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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NJLP CONVENTION BUSINESS

April 14-- NJLP State Committee Meeting, 3 PM, at John Schafer's.

By Len Flynn

April 18-- Libertarian Supper Club of NY presents Doug Rasmussen on "The Philosophical Importance of Ayn Rand" at 6:30 at Mitali Rest., 298 Bleecker St. in Manhattan. For reservations or info. call 212/460-8222.

The NJLP convention business meeting was held at two sessions during the NJLP annual convention on March 24, 1984. The membership elected Steering Committee members, voted for 16 Presidential electors, and approved 14 candidates for the 1984 NJLP campaigns. NJLP candidates can still be approved by the State Committee at its next meeting on April 14, 1984. The deadline for filing signed petitions is April 26, 1984.

The candidates and Steering Committee representatives are printed elsewhere in this issue, and the electors chosen were:

John Schafer
Bill George
Rich Hoegberg
Len Flynn
Steve Friedlander
Dan Maiullo
Paul Nelson
Chris White
Tom Wright
Henry Koch
Daniel Karlan
Lou Sicilia
Katherine Florentine
Ken Kaplan
Jonathan Steele
Harold Leiendecker

April 21-- 3rd Annual Citizens Rights & No-Tax Seminar with Marvin Cooley, Art Morris, Frank Rossi, Irv Homer and Traves Brownlee. Auletto's Ballroom, Almonesson, NJ. Includes free tax packet and \$1000 in door prizes. Noon and night programs, call 609/HAD-ENUF for info.

April 26-- Deadline for filing petitions for independent (i.e. LP) candidates for November election.

May 4-6-- New York LP State Convention, Sheraton Airport Inn, Albany. Speakers include Bergland, Lewis, Northrup, and Breggin. For info call 518/758-7687.

Every Monday-- Free public meeting of NJ ACT; 7 PM, Queen Diner, Route 18, East Brunswick.

Every Tuesday-- NJ ACT free public meeting; 7 PM, Moffa's Farm Restaurant, Almonesson Rd., Blenheim.

Last Saturday each month-- Andrew Melechinsky will appear at a free citizens' rights seminar; 7:30 PM, Budget Motor Lodge, Route 73 & NJ TP Exit 4, Mt. Laurel.

Second Thursday of each month-- Constitutional Freedom Committee meeting, 8 PM, Ollie's Restaurant, Route 9 and Tilton Rd., Northfield, NJ. Guest anti-tax speaker at each meeting. Call 609/927-2320 after 5 PM for details.

Notable in all these elections was the crushing defeat of None of the Above in all the votes taken at the Convention. NOTA received no votes vs. the elector or the candidate slates. He/she (it?) was not available for comment after the vote, but we can be sure that NOTA will be back as provided in our bylaws next year!

LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

by John S. Schafer

The title of my keynote speech at the NJLP 1984 convention was "Libertarianism in New Jersey: What Can be Done?" For the record, and for those who missed my speech, I want to enumerate the ten key issues that Libertarians might consider concentrating upon as their legislative agenda.

1. Permit laws to be passed by initiative and referendum of the voters.
I & R is a time-honored way of returning power to the people. It sparked tax revolts in California and Taxachusetts.
2. Repeal franchise tax on utility bills.
This regressive tax adds 13% to the cost of already high utility charges. Money is collected from every customer, but is distributed by the whim of politicians.
3. Restitution by criminals to victims.
It is time to recognize legally that the criminal's first obligation is to the victim, not to the state. Wages and property should be awarded, and victims should be allowed to testify at trials and sentencing.
4. Restitution by polluters to victims.
Why not create a privately-funded entity to monitor pollution, determine the sources, and initiate legal action against polluters; with benefits going to those harmed and a fee plus percentage to the entity?
5. Bid out government services.
Many services that government now performs could be done more efficiently by private enterprise. The profit motive would provide incentives for better service at lower cost. Private contractors who fail to perform can more easily be dismissed than bureaucrats.
6. Repeal licensing of ordinary trades.
Why should hairdressers, barbers, and many other ordinary trades be licensed by the state? This merely holds down competition and forces up wages. Repeal is the answer.
7. Repeal farmland preservation by taxes.
This elitist program gives unfair windfalls to farmers at the expense of taxpayers, yet the main benefit is aesthetic to well-off people who don't want their view spoiled.
8. Repeal rent control laws.
The only practical and moral answer to

shortages and high costs of rental units is the free market. Monopolies or controls guarantee both shortages & higher prices.

