

# NJ LIBERTARIAN

NEW JERSEY LIBERTARIAN PARTY P.O. BOX 56, TENNENT, N.J. 07763

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#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 4-- Central Jersey Libertarians present former LP NATCOM member Sara Baase speaking on "What's Happening in the California LP" at 8 pm at the Skyview Country Club in Robbinsville. For info call Howard Tedder at 609/259-7712

April 10-- Tax Rebel Irwin Schiff will speak at Auletto's Sunset Ballroom in Almonesson, NJ at 7 pm. Donation \$10. Reservations: 609/927-2320. Sponsored by Constitutional Freedom Committee.

April 15-- National Tax Protest Day demonstrations to be held at local post offices throughout the U.S. Call 201/836-6741 for NJLP info.

April 17-- NJLP State Committee meeting at 2:00 p.m. at the Flagship Restaurant in East Brunswick. All such meetings are open to any NJLP member who wishes to attend.

May 1 & 2-- New York FLP Convention at Binghamton, NY. Confirmed speakers include Roger MacBride, Ed Crane, Sheldon Richman, and Roy Childs. For information call the Free Libertarian Party at 212/226-6483.

May 22-- Tentative date for LP of Delaware 1982 state convention at the Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge south of Newark, DE. For info contact LPD Chairman Vern Etzel at 302/475-4423.

July 3-10-- CATO summer seminar at Dartmouth College. For info call Janet Nelson at 202/546-0200 and see the article in the March 1982 N.J. Libertarian.

NJLP/10 CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

by Ginny Flynn

The NJLP held its tenth annual convention on March 12-13, 1982 at the Beacon Manor in Point Pleasant Beach with over 100 people attending the various activities. From the Friday night cocktail party to the closing banquet on Saturday evening, the convention bustled with activity and excitement.

The business sessions unanimously approved new NJLP Bylaws and chose Henry Koch as the NJLP standard bearer for U.S. Senate this fall. Vigorous and unprecedented interest in NJLP leadership positions produced close contests for NJLP Chairman and Treasurer. Shapiro upset Bill George for party chair while Bonnie Swirsky held on-Treasurer by defeating Rehmke. John Schafer was chosen as Vice Chairman and Len Flynn was reelected Secretary; both men shut out "None of the Above" despite the latter's appeal to Libertarians for public office. At-Large Steering Committee slots were taken by Paul Furlong, John Hurley, and Barry Siegel. Les Heller was elected to the Steering Committee by petition of the NJLP members at the convention.

Breakfast keynote speaker Len Flynn and luncheon speaker Alicia Garcia Clark, National Libertarian Party Chairwoman, both stressed the need for LP members to work together to advance the cause of liberty. The need for LP candidates to step forward this year was particularly emphasized.

Workshops by Shel Richman, Gary Greenberg, and Peter & Phyllis Breggin kept conventioneers busy

#### FROM THE DESK OF THE CHAIR

#### by Bob Shapiro

I would like to begin my term as State Chair by thanking you for your vote of confidence. There is a great deal of work ahead for all of us. It is vital for us to improve our organizational skills, increase our membership, increase public and media awareness of the NJLP, enlarge our financial base, and much more. And this must be done during the next two pivotal years so that we will be in a position to take advantage of the opportunities presented by the major elections of 1984 and 1985. As a start in this direction several committees have been formed (see accompanying article--Steering Committee Meeting).

Through these committees we will be able to identify all the races in the state where it will be beneficial to run candidates. We be able to develop should also LP organizations effective local and thereby keep our name and ideas before the public and press. Other committees being activated include research, fund-raising, and advisory/planning. Former Chairman Bill George has agreed to continue with he had fund-raising project started several months ago.

As you can see, the wheels of progress are turning, but it will require a great deal of member-power to get where we are going.

#### STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

The newly elected NJLP Steering Committee met for 45 minutes during the NJLP Convention to map out plans for 1982. All members were present.

Committee assignments were made as follows with the committee chair listed first:

Elections--Jon Steele, Lee Gesner & Chris White; Media Relations--John Hurley, Dan Maiullo, Frank Dominiani, & Len Flynn; Education & Member Outreach--Paul Furlong, John Schafer & Dick Siano; General Outreach-Bonnie Swirsky, Ron Wishart & Bob Rothhouse; Internal (education, convention, newsletter, supper club)--Barry Siegel, Les Heller, Ginny & Len Flynn, and Bonnie Swirsky; Fund Raising-Bonnie Swirsky & Dick Siano; Advisory--Bob Shapiro, Dick Siano & Lee Schubert.

