, and attainable, within each of us. If we can free our minds and allow our thoughts and ideas to go uncensored, unrepressed, and with spontaneity, we can at least achieve that freedom within ourselves. We need not collectively think the same. However, a society of free minded individuals will serve to extinguish the collective weight of the oppressive.

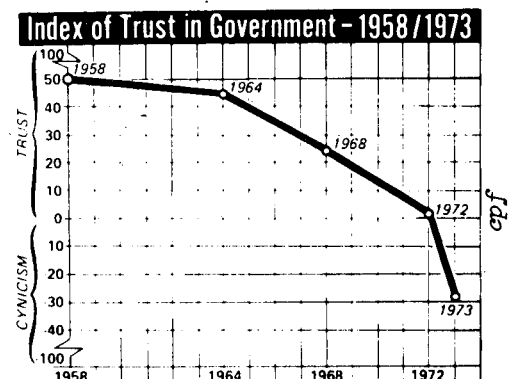


Chart is based on 5 questions concerning the federal government's performance (figures represent the percentage of persons in the most trusting category minus the percentage in the most cynical category).

Libertarians back Muhler in opposing track takeover

COLONIAL NEWS, FEBRUARY 1, 1978

The Monmouth County Libertarian party has joined Monmouth County Assemblywoman Marie Muhler and other concerned Monmouth County residents in opposing the proposed state takeover of the burned out Garden State race track in Cherry Hill.

"We agree," said Ron Wishart, Monmouth County Libertarian party chairman, "with Assemblywoman Muhler that state ownership of the Garden State track would be the first step toward a state takeover of the entire racing industry in New Jersey, including our own Monmouth and Freehold Raceways and provide unfair competition between them and legislatively favored state-owned tracks.

"We are opposed to this and praise Assemblywoman Muhler for her responsible stand on this issue," Wishart said.

The chairman said the Libertarian party believes that the state could best assist privately owned tracks by repealing the parimutuel tax and by removing all other unnecessary state regulation which hamper and restrict the ability of these tracks to compete with other tracks outside the state.

The party, he said, also deplores the way the track purchase is being pushed through the Legislature

without sufficient study and for the obvious benefit of the owners of the track and not the people of this state.

NEW JERSEY

Led by gubernatorial candidate Dr. Frank Primich, twenty-nine Libertarian Party candidates ran for various offices in New Jersey.

Primich finished with over 6,000 votes, the fifth-highest total in a field of 16 candidates for Governor. Two Independent candidates outpolled him by small margins; these were well-known and comparatively well-financed, in contrast to Primich.

Coverage of the New Jersey campaign was impressive. Well over one hundred

newspaper clippings, mentioning one or more LP candidates, arrived at LP National Headquarters. In addition, Dr. Primich appeared on television to promote his candidacy.

Many of the local LP candidates made a real impact on their races. Elizabeth Macron, an Assembly candidate, polled three times the number of votes which represented the margin of victory between the Democrat and Republican candidates.

Actual vote totals ranged from 107 for Mayor of a small township, to 1,584 for Lucille Bender, who ran for Freeholder. Percentages were in the one percent range, with some higher.

Local New Jersey LP candidates for State senate included Ken Kaplan, Ann Riecker, Jack Moyers, and Len Flynn.

For Assembly: Bob Shapiro, Charles Irwin, Ken Miller, Susan Raggi, Dan Bauch, Henry Koch, Bill Zelko, Betty Florentine.

Also: Dick Roth, Al Korby, Barry Siegel, Mike Fieschko, Bill Stewart, Russ Malta, Elizabeth Macron, Steve Enterline.

For Freeholder: Cal Beatty, Charles Hofker, Don Meinshouson, Lucille Bender.

For Sheriff: Walt Swirsky (NJLP State Chair).

For Township Office: Jeanne Macron, Mary Ann Herrmann, Bob Herrmann.

All of these candidates ran in the counties of Bergen, Essex, Middlesex, Monmouth, Ocean, and Passaic, concentrated in the northeast part of the state near Newark.