9. Eliminate the tax monopoly held by government schools. In the short run, tax credits should be allowed for people who do not utilize the public schools. In the long run, all tuition should be billed directly to parents, with privately-funded scholarships for low-income students.

10. Cut taxes at all government levels. Eliminate or bid out as many government services as possible, and then require that both expenses and taxes be cut from the budget. For government, our slogan must be "stout is out and thin is in!"

RICHARD D. KRAUS

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Candidate claims Libertarians are party of true new ideas

By TOM JOHNSON

David Bergland, the Libertarian Party's Presidential nominee, said yesterday that voters are looking for new blood and new ideas in this election year, but they are not going to find them by turning to President Reagan or whomever the Democrats nominate.

Stopping in Union yesterday for the New Jersey Libertarian Party convention, the 48-year-old California lawyer said his candidacy offers voters the only real alternative to the "same old tired political solutions."

"The major distinction between the Democratic and Republican candidates and me is that they all view the people of this country as a natural resource to be used for their own ends," Bergland said. "I have the respect for the right of everyone to live their own lives according to their own values."

He maintained he would accomplish that goal by some fundamental changes in American policy: Ending all United States military alliances and bringing all troops home from foreign soil; eliminating the federal income tax; and phasing out the deficit-ridden Social Security system and replacing it with voluntary alternatives.

Bergland said he has few illusions about his prospects. "I'm as realistic as anyone else. The odds against me being elected are pretty long."

The 11-year-old party pulled in roughly 1 percent of the popular vote in the last Presidential elec-



David Bergland
'Battle of Ideas'

tion with just under 1 million votes for Ed Clark.

Still Bergland, a white-haired Iowa native, has set some goals and believes that 1984 will witness the end of the two party system.

The success of the campaigns of Democrat contenders Gary Hart and Jesse Jackson attest to the fact that people are looking for something new, Bergland said.

He said he hopes his campaign, which the party expects to spend roughly \$3 million in all 50 states, will lead to Libertarian positions being adopted by those who do wield power.

"It's a battle of ideas," said Bergland, who claimed the party already has made some impact, citing moves to deregulate certain industries as one example.

But Bergland said neither the Reagan Administration nor the Democratic candidates are inclined to reduce the size or reach of the federal government.

"I've watched Reagan campaign with his well-known rhetoric about getting government off the back of people," he said. "So, it's not surprising that the only campaign promise he kept was to increase military spending."

As for former vice president Walter Mondale, Bergland said it is apparent that the Democrat wants to continue with the old Democratic coalition: "Offer everything to every interest group going and worry about who is going to pay for it later."

He criticized Hart for proposing a massive public works program. "To tell me that is a new idea is preposterous," Bergland said.

If elected, one of Bergland's first moves would be to scrap the income tax, which he said has led the federal government to become the major growth industry in the country since the tax was enacted in 1914.

He said he would sharply cut military expenditures by disengaging the U.S. from all alliances, such as NATO, and by initiating a nuclear arms reduction race. That could be achieved by a declaration of a "no first-use" policy regarding nuclear weapons, Bergland said.

Most of all, he would move to ensure that an individual's rights are guarded and government avoids intervening in people's lives.

A lot of his aversion to government intrusion into everyday life was learned during a stint working for the city of Los Angeles Fire Department. "I was once a bureaucrat, but I got over it," he said.

Bergland, a former Libertarian Party vice-presidential nominee in 1976, also would eliminate all U.S. trade barriers—a move, he said, that would be a powerful inducement for peace.

He would phase out the Social Security system while providing present beneficiaries with payments from private annuities purchased with the proceeds of the sale of federally-owned land.

JOHN HOLT TO SPEAK

JOHN HOLT, author of "TEACH YOUR OWN", to lecture at East Stroudsburg University, Stroud Hall 113, East Stroudsburg, PA, on May 6, 1984 at 2:00 p.m. This lecture and discussion is for you if you feel that it is YOUR business to educate your children and NOT the state's! For further information, contact Ann Cameron at 717-421-5022.

* 1984 CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS *

--DICK SIANO--

Kingwood Township Committeeman Dick Siano appeared at the convention to tell us about life "In the Belly of the Beast." (Randy Corman, Sayreville Board of Education Vice-President, was unable to attend due to his car breakdown.) Siano felt that he made progress (in terms of bringing a libertarian approach to politics in Kingwood) during his first year in office. He has just completed his second year, however, and feels that perhaps he was overly optimistic.

During his first year the committee was composed of himself, a Republican, and a Democrat. Now he sits with two new Democratic committeemen. The year began badly when the two Democrats broke with tradition and refused to make Dick, the senior committee member, mayor.