Anyone who would like to participate in these activities should contact the committee chairperson listed above. See the NJLP roster for phone numbers or call NJLP Chairman Bob Shapiro at 201/836-6741.

#### KOCH ACCEPTANCE SPEECH

#### by Henry Koch

This is a message of acceptance to the membership at the Convention on March 13th, 1982, who selected me as their Party candidate for the United States Senate from New Jersey.

In December 1981 I received several disturbing letters indicating dissension within the Party. Because my name was not mentioned, I felt clear of the controversy. By becoming the Party candidate for an office requiring a statewide campaign, I could meet everyone. Accordingly, I announced for the United States Senate at the December 12, 1981 State Committee meeting in East Brunswick.

I emphasized that most Americans are Libertarians in one way or another. A Libertarian is a person who believes in the civil liberties of others as well as himself, and he also believes in less government. Therefore, all our members share a common belief and the Party is large enough to include all.

I narrate two basics to my concept of liberty, based on years of experience.

I had believed in the Federal government establishing a Dept. of Commerce under Herbert Hoover so that better living could be promoted worldwide. I have changed my mind. Government intervention obstructs living standards and freedom of choice.

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throughout the day. The defense debate on "Defending America: How Much is Enough?" featured Richman and Greenberg plus Charles Wiley and Howard Morland. NJLP moderator Ron Wishart did an excellent job keeping the debate on-track, and he made sure free speech reigned.

The banquet began with a plaque presented to Dick Siano by Bill George on behalf of the NJLP in appreciation for Dick's successful election to the Kingwood Council. Then Lee Schubert led a recordbreaking NJLP fund-raising which netted \$3000 in contributions and pledges to the party for 1982.

The dinner concluded with an address by libertarian psychiatrist Peter Breggin on "The Psychology of Freedom" and how we can incorporate libertarian ideals into our daily lives. At the end of the evening NJLP members journeyed home weary but confident that the next 10 years will lead to even greater successes. As one of my favorite speakers put it--"WHAT futile crusade?"!

#### KOCH...

Before World War II I felt that the United States would not become a participant in war again, since we realized the failure of the "war to end all wars." I mourned the loss of life before and after the U.S. entered this war. To me the painful conclusion emerges: namely, governments promote wars. They do not prevent them.

My stance of nonconformity to time-eroded, national myths will probably cost votes to the Liber-tarian Party. I pledge to try to make up this loss by hard work in the '82 campaign. I ask your personal support to promote Party success.

Until April 19th I shall devote my efforts to successfully complete the petition signing drives of our fourteen candidates for Congress. This is in addition to my own requirements for ballot status.

#### SIANO STRIKES AGAIN

#### by John Schafer

Since taking office on New Year's day, Kingwood Twp. Councilman Richard P. Siano has been making Libertarian ideas come true. Fresh from his first council meeting triumph--a 10% cut in his own salary, in which he was joined by the two Republicans--Siano next identified about \$500,000 in budget surplus, apparently set aside for a new municipal building.

True to his campaign promise opposing the "frill" of this unnecessary building, Siano moved to use \$200,000 of the surplus to cut the 1982 Kingwood Twp. real estate tax for municipal purposes (other than schools) from 11 cents per \$100 of assessed property valuation to ... are you ready for this? ... ZERO!

The <u>Delaware</u> <u>Valley</u> <u>News</u> of Frenchtown called this "an unprecedented move." Two other resolutions sponsored by Siano also passed. Both repealed "nuisance" ordinances, one of which restricted construction of windmills and the other, owning a horse on less than 3 acres. As Siano put it, "If someone's horse is creating a nuisance, there must be a better way to deal with it than to pass a law affecting every landowner with 2.99 acres or less. Horses have been a part of life here for over 200 years."

On another matter, the state mandated revaluation of local real estate for tax purposes, Siano moved and was supported by 2-to-1, to delay this revaluation which would cost \$32,000 divided among the 850 taxpayers—about \$37 per family.