According to Senate candidate Len Flynn, most LP members in New Jersey expressed positive feelings about the campaigns. Many new inroads were made, especially with the media, and membership in the LP has increased.

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NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 1977

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Party selects hopefuls

The New Jersey Libertarian Party, at its annual State Convention in Orange, yesterday nominated one candidate for the U.S. Senate and four for Congress.

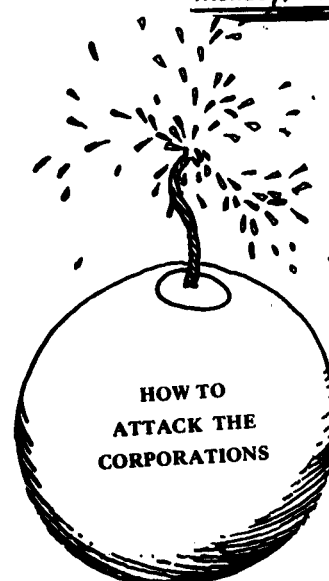
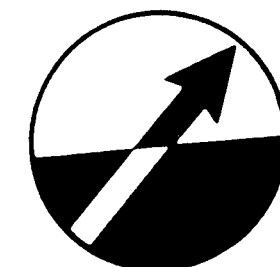
Jack Moyers of Aberdeen, an unsuccessful candidate for state senator from the 12th District last year was nominated for the U.S. Senate.

Congressional candidates tabbed were Steven-son Enterline of Matawan in the Third District, Robert Shapiro of Ridgely Park in the Seventh District, Dale Sutthoff of Glen Gardner in the 13th District and Michael Fieschko of Highland Park in the 15th District.

The keynote address was given by North Arlington attorney Ralph Fucetola 3d, who remarked, "New Jersey is a one-party state like the banana republics. The Republican Party is really a minor party which has been given state privileges. The Libertarians are the only opposition."

STAR-LEDGER,

Monday, February 13, 1978



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Statement of Principles

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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Editor, The Record:

In his letter Dec. 18, Issac G. McNatt criticizes South African apartheid policies. I have no quarrel with Mr. McNatt on that score since, as a Libertarian, I feel that governments should be colorblind in dealing with their citizens. However, I take exception to the balance of his letter.

Even the most biased news media don't compare South Africa's infringement upon its black citizens' rights to the total disregard for human rights in Uganda under Idi Amin or to the massacre of thousands of blacks in black ruled Angola.

While I agree that the situation in South Africa should be improved, black South Africans are better off than blacks in most other African countries. South African blacks enjoy per capita wage rates double those in many other African countries. In fact, the Wall Street Journal reports that the relatively high wage rates in South Africa have attracted more than a million black workers from such countries as Mozambique and Zaire.

But when Mr. McNatt calls for a rigid economic, military, and cultural boycott against South Africa in order to isolate it into submission, he is really off base. Who does he think will suffer most from such actions?

Blacks will suffer most! The high wage rates and living standards of South African blacks will fall drastically. The million foreign blacks working in South Africa will lose their jobs. In addition, those blacks of African nations which depend upon South Africa for several billion dollars in trade each year will be hurt.

South Africa provides food, port facilities to landlocked neighbors, repairs for airplanes, and a host of other important services to countries which have publicly sworn to overthrow it. And South Africa does all this very quietly so as not to cause any embarrassment to those countries.

In addition to hurting African blacks most, a boycott of South Africa would also hurt Americans. If South Africa's significant amounts of gold, uranium, diamonds, platinum, chromium, etc. are kept off the market by government fiat, prices will rise.

How can Mr. McNatt ask the American people to pay (through greater inflation) for policies of Congressman Maguire, Ambassador Young, and President Carter which have such a racist effect against blacks?

Robert Shapiro, Chairman
Libertarians of Bergen County. Ridgefield Park

(This letter appeared in the Record on January 9th).