The township budget was just increased 25%--from \$400,000 to \$500,000. This is no surprise when you realize that Kingwood spends almost \$5000 per child to educate its children in the public schools.

In short, Dick has come to the realization that most voters do not see themselves as "John Q. Taxpayer," but rather as part of special interest groups--parents of school age children, senior citizens, recipients of various government subsidies, etc. People tend to see what they get back FROM government rather than how much they pay TO it.

This has led Dick to decide against running for a second term next year. Rather, he will continue to espouse libertarian solutions to problems and he will not be corrupted by trying to secure the vote of any special interest groups. He believes that his hopes for achieving libertarian goals have changed from success in the short term to long term.

Although Dick will not run for reelection next year, he is running for Hunterdon County Freeholder this year. Hunterdon County has a strong libertarian organization and Dick has worked hard to bring in

new people. He plans to seek someone else willing to run for his committee seat in 1985.

--TAX SEMINAR--

Dr. Alfred Steever of the Constitutional Freedom Committee distributed copies of the U.S. Constitution to the audience and proceeded to instruct his listeners about their rights, or lack of them, according to the Constitution. He asserted that "If YOU don't KNOW your rights, you don't have any!"

Steever called the U.S. government a "democratic fascist state" and enumerated numerous ways in which governments at every level violate the Constitution.

--JUVENILE "JUSTICE" IN NJ--

Russ Malta, a Monmouth County Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, and former NJLP member gave convention attendees an overview of the juvenile justice system in New Jersey. Malta originally became involved with libertarianism while at Princeton University, but has had to refrain from any active involvement in politics since becoming a county prosecutor. (Regulations prevent political activity so he had to resign his NJLP membership.)

Malta discussed the major reform of juvenile law in New Jersey which took place in 1983. This included a shift in emphasis away from rehabilitation towards punishment and "protection of the public." Waiver allows the State to choose to treat juveniles as adults for some criminal acts. In addition the new juvenile code gives the court power over the entire family, not just over the juvenile.

Depending upon the circumstances, being a juvenile "offender" can be either detrimental or helpful in terms of the law. Juvenile sentences are much lighter than those for adults, and juvenile detention centers and reform schools are supposedly better than prisons. On the other hand, juveniles are denied their right to a jury trial and to bail. To secure

these rights they must apply to be "waived up" to the adult judicial system. Also, it's important to note that if you're under 14 years of age the State denies the right to due process.

In summary, whoever coined the phrase "Children are people, too" had no knowledge of N.J. law!

--ALAN REYNOLDS--

Economist Alan Reynolds gave an entertaining luncheon address on "Beyond Reaganomics." He blasted today's "Orwellian economics" which propounds absurd conventional economic thought like this: "all countries' exports should exceed their imports." Such nonsense represents the current economic wisdom that a weak currency and high taxes produce improved economic conditions!

Reynolds believes there is definitely a place for Libertarian Party candidates and he urged LP challengers to offer a real choice on the issues. He said LP campaigners should reject the problem definition of our opponents. For example, "trade deficits are NOT a problem!" is the antidote to the above quote. In addition, he said "If I were a Libertarian candidate, I'd go for gold."

Reynolds closed with a strong call for a gold standard: "People demand it, governments fear it. ... People never leave the gold standard, only governments do!"

SPECIAL NEWS #

On March 20, 1984 -- the first day of spring -- Jane Rehmke and Lee Schubert became the parents of a baby girl, Helen Yvonne Schubert.

NJLP CANDIDATES WANTED !!!

No Experience Necessary.

Phone Steve Friedlander immediately at 201/874-8492 or your NJLP County Representative if you might be willing to serve as an NJLP candidate this year. The filing deadline is April 26, 1984, so don't delay!!



Taxes and Spending

Taxation violates individual rights and is an economic burden most people cannot afford. Today's oppressive levels of taxation are enforced by the IRS, which systematically harasses peaceful citizens, ignoring due process and the Bill of Rights.

Libertarians are working at all levels of government, and at the grassroots, to remove the tax burden from Americans. Taxes and federal spending can be cut significantly and rapidly, with tremendous benefits. Other political parties debate how much taxes and spending should increase, and their tax "cuts," when they occur, are really only cuts *in the rate at which taxes increase*. Libertarians are not satisfied with phony "cuts" in taxing and spending, but rather believe that taxes are a kind of legalized theft which can and should be slashed immediately, and abolished as soon as possible.