The first Libertarian Party member to be elected in a partisan race in any of the 49 United States south of Alaska, Dick Siano is teaching vital lessons about freedom in rural Hunterdon County, NJ, where the feet of Washington's troops once trod so many years ago.

#### MOYERS FOR SCHOOL BOARD

#### by Les Heller

The Environmental Research Foundation is beginning its second year of publication of the New Jersey Hazardous Waste News, an 8 page newsletter which should be of vital interest to N.J. residents.

Founded by Katherine Montague of Lawrenceville, N.J. the "News" is "intended to provide reliable factual information about hazardous wastes in our state." It also stresses solutions both new technologies and actions people take to deal with waste problems.

The tone of this publication is urgent but not hysterical. It seems objective and does not hesitate to reveal government failures and complicity in the violation of citizens' rights.

The Jan/Feb 1982 issue announces a new 60 minute film about a Jamesburg, N.J. family's struggle for justice after their well was polluted by a local landfill. The film "In Our Water" has received enthusiastic reviews from the "liberal" media and includes this poignant statement by Frank Kaler, the father of the family:

"If a private citizen came into my yard and tried to kill my kids, I'd have the right to shoot him, but when industrial waste seeps in and threatens my kids, I'm not allowed to do anything. I used to tell my kids when we went to the parades, 'Take off your hat, this is your flag, your country. Today I teach my kids that they can buy their share of American justice if they have enough money. That the laws are made by the rich and powerful to protect the rich and powerful, and the richest and most powerful in this country today are the industrialists. They run this country."

Subscriptions to the "News" are free on request from the ERF at 29 Pine Knoll Drive; Lawrenceville, NJ 08648. Donations are solicited.

The Foundation is compiling a directory of citizens groups interested in these issues. I think the NJLP should be in the directory, don't you?

#### by Bill George

Jack Moyers, the 1981 NJLP gubernatorial nominee, is running for a three-year seat on the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional Board of Education in the April 6 election.

Jack and another candidate Doug Scott are running on a budget-cutting, tax-slashing platform (school board elections are non-partisan) against two of the board's most "liberal" (with others' money!) members.

Aberdeen, where Jack is running, is currently in a wave of "fiscal conservatism." The Township Council has elected its first Republican majority in 10 years. In nearby Matawan nine-year member and reknowned budget cutter Mike Kidzus is running unopposed. Mike has endorsed Jack and will campaign for him.

Due to state requirements school boards are severely restricted in what they can do. Of course, Libertarians would abolish public (i.e. government) education but unlike Texas, N.J. school boards cannot abolish themselves.

And because of state law Jack must tell voters to vote "no" on current expense (the bulk of the proposed budget) but vote "yes" on capital outlay. This peculiar action is needed to force the Board to take the entire budget cut out of current expense instead out of the normally padded capital outlay. Then the Board with Jack present can whittle down capital outlay by voting against particular projects and returning money to taxpayers.

Mark Twain once said, "God made idiots--that was just for practice. Then he made school boards." A libertarian society would have no tax funded public education nor "idiot" school boards. To get from here to there will require clear thinking about what each office can and cannot do. For a start NJLP candidates for state office can wholeheartedly support a platform plank for abolishing public education.

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#### DICK RANDOLPH FOR GOVERNOR '82

Dick Randolph's campaign is now in its critical stage. In the following months Dick will be setting the groundwork for a successful Libertarian campaign throughout Alaska.

Over one hundred volunteers are gearing up for the most important Libertarian campaign in 1982. Campaign offices are being staffed with several full-time workers and Dick is campaigning throughout the state, working 17 hours a day.

With day-to-day campaign operations beginning, Dick will need a steady flow of contributions to make the campaign successful. The most effective and convenient way of providing those funds is through monthly pledges. An anonymous person has proposed to help Dick become the first Libertarian Governor by adding to contributions made by N.J.L.P. members as follows:

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\$16 - 20	\$25
\$21 - 25	\$45
\$26 - 30	\$65
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Your monthly contribution now can ensure that Dick's goal of an elected Gov., Lt. Gov., 1 State Senator, 5 State Representatives and 6 municipal officeholders becomes a reality. Send your monthly contribution, mentioning Free To Live, to: Individuals for Randolph, P.O. Box 742, Fairbanks, Alaska 99707.

