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* moyers on ballot

Jack Moyers is on the November election ballot as the NJLP's nominee for Governor!

Needing 800 signatures, Jack turned in about 1,400 on 4/23, the filing deadline.

Thanks should go out to everyone who assisted in the successful petition drive.

* newsletter editor

No one has stepped forward to become Newsletter Editor for \$10 per issue plus expenses. Do YOU want the job? How much do YOU think it's worth? The Steering Committee will accept proposals at its next meeting (5/16).

* general meeting & picnic

The first NJLP General Meeting for 1981 and Spring Picnic will be held Saturday, 5/23, rain or shine, from 1:30 p.m. to ? at the Flynns' home in Cassville (Jackson Twp.).

Lots of fun:

Volleyball	Basketball	Softball
Football	Badminton	Croquet
Zim Zam	Frisbee	Horseshoes
Tetherball	Kites	Hiking
Playground	Relaxation	Shade & Sun

A little business (at 3 p.m.):

Reports from the NJLP Steering and State Committees
Meet the 1981 NJLP candidates for office

Please bring food for your family, and one dish to share. Charcoal grills and a tub of ice for cold drinks will be provided.

DIRECTIONS (call 201-928-0758 if you get lost):

Find Cassville or Jackson Twp. on a NJ map (between Lakewood, Lakehurst, Hightstown, and Freehold). From the light at the intersection of Ocean County roads 528 and 571 (at the Cassville Tavern), travel 2/10 mile west on 528 and take the first paved street on the left (Park Ave.). Go one half mile down Park Avenue. Flynn's is the red house on the left--black mailbox, #370.

Energy: Reagan Style

Despite a disagreement between Budget Director David Stockman and Energy Director James Edwards over the nuclear energy budget, nuclear power subsidies are increasing. Stockman recommended cut backs in all nuclear programs except the Clinch River Breeder Reactor! But, Edwards' view that, "We have got to get nuclear on the move again," has already won.

Heavy government subsidies are the only thing that has kept nuclear power "on the move." From the government handover to the nuclear industry in its infancy, to the over \$37 billion in direct subsidies and over \$200 billion in direct government spending, nuclear power is totally dependent on government taxpayers' money. With budget increases and plans on Capitol Hill to bail out Three Mile Island, it is clear the nuclear industry and the U.S. government are one and the same. They get you with increased electric rates, and what they can't get there comes through your taxes. Reagan favors a free market economy, except when it comes to nuclear power. In a truly free market, solar and other renewable energy sources would surpass nuclear quickly.

The Clinch River Breeder Reactor, with its expected \$3 BILLION cost is the primary recipient of energy funds in Reagan's proposed budget. Government will pick up 91% of the total cost for the project, including \$1.4 billion over the next five years. Stockman once ridiculed this project as "totally incompatible with our free market approach to energy policy." Carter vetoed the plan due to his concerns over nuclear weapons proliferation - the breeder reactor would make more weapons grade plutonium than it consumes. But strong lobbying from Tennessee Sen. Howard Baker has convinced Reagan to sink the largest single portion of the budget into what anti-nuclear activists consider to be the most dangerous nuclear plant.

GPU BAIL OUT

A quasi-governmental insurance fund to bail out utilities who experience nuclear accidents has been proposed by Pennsylvania Congressperson Ertel. Milliecent Fenwick (NJ District 5) is the only NJ Congressperson to strongly support this idea, so far. She can be persuaded to change her position if enough people contact her with reasons for withdrawing her support. If you are in Fenwick's district call her office to discourage her support of the Ertel bill. If you are in another district call your representative.

Reasons to not support the bill:
There is no provision in the bill to compensate anyone living near the plant for personal property damage. It only protects the plant owner financially.
Such financial protection for the utility decreased the incentive to operate safely.
Nuclear power has been receiving too many government subsidies over the past thirty years.



*bo sullivan

Bo Sullivan, one of the Republican candidates for N.J. Governor, addressed the NJLP Supper Club on Sunday, 4/12, at the Flagship Seafood House in East Brunswick. Despite the sparse attendance, it appears that the party just about broke even on the dinner.

Sullivan spoke for about 10 minutes about the abuses of big government, taxes and the erosion of our economic freedoms, and then answered questions. Although his prepared remarks were definitely aimed at libertarians, it became obvious during the questions that Sullivan is not a civil libertarian. He is opposed to legalization of marijuana because, according to articles he has read, it harms future generations.

Arrangements for this dinner were made by Ken Kaplan and Bill George.

*richard gardiner

Over 40 people -- half of them non-members -- turned out on Friday, 4/17, for an NJLP-sponsored dinner meeting with National Rifle Assn. Attorney Richard Gardiner at the Skyview Country Club in Robbinsville.

Gardiner, a member of Virginia LP, spoke about "The Folly of Gun Control." In addition, those who attended saw the first showing of "It Can't Happen Here," the NRA's new documentary exposing abuses by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

NJLP Gubernatorial Nominee Jack Moyers gave a short speech blasting the Merlino handgun-confiscation bill (S.3169) and other "gun control" laws. He also presented the NJLP's new position statement advocating repeal of all such laws.

Paul Furlong and the Central Jersey Libertarians are responsible for the success of this event.

BY GEORGE

Nominating Convention — At its December 6th and 7th meeting in New Orleans, the National Committee voted to hold a Presidential Nominating Convention in New York City in April of 1984. The Committee decided that, given our attainment of permanent ballot status in a dozen states, our increased experience and resources, and some Anderson legal victories against early filing deadlines, we will be able to get nation-wide ballot status even with the April Convention. The April, 1984, date, in the midst of the Republican and Democratic primary campaigns, affords a much better opportunity for serious media coverage.

National Convention — The National Convention in Denver, Colorado, on August 27th to 30th, 1981, will be a very interesting and important event in the history of the Liber-

tarian Party. Leading libertarian thinkers, writers, and activists from around the country will speak at the convention. It is also a business convention, with Constitution and By-Laws revisions, Platform revisions, and election of new national officers and a new National Committee. Unless a change is made in the Constitution and By-Laws, the Denver Convention will be the last business convention before the 1984 presidential nominating convention. This two and a half year period between conventions gives the Denver Convention even greater importance. I hope that you will mark your calendar and set aside this time to attend this historic convention.

Bill George

* party phone

The NJLP phone has been installed (201-654-3954). You may call between noon and 5 p.m. on weekdays; on weekends, whenever State Chair Bill George is around. A recording device will be hooked up as soon as possible.

* speakers bureau

The NJLP Speakers Bureau is just getting off the ground. We now have a State Coordinator, Ginny Flynn (201-928-0758), and three Regional Coordinators: Ken Kaplan (201-625-2623) in North Jersey, Steve Enterline (201-566-2036) in Central Jersey and Bob Rothhouse (609-641-4110) in South Jersey.

If you can arrange a speaking engagement at a school, college, social club, etc. call Ginny or your Regional Coordinator. Also, please let them know if you would volunteer as a speaker. Speakers are needed on a wide variety of topics, not just libertarianism and the LP.

* meetings

- 5/16: Steering Committee, 1 p.m., Flagship.
- 5/23: General Meeting/Spring Picnic, 1:30 p.m., Flynn's.
- 6/20: Steering Committee, 1 p.m., Flagship.
- 7/11: Annual Bastille Day Picnic, 11 a.m., Palvens' (tentative).

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