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David Bergland	Costa Mesa CA	President	714/754-1776
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Tom Wright	Glen Rock	" 5th CD	201/652-6746
Paul Nelson	N. Plainfield	" 7th CD	201/755-1712
Dan Maiullo	Belleville	" 8th CD	201/751-2824
Dick Roth	West Caldwell	" 11th CD	201/226-7789
Joe Kerr	Stockton	" 12th CD	609/397-8119
Len Salesky	Marlton	" 13th CD	609/983-0289
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Bill Zelko	Saddle River	Freeholder, Bergen	201/327-4575
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Dick Siano	Frenchtown	" Hunterdon	201/996-2469
Jack Moyers	Monmouth	" Monmouth	201/566-3511
Rich Duprey	Waldwick	Town Council	201/445-6098

STATEWIDE NJLP CANDIDATES' PERFORMANCES, 1973-1982 (Governor & U.S. Senator)

COUNTY	1973	1976	1977	1978	1981	1982
Atlantic	450	260	82	33	66	501
Bergen	246	3,748	620	678	349	1,436
Burlington	54	292	124	78	103	319
Camden	105	821	231	118	80	382
Cape May	8	73	24	68	33	168
Cumberland	10	82	43	60	27	103
Essex	202	3,436	316	276	159	481
Gloucester	19	249	144	73	55	306
Hudson	154	1,115	351	519	167	498
Hunterdon	29	139	68	89	166	487
Mercer	100	639	147	127	134	306
Middlesex	477	1,650	242	598	136	437
Monmouth	192	1,428	598	159	236	1,122
Morris	102	1,076	335	331	137	558
Ocean	58	1,047	1,106	266	95	220
Passaic	577	439	179	111	133	722
Salem	3	58	40	9	19	145
Somerset	71	958	614	69	94	179
Sussex	12	213	107	27	44	169
Union	193	2,086	244	95	111	1,224
Warren	9	98	59	25	33	171
TOTAL	3,071	19,907	5,674	3,809	2,377	9,934
	Goodson (Gov.)	Cundari (Sen.)	Primich (Gov.)	Moyers (Sen.)	Moyers (Gov.)	Koch (Sen.)

NATIONAL TAX PROTEST DAY

APRIL 15

Editor, The Record:

The amoral zeal of religious true believers distracts them from seriously considering the moral issue behind the public-school-prayer controversy. That issue is: Should religion be separate from government?

If these public school (that is, government-sponsored) minireligious services were in private schools instead, there would be no problem: It would be a private choice to pray. But local school classes are mandatory meetings enforced by truancy laws and are financed, organized, and led by government representatives in order to attain government ends.

And one of those ends must not be religion. Coercing children to attend religious meetings and coercing parents to pay for them should be practices that remain in Iran, not in this country.

But coercive religionists claim that all they want is "voluntary" prayer — not "required" prayer sessions. How dishonest! It is obvious to all that every child already is allowed to pray on his own. Any child may pray before class, during recesses, or during lunch — as he chooses.

But there is the rub. Virtually no children freely choose to forgo healthy and happy play to pray. So prayer time must be mandated. Children must be taught by school authorities to set aside time for prayer. The moral principle of separation is broken. Pandora's box is opened.

"Good little children" will be encouraged by religious parents to pray during this "moment of si-

lence." Teacher may smile on these children, but not on the others. Not until they learn better. They will all learn either guilt and inferiority or passivity.

And we taxpayers will "volunteer" to pay for all of this nice volunteerism — and for all that will follow it.

WILLIAM ZELKO
Saddle River

The Sunday Record
March 18, 1984

Get Big Brother off our backs

Dear Editor:

The American people are shocked by the continual war in which we have been engaged by President Reagan. The Gemayel government has collapsed in Beirut, its officials have resigned, the Lebanese Army has fallen apart, yet President Reagan revives the war by ordering the shelling of Druse villages and keeping marines in fox holes as targets for human sacrifice.

Our political system is being wrecked by the national budget deficits. A consequence is the overwhelming financial power accruing to the presidential office

by the enormous increase in military appropriations. Business profits from 300 billion defense dollars are at least \$30 billion. At a minimum, if 2 percent of that 30 billion, or \$600 million, were made available as campaign contributions, the Reagan campaign blitz will sweep the election.

It is 1984 and the year of big brother. Individual activity by all of us for re-establishing basic free government must be relentlessly pursued.

Henry Koch
Old Tappan

The North Jersey Suburbanite-Wednesday, February 15, 1984

NEW JERSEY LIBERTARIAN PARTY

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