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# Libertarians Are Moving The Going Is Slow, But

By DAVE NEESE
State Houre Reporter
They are a small but hearty band of patriots who talk passionately of liberty.
They are, figuratively speaking, throwing tea in the harbor and giving the king hell.
They are members of the Libertarian Party, and they are calling for nothing less than a second American Revolution.
They we gained an ever-so-elight tocheold on the American Revolution.
They ve gained an ever-so-elight tocheold on the American political scene. In thy (pop. 2.700) Kingwood Township in Hunterdon County, after a scrappy election battle, they've elected one of their own to the Township Committee.
It may not sound like a lot, but who'd ever beard of Lexington?
The Liberty, asys the party's newly elected New Jersey state chairman, flobert Shaphon, a Seyear-old Teaneck pharmacist, "is the one thing that made this country thrive."
We favor freedom in the market Figure and freedom in individual lives," pades Heller, owner of the New

Egypt Auction and Farmers Market. He describes himself as "an interested clitteen and party activist.

"It's a sort of live-and-let-live philosophy," he explains.

The Libertarians would start dismanding government at all levels. There are arguments over exactly how much to leave standing. But the Libertarian consensus is, not much. Perhaps the hare essentials of defense, police protection and courts, says Shaptiv. Certainly, the Libertarians would to leave the much less government than President Reagan has been satisfied to leave standing.

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He nodes that under Reagan, the federal budget has continued to grow by billions, in spite of controversial cuts in various federal programs.

In sparsely settled, 35-square-mile Kingwood Township, there is comparatively little government to disman-(Constinued on Prage 13)

ibertarians Control From Page Target

the But the Libertarian's man in local government is eagerly taking on the available challenges.

He has, for example, won the repeal of an ordinance that barred citizens from owning a horse unless they have at least an acre of land.

He is Richard Siano, a TWA airlines captain — the first Libertarian candidate in the continental U.S. to win didate in the continental U.S. to win didate in a partisan election (Two Libertarians have won election to the Alaska state legislature, and one of them is now running for governor there. And, Libertarians declare, he has a "real shot" at winning.

In his canquian for a seat on the three-member Kingwood committee, Siano opposed local property re-evaluation and attached a proposed, 9800,000 township government "complex."

The regular election last November ended in a the between Siano seat the Democratic candidate, with the Republican incumbent running last. In a special the-breaker election in Decended in a the between Siano seat the publican incumbent running last. In a special the-breaker election in Decended in a title between Siano seat the publican incumbent running last. In a special the-breaker election in Decended in a title between Siano and the barty's candidate. The hand so well. The party's candidates drew a total of 5 million.

And some politicial scientists believe that one of the more afguificant derelopments in an election that put Ronald Freagan in the White House was the emergence of the Libertarians as a potentially viable third-party force in

American politica.

While Libertarians drew only an insignificant fraction of the vote nationally, they emerged from the presidential electron with permanent ballot status and legal recognition as a bona files political party in over 30 states.

Also, for the first time in history. Americans saw and heard a third-party candidate give his pitch in extensive network TV political aderight alongside the big guys from the established parties. Rouald Reagan and Jimmy Carter.

Cart's TV ads were paid for almost estimate, industrialist David Koch, who with his brother. Charles of Koch industries, are the two main financial sugar diaddes of libertarian causes.

The Koch brothers frequently soold their fellow American businessmen for seeking loan guarantees, import restrictions and other fivors from government, saying such activities undermine the nation's faith in free enterprise.

The Libertarian Party asserts the right of Americans to be free to do what they wish with their property, their money and their lives as long as they don't use force or fraud or otherwise inferience with the rights of others.

In the Libertarian view, these free doms are under assault by an array of meddlers, ranging from Ralah Nader on the left to Rev. Jerry Falwell on the right, who seek to enlist the coercive powers of government to promote their pet schemes.

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Reagan and Ted Kennedy.

Everybody's ox, liberal's and conservative's allie, gets goved by the Libertarians, as another pamphlet summarizing Libertarian positions in-

dicates:

\*Social Security — A 'tragic fraud'
based on the "belief that people are
incapable of taking care of themselves,"
a prescription for economic disaster
and divisiveness between generations of
Americans.

\*The Draft — "Nothing less than
slavery, and slaves can hardly be expected to be effective or enthasiastic
efemelers of freedom."