**YOU POSSESS THE MIRACULOUS
POWER WITHIN YOU**

An admirer of Murray Rothbard's writings, entertainer Johnny Carson recently remarked in his 'Tonight Show' monologue: "With all the trouble they're having getting people to use the new 'two-dollar' bill, the government finally found an adequate replacement--It's called a 'five-dollar' bill!"

Dear Editor:

Curious about its historical origin, I recently did a little research on the word 'bankrupt'. Happily, my quest came to a quick end in an ancient (1937) volume of "Webster's Universal Unabridged Dictionary And Atlas Of The World" (italicized words in the original text are completely capitalized in the following excerpt):

"bankrupt, n. (Fr. BANQUEROUTE, a bankrupt, from It. BANCA ROTTA, lit. broken-benched; BANCA, bench, and ROTTA, f. of ROTTO, broken; from the fact that the bench or table which a merchant or banker formerly used was broken on his bankruptcy.)...."

While not exactly earth shattering, it does provide an additional footnote to Howard S. Katz's excellent book "The Paper Aristocracy".

Sincerely yours
Warren T. Kupchik
Upper Montclair, N.J.

From the Parade section (My Favorite Jokes) of the Sunday Star-Ledger (1-15-78), comedian Brian Constantini quips: "....To help us survive the energy crisis, Detroit is coming out with a new car called the Leech. When you're stopped at a light, it sneaks up on the car in front and sucks out all the gas...."

In tune with the blizzard season, but re-directing his gentle humor at the state, Constantini recommends: "....I think all politicians should be made to take up skiing. Then they could go downhill with the rest of the country...."

Dear Editor,

As a new member of the New Jersey Libertarian Party, I attended the annual Convention at the Appian Way Restaurant in Orange.

Arriving early in the morning, I had a chance to talk to some of the people who were intending to run for office in this year's election.

The speakers were interesting and informative, as were the various workshops that were being conducted that morning.

When the business meeting was over, we were entertained by a talented young fellow, Craig Franklin, who came all the way from New Hampshire to attend the NJLP convention. Craig played the guitar and sang original Libertarian songs.

Dinner was accompanied by music provided by Larry Gates and The Dell Music Orchestra. Their music proved to be enjoyable for listening as well as for dancing.

The entire convention was a very pleasurable event, and I, for one, am very happy to have attended.

Janice Stoneman, LOMC

The Free Libertarian Party of New York presents:

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a REGIONAL CONVENTION, together with the annual FLP STATE CONVENTION

THE DATES: April 7, 8, and 9; Friday evening, Saturday and Sunday

THE PLACE: The Gramercy Park Hotel, 2 Lexington Ave at 21st Street
New York, N.Y. 10010 475-4320

THE SPEAKERS WILL BE:

WILLIAM BURT, President of Association for Rational Environmental Alternatives, and author of the National LP booklet "Libertarian Solutions to Local Problems", will be our keynote speaker, Friday evening.

JIM TOBIN, President of the Illinois chapter of the National Taxpayers Union, and organizer of a successful property tax strike in the Chicago area, will give a workshop on property tax resistance organizing and organizing NTU chapters. (Saturday)

CHRIS HOCKER, National Director of the Libertarian Party will give a workshop on Community Organizing. (Saturday)

ALAN BOCK, Director of Libertarian Advocate, and "Washington Watch" columnist for Reason Magazine, as well as editor of LP News, will be our banquet speaker Saturday evening speaking on "The Politics of Lobbying For Liberty".

On Sunday there will be workshops on "How to Run For The School Board", with Mike Kessler, Norm Betros, and

Al Cappelazzi; and "Alternatives to Public Education" with Ann Jackson and company.

Registration Fee: \$7.50 for the weekend (\$5 student) or \$3 a day (\$2 stud.)

The registration fee covers all events except the banquet.

Banquet: \$25. a person. After dinner speech only: \$5.00

(Due to the increase in the costs of this year's convention we have had to raise the registration and banquet prices to cover our costs)

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at nearby Hotel George Washington: \$18 single, \$30 double
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Tentative Agenda

Friday 7pm: Registration

8pm: Call to order, Credentials Report, Rules Comm. Report,
Adoption of Agenda.

