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HUNSCHER, CLARK TO KICK OFF SUPPER CLUB

Bill Hunscher and Ed Clark, the two declared candidates for the Libertarian Presidential nomination, will be the first two guest speakers for the newly-organized NJLP Supper Club.

Hunscher will speak on May 18 and Clark on June 15 at the Howard Johnson Motor Lodge near Newark International Airport, on Route 1, at 7 p.m.

Admission to each event is only \$3, or \$10 including a hot and cold buffet. The price is being kept as low as possible to encourage as big an attendance as we can get. Every NJLP member is urged to make every effort to get at least one non-member to attend one or both. There WILL be media coverage, so let's try to have a big enough crowd for them to remember us.

Checks for Hunscher's appearance must be RECEIVED by May 11 and for Clark's by June 8. Anyone who expects to eat must order by these deadlines.

Send checks made out to "N.J. Libertarian Party" to P.O. Box 444, Westfield, N.J. 07091, NOT to the regular NJLP box.

PENNSYLVANIA LP ANNUAL CONVENTION

The annual convention of the Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania will be held June 2-3 at the University City Holiday Inn, 36th and Chestnut Str.'s in Philadelphia.

Both announced candidates for the LP presidential nomination, Bill Hunscher and Ed Clark, are expected to appear. Don Ernsberger of SIL (tentative topic: the outlook for third parties) and Delaware state chairman and former statehouse reporter Sheldon Richman (tentative topic: why I quit reporting and the implications for libertarians) will also speak. Other speakers are being lined up.

The convention will begin about noon on Saturday and end around 3 PM on Sunday the third. The LPP business meeting will be held about 3PM on Saturday. Ed Clark is also scheduled to speak on Saturday. A banquet will be held that night. Bill Hunscher is tentatively scheduled for Sunday.

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INFLATION

A recent AP news item reports that the annual inflation rate for the month of March was 13%, and that "goods priced at \$100 in 1967 had increased to \$209." Unfortunately, while these statistics are correct, they are presented in a confusing and misleading fashion. What actually occurred is that 1979 dollars are worth less than ONE HALF 1967 dollars, since it takes twice as many to buy the same amount of goods.

More specifically, roughly \$500 of purchasing power has been literally stolen from each \$1000 put away in 1967! Or, similarly, the purchasing power of all wages has been halved!

At this point, a simple question glares at us: What the hell is going on? Obviously this incredible amount of wealth is going somewhere - wealth doesn't just vanish.

Further confusing the issue is the incessant debate about voluntary vs. mandatory price controls. By deliberately steering the voters' attention towards the rise in prices, the Carter administration is hoping that few will realize what has really happened: the purchasing power of the dollar has been cut in half - embezzled - and the only remaining question is, "Who took it?". Not surprisingly, the culprit is the federal government.

The cause of the voters' failure to realize this is their naive assumption that the government's only source of funds is taxes. Nothing is further from the truth. In fact, since it is politically profitable to spend more while taxing less, the government has learned to make up the difference (the 'budget deficit') by borrowing ever-increasing sums to close the ever-increasing deficits. After piling debt upon debt, the federal government has managed to accumulate a \$4 trillion liability (\$80,000 per family). It currently pays a stupendous annual interest charge that is

one of the largest items in the budget.

Through a clever and deliberately complex mechanism, referred to as 'monetizing the national debt', this enormous liability is transformed into an expansion of the money supply, which, for all practical purposes, is THE cause of inflation. In the twelve years between 1967 and 1979, the U.S. money supply doubled. With twice as many dollars in circulation (each now worth half as much) it was no coincidence that prices doubled as reported.

What's important to realize now is that we can no longer measure the cost of the various existing and proposed social programs (social security, national health insurance, etc) by simply observing the tax level, as the true cost of these extravagant programs will be financed through the process described above, resulting in ever-greater rates of inflation.

When one considers the inestimable amount of suffering and damage caused by inflation, it's clear that any politician who:

- a) knowingly pursued inflationary policy, and,
- b) concealed the fact from the public,

is guilty of crimes for which no penalty is severe enough. Unfortunately, while the vast majority of our liberal congressmen fall into this category, the best we can hope to do now is to replace them with men and women who really have the welfare and interests of their constituents at heart, those who have the honesty and restraint needed to restore the economic health of the dollar.