\*Pornography, Narvoltes, Sex — "We
oppose all laws that tell individuals what
they can read, what they can smoke,
who they can love or how they must lead
their private lives."

\*Gun Coartol — "A disarmed public
is at the mercy of criminals, or a
criminal government."

\*Poreign Policy — In the words of
Thomas Jefferson, "Peace, commerce
and honest friendabile with all nations —
and catangling alliances with none.
The distinguishing mark of the Libertarian Party, says activist Heller, "is
the close correlation between the party
and its philosophy." The Democrats and
Republicans, he adds, 'have no
philosophy — except expediency, getting
elected."

if the party is strong in philosophy, it is west in membership. In New Jersey, is has only about 300 active members. But nevertheless, the Libertarians are, as Hellen notes, "acting like a party."

The party has a small national staff in Washington, local organizations and candidates and messages which it is seeking to promote through the traditional political process, he points out.

Like a political party, the Liberatarians, also have had a leadership battle. There were complaints of por leadership directed at the party's former state chairman. William George, a reporter for the Woodbridge News-Tribune, and he was toppled in favor of the pharmacist Shapiro at the party's recent state convention at Point Pleasant Beach.
Shapiro, who had the hacking of Siano, the party's lone officeholder, was at one point or another in his life active in both the Republican and Democratic parties. He was attracted to Libertarianism, he said, when he began to read carteniarley on the subject of economics and "began to see what government is doing to the value of our money."

The New Jersey Libertarian state chairman has set a goal of attracting 2,000 active state members, raising \$125,000 and feelding a full state of candidates by the next gubernatorial

election.

Meanwhile, he says, the party will spend \$6,000 or so on mailings to targeted areas around the state "to let people know that we're out here and what we stand for." "We are seeking a revolution in the ideas of Americans, in a peaceful, gradual way, of course," says Shapiro.

Shapiro says be personally would prefer a slow but steady revolution in which America could accommodate itself to radical change without undue disruption or hardship.

"If it takes 40 or 50 years, that will be all right with me," adds Shapiro, "as long as we're moving in the right direction."

#### Northern Valley vote Apr. 6

# School board The Record adopts budget

By John H. Kuhn Staff Writer

For the second straight year Henry Koch of Old Tappan provided the only comments when the Northern Valley Regional High School board of education last night conducted a hearing on its \$12.1-million budget.

The budget was adopted unanimously for presentation to voters Apr 6. It calls for \$9.495,397 in taxes for current expenses. Capital outlay will require \$122,500. Debt service is listed at \$558,096

Saying that people are unable to meet expenses in present economic times, Koch urged the board to do all possible to see that costs don't go higher He noted that enrollment has decreased 7 percent, but school costs have increased 12 percent.

Koch suggested the board start negotiations with teachers now to bring down costs, which amount to about \$800,000 in the area of teachers' salaries

Board President Leonard Albanese said the board has a two-year contract with teachers that calls for an 8-percent salary increase.

Superintendent John J Howarth said that two teachers and three supporting staff members were eliminated from the new budget.

Trustee Anne Stillman said the board has to provide \$101,330 for transportation of students to non-profit schools. She said that in the past two years the state has increased the payment for nonprofit transportation from \$250 to \$364 in cases where the board cannot contract for buses.

Noncontrollable items, such as insurance, went up \$53,000, according to trustee Richard Ihrig.

Howarth reported that the 105 students in the three cooperative work programs at the high schools in Demarest and Old Tappan have made \$181,932 so far this year at their part-time jobs. The students have worked 16,106 hours.

#### Flunking Ron **|-|7-82**

To the Editor:

It has been nearly one year since Ronald Wilson Reagan was inaugurated as President. He has had his year to show whether he is truly willing to cut government interference in our lives. Sorry to say, he has failed dismally. I'm sure this will come as an unwelcome awakening to conservative Reaganlovers, as well as to self-proclaimed liberals who display such mimicked horror at Mr. Reagan's alleged cuts in the budget.

First, during the 1980 campaign, Reagan never once said he would cut government's size, only its RATE of growth; in other words, government would continue to grow but at a slightly less accelerated pace! So all the liberal fuss about Reagan being an original skinflint is just so much window dressing, as usual. Even the much-heralded Reagan tax cuts—

have already been more than offset by Social Security increases, and the Federal deficit is now expected to approach ONE-HUNDRED BILLION dollars in fiscal 1983!