9pm: Keynote Address: William Burt

10pm: Cocktail Party

Saturday 9am: Election and installation of Convention Chairperson

Treasurer's report

Bylaws

Noon: Chris Hocker on Community Organizing

1pm: Lunch

2pm: Jim Tobin on Property tax Resistance

3pm: Endorsement of candidates

Bylaws cont. (if necessary)

5pm: recess

6pm: Cocktail party

8pm: Banquet

Sunday 9am: Election of Officers and Committee persons at large

llam: How to Run for the School Board

Noon: Lunch

lpm: Alternatives to Public Education

Regional Caucus

2pm: Resolutions

New Business

Adjourn

(The new State Committee will meet at the close of the convention)

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Att: Lou Sicilia, Sec'y

MONMOUTH COUNTY

An informal meeting of the I.O.M.C. was held at the home of Emerson and Marge Ellett, on Sunday, February 26. Although only a small group of members showed up, we did manage to accomplish some of our goals in regard to filling slots for local candidates.

In addition to Steve Enterline, whose candidacy was approved at the State Convention, for Congress of the third district, we will also be running two freeholder candidates this year. Both Jeanne Macron and Chris White have agreed to run in this capacity. Petitions are now being circulated on their behalf.

We also had a discussion of the various methods of making the public more aware of the Libertarian Party. Fred Mara, one of our newer, but highly active members, came up with some very concrete ideas on how we could approach this. One suggestion he made and intends to act on, is obtaining a list of the various groups and organizations that currently exist in our county. The idea would be to contact each one and attempt to deal with issues that they are involved in that might benefit from ours. For instance, he felt that the senior citizen communities would be a prime target for the abominable school taxes, which although they've no school children in the system, they nevertheless are taxed for this.

Discussion for fund raising, publicity and petition drives followed.

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Another county meeting is scheduled to take place at Chris Whites house on March 31. All Monmouth County members are urged to attend as there is much needed business to be dealt with.

BERGEN COUNTY

According to chairperson, Bob Shapiro, the county of Bergen plans to run five candidates in the next election. They are as follows:

Congress, 7th district: Bob Shapiro
County Clerk: Henry Koch
County Sheriff: Dan Bauch
Freeholders: Hal Cundari
Susan Raggi

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TOMORROW IT MAY BE ILLEGAL

OCEAN COUNTY

The "Tripple Feature" held at the home of Ocean County Chairperson, Len Flynn and his wife Ginny, proved to be a most rewarding evening.

The event included two films, "The Hangman" and "The Incredible Bread Machine." Following the showing of these movies, we were presented with a very informative talk given by Jack Conard regarding the U.S. monetary system and how it has become a tool of the Federal Government and the Federal Reserve System. Jack pointed out how inflation is created through systematic depreciation of the currency, of which both the Fed and the FRS are guilty of.

A lively discussion regarding tax resisting followed. Jack explained how he is attempting to fight the system and suggested how others may do the same.

The entire evening proved to be extremely interesting and might be an example of what other groups might do to promote Libertarianism and the alternatives we have as individuals.

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and don't know it?**

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"THE PURPOSE OF THE NJLP IS TO ORGANIZE THE MEANS FOR PROMOTING LIBERTARIAN IDEALS AND INSTITUTIONS."

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Here is our newest !

The next general meeting will be taking place next month with the date, time and local to be announced.

To all of you who are circulating petitions, please contact your county chairperson or one of the party officers as it will be necessary to file these within the next few weeks. If anyone is in need of extra petitions, again contact us and we will forward them to you.

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LIBERTARIAN PARTY
Statement of Principles

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.

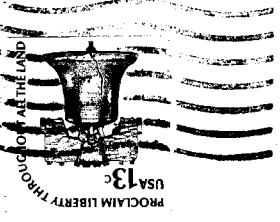
Since governments, when instituted, must not violate individual rights, we oppose all interference by government in the areas of voluntary and contractual relations among individuals. People should not be forced to sacrifice their lives and property for the benefit of others. They should be left free 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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