-Dan Hurley

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EDITOR:

Most issues are cut and dry for most libertarians. Since we know "a priori" what the correct solution to a problem is, many of us tend not to bother wading through all of the logical steps leading from problem to solution. We tend to be strong in our convictions but short in our explanations to non-libertarians. But our emotional, knee-jerk reactions do more than just turning off possible recruits. They also prevent libertarians from coming to grips with those issues which are not cut and dry. Three such issues are Abortion, Foreign Policy/National Defense, and Anarchy vs Minarchy. Even though each of us has aligned ourselves with the point of view we "know" is correct, there remain opposing factions within the Libertarian Party on these issues.

It was with this in mind that I suggested to Bill George and to Len Flynn that we include a panel on the Abortion issue at our convention held last February. My hope was that we could generate real, rational debate on this subject and, through logic, begin to find the one and only correct position. To my dismay, not only was significant comment not generated regarding the subject matter, but most of the controversy which has followed has centered upon the format of the panel, personalities, and whether we should have bothered debating an issue which was already settled by the National LP Platform.

I ask you now to redirect your thoughts and comments away from these trivialities. Instead, please consider the issues themselves. Libertarians on each side of an issue should be ready and willing to both explain why their position is right and to listen to explanations from the other side.

If we do begin concentrating on the issues, maybe next year we can have a panel on Foreign Policy/National Defense or on Anarchy vs Minarchy. Libertarians pride themselves on using reason; let's use some here.

Bob Shapiro

EDITOR'S NOTE

Libertarians being what they are, the newsletter is periodically inundated with controversial (read "interesting")-letters debating the finer points of Libertarianism. Previously, I have treated these as ordinary articles, simply placing them where they seemed to best fit.

Recently, however, I have received several legitimate complaints that these controversial articles could confuse non-Libertarian readers. Since I believe controversies are constructive and add life to the newsletter, I will attempt to place all letters treating 'tricky' areas of Libertarianism on the inner pages, so they can be conveniently removed. Please keep this in mind when circulating the newsletter among outsiders, using your discretion about what to remove.

JUNE 10, 1979
George Belar
N.J. MEMBER

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HIGHLIGHTS OF GENERAL MEETING
April 14, 1979

An NJLP General Meeting was held on April 14, 1979 at the Franklin Park Inn, Franklin Township. Chairperson, Len Flynn, called the meeting to order at 2:30 P.M.

Chris White reported on the petition drive and reviewed the names of those who plan to file as candidates for assembly. As of this date, the candidates are: Ginny Flynn - 9th, Lucille Bender - 10th, Chris Toto - 12th, Dick Roth - 26th, Hal Cundari - 37th, Henry Koch - 39th.

In regard to Election Law Reform, Chris stated that no position has yet been taken. Nor had there been any correspondence. For those wishing information on bills in legislation, Chris suggested we call - 800 792 8630.

Len said, that to date, there had been no response from the party on the issue of the N.J. Drinking Age Law Reform. He reviewed the party's position voted upon last January, stating that we are opposed to raising the minimum drinking age as well as to laws governing hours and prices. He suggested that we might consider bringing up the issue of possession in the future.

Revision of NJLP Bylaws was mentioned next. Len suggested that once the petition drive was over, this project be given top priority. The purpose of this revision is to "make our bylaws reflect what we do".

In regard to the IRS proposal on Private Tax Exempt Schools, Lee Schubert suggested we file a response stating our opposition, as we consider the proposal a violation of our religious freedom. He feels we should let it be known, however, that we are pleased to see the changes and regard them as less of a threat.

Upon completion of the agenda, Tyler Cowen, Pasiack Valley School, Hillsdale, spoke on the antidraft efforts by S.L.S. He said this group was devoting full time via, demonstrations, public appearances - including those covered by major networks - to oppose reinstatement of

the draft. A question and answer period followed.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 P.M.

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Bonnie Swirsky
Recording Secretary

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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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YOU MAY BE A LIBERTARIAN AT HEART WITHOUT EVEN BEING AWARE OF IT.

Do you believe in an economic system based on open competition instead of big-business-controlled government agencies? Do you believe, for instance, that the CAB should be stopped from restricting competition and fixing airline prices for the benefit of the giant airlines?

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?

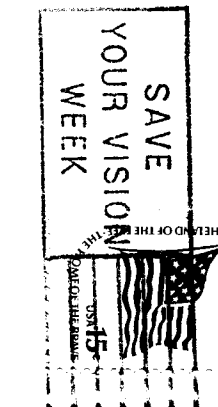
Do you believe the government should stop trying to impose its morality on the American people, that no crime has been committed if there is no victim? Do you believe it is wrong to use the time, budgets and resources of our police, courts and prisons to persecute people who may be harming no one but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