Also, Reagan's belligerent foreign policy attitudes will cost Americans some 1.5 TRILLION dollars over a three-year period. Reagan just recently broke his campaign promise to stop draft registration, which seems to indicate that he's bent on a dangerous policy of interventionism abroad. Apparently, his idea of getting big government off our backs doesn't apply to the State's arrogant assumption of ownership of eighteen-year-olds!

With regard to civil liberties in general, Reagan's record gets worse. Indeed, several months back he asked Congress for neartotalitarian powers, allegedly to combat illegal immigration. According to the Washington Post, these powers include restrictions on travel by Americans both domestically and abroad, as well as the power to seal off any roads, airports or harbors as deemed necessary, in HIS view, for national security! Even Adolf, the interior decorator, could hardly have asked for more power!

What all this boils down to is that once again the voters have been sold a phony bill of goods. Reagan's "revolutionary cuts" amount to just a rehash of the Nixon-Ford era, with the great middle class lulled back into a false sense of complacency. The most one can expect from Ronald Reagan will be some bandaid surgery to make the welfare state seem efficient, plus a big boost to pentagon socialism. Alas, it will be a while before Americans fight to win back their personal liberty!

Sincerely, Mark Richards West Milford



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# Libertarians pick Senate candidate

POINT PLEASANT — Henry Koch, a retired manufacturing planner and a resident of Old Tappan, was chosen yesterday as the Libertarian Party's candidate in the November election for the U.S. Senate seat formerly held by Harrison A. Williams Jr.

"I am a candidate who is more or less older than the average candidate. I am 79 years old. In the early days, I was a Herbert Hoover Republican," Koch said.

But Koch said he no longer holds the view that government and industry can cooperate effectively.

"I've come to the view that one or the other will prevail, and in recent years the government has become a monopoly, and that has to change. We must have less government," he said.

Koch said he also supports large government spending cuts and large tax cuts.

He opposes the draft as a form of slavery, and opposes the government favoring foreign nations by treaties or military grants.

Koch opposes nuclear weapons, and he opposes the construction of any more nuclear power plants until insurance companies offer complete liability coverage for them.

He would oppose a law to ban abortion.

The Libertarian Party held its statewide convention at the Beacon Manor, here, yesterday.

About 40 persons, some wearing yellow caps marked "NJLP/10", denoting the 10th anniversary of the party here, attended the early portion of the convention yesterday.

The attendees clustered in small groups in the dining room and lobby, quietly discussing political philosophy.

Throughout the day, the participants attended lectures and discussions on topics such as "The Government-Business Nexus," "How to Avoid Getting Busted for Victimless Crimes," "Defending America: How Much Is Enough?" and "The Psychology of Freedom."

Richard P. Siano was recently elected to the Kingswood Township Committee in Hunterdon County, the first Libertarian to win in a partisan election in the "Lower 48" or continental United States.

Siano said the party believes in the free market and individual freedom, such as the right to own a gun for self-defense.

"We're not pacifist," he said.

"We believe that tax is theft, the use of force by government," added Alicia Garcia Clark, Los Angeles. Mrs. Clark, the national party chairman, is the wife of Ed Clark, the party's candidate in the 1980 presidential election.

"In 1982, I think the Libertarians will establish a big difference between our party and other third parties," Mrs. Clark said.

Mrs. Clark said the party expects to achieve ballot status in 45 states, and to offer 1,000 candidates for federal, state and local offices around the nation.

The party expects to double the number of Libertarians now in office, 21, in 1982, she said.

Mrs. Clark said the party has had difficulty establishing ballot status in past years because the balloting laws were written by Democrats and Republicans.

"You can almost see a vested interest in preventing us from getting on the ballot," she said.

For example, Mrs. Clark said, in Texas the party was not allowed to start a petition for appearing on the ballot until after the primary election, and only those who did not vote in the primary were allowed to sign the petition.

Mrs. Clark said the success of the party is increasing,

In the 1976 presidential election, the party's candidate appeared on the ballot in only 17 states, while in the 1980 election, its candidate appeared on the ballot in all 50 states, she said.

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