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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 19-- Demonstration against nuclear weapons at Earle Naval Weapons Station, Route 36, Leonardo; 1-3 pm. For info. call 201/842-6539.

May 26-- NJLP Steering Committee Meeting, 3 pm, at John Schafer's home in Pennington.

June 30-July 7-- Cato Institute's 7th Annual Summer Seminar in Political Economy at Dartmouth College in Hanover, NH; \$450 (\$125 for students) includes room and board, books and social events. Contact Kristina Herbert, Cato Institute, 224 Second St., S.E., Washington, DC 20003--202/546-0200.

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. Call 609/HAD-ENUF for info.

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.

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LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

by John S. Schafer

What a hectic period the NJLP has just been through! First, David and Sharon Bergland's 4-day campaign swing from March 21-24 throughout New Jersey, very capably orchestrated by Rick Hoegberg, assisted by Ralph Fucetola, Christine Brazil, Jerry Zelden and Sid Pope. Special thanks to Ralph for hosting a wine and cheese party at his home, and to Jerry and Sid for providing overnight accomodations for the Berglands.

Then, the NJLP state convention on March 23-24, planned and directed by Bill George, with the assistance of Dan Maiullo and Mary Ann DeStefano. Most recently, the New Jersey ballot access drive which concluded on April 26 with the filing of thousands of signatures in Trenton on behalf of Bergland and Jim Lewis, candidates for U.S. president and vice president, Hal Leiendecker for U.S. senate, and several candidates for house of representatives. The petition drive was conducted by Steve Friedlander, assisted by Rick Hoegberg, Harold Leiendecker and Dan Maiullo.

A remarkable amount of work actually did get accomplished during this brief, but hectic, five-week period. Unfortunately, only a few "superactive" NJ Libertarians participated, while many among the NJLP membership were neither seen nor heard. As a result, we had unexpectedly low attendance at the state convention, where due to the minimum number of meals guaranteed, the state party lost money.

Further, the ballot access drive on behalf of Bergland & Lewis fell short of the number of signatures needed to qualify, so that we had to bring in a team of four young libertarian petitioners from Virginia to plug the gap, just two days prior to the filing deadline. Because these signatures were the NJLP's responsibility, we had to pay for the costs of petitioning plus some 400 miles of travel expenses.

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CHAIRMAN...

As your NJLP state chairman, I respectfully ask that, if you haven't been active in the party lately please call me and find out what you can do to help. For example, we need personal contacts to be made with new libertarians in New Jersey and those referred to us by the national LP office. We also need members to write, produce and distribute literature for the 1984 campaign. We need fund-raising ideas and chairpersons, letters written to the editor, spoken replies to TV editorials, and folks who enjoy putting on social events.

Sooo...don't be bashful, NJLP members. Your help is needed, your ideas are solicited, your efforts will be appreciated, and your friendship can be the cement that holds all of us together. Call me at work: 201-221-6831, or at home: 609-466-2754. Thanks!

STATE COMMITTEE MEETING

By Len Flynn

On April 14, 1984 the NJLP State Committee met at John Schafer's home. Present were Schafer, George, Flynn, Hoegberg, Maiullo, Friedlander, Kerr, and Duprey (late). Nelson and Meinshausen were absent.

Newly elected NJLP Treasurer Rick Hoegberg expects to receive the party books from Jane Rehmke shortly and will begin to prepare mailing labels. The committee agreed that the Tennent post office box should be used on the NJLP membership forms.

Bill George presented the NJLP convention report and explained its \$356.75 loss. The meal guarantees (60 for lunch and 75 for dinner vs. 47 and 52 attendees, respectively) produced an unexpected \$525.51 deficit from meals. In addition, the 3600 piece mass mailing yielded few additional attendees. Bill also reported that \$545 was stolen from the cash box while it was in his apartment. He agreed to replace the missing money if it cannot be found.

The Elections Committee report was presented by Steve Friedlander

and petitions were circulated for our candidates. Five additional candidates for Congress were approved, and one of them subsequently achieved ballot status (Steve in District 6).

A motion to approve the Camden/Gloucester county group as an "official" NJLP county organization was approved unanimously. Jerry Zeldin, formerly the County Organizer in this area, is now the State Committee Representative. (The Camden/Gloucester group was previously approved at a general meeting last year.) John Schafer announced the removal of the two other County Organizers and his desire to appoint other NJLP activists to these positions in any unorganized counties.

SUNDAY STAR-LEDGER, March 25, 1984

Gas tax 'bailout' opposed

DEAR EDITOR:

I hope the New Jersey Senate can withstand the combined pressure of big city mayors and the firemen's lobby now pushing for another increase in the gasoline tax.

Several urban mayors are claiming that they must lay off a few firemen since they cannot afford them. Why should the drivers and taxpayers throughout the state have to suffer because of mismanagement, patronage and corruption at city hall?

If these mayors win this time with an increase in the gasoline tax or more urban aid, then this will only increase their appetite to run down to Trenton for more money to help in their next crisis. Perhaps some courageous legislators will look at the more moral plight of the already overburdened taxpayer and vote against Senate Bill S-1047.

Fred Stein,
Linden

A4 **The Daily Register** MONDAY, MARCH 26, 1984

Libertarians set to run

UNION (AP) — Harold Leiendecker, nominated by the Libertarian Party to run for the U.S. Senate from New Jersey, says his campaign for office is primarily an effort to educate voters about the party.

Leiendecker, a 51-year-old Exxon Corp. executive from Summit, said he hopes to spend \$2,000 and garner approximately 30,000 votes in the November challenge to U.S. Sen. Bill Bradley, D-N.J.

"The primary purpose of the campaign is educational," said Leiendecker. "It's not so much votes per se, as to make people conscious of the freedom that's been taken away from them."

The Senate candidate was nominated along with approximately 50 other Libertarian contenders for Congress and local offices at the party's annual statewide convention here Saturday.

For Libertarians, winning isn't everything

By Elizabeth Auster
Staff Writer

UNION — The presidential candidate of the Libertarian Party, completing a four-day campaign swing through New Jersey, said yesterday that the popularity of Democrats Gary Hart and Jesse L. Jackson demonstrated a growing national demand for political alternatives.

David Bergland, a 48-year-old California attorney who ran for vice-president in 1976, said the demand boded well for Libertarians, who espouse an individualistic, anti-big-government philosophy that crosses traditional Democratic and Republican lines.

"Hart and Jackson were the two who went to pains to differentiate themselves from the

other Democrats," Bergland said at a news conference during the Libertarians' annual statewide convention at a catering hall yesterday.

"It's fascinating to see that they are the only two candidates besides [Walter F.] Mondale left in the race. People are tired of the same old stuff, and they are looking for new blood."

Bergland's remarks preceded voting by about 50 Libertarians for candidates for Congress and local offices. They nominated Harold Leiendecker of Summit to run for the U.S. Senate seat now held by Democrat Bill Bradley.

Leiendecker, a 51-year-old executive with Exxon Corporation, is a former Republican county committeeman and ward leader who joined the Libertarian party eight years ago.

Leiendecker said yesterday that he hoped to attract 30,000 votes and spend about \$2,000.

"The primary purpose of the campaign is educational," said Leiendecker. "It's not so much votes per se, as to make people conscious of the freedom that's been taken away from them."

Presidential candidate Bergland said he had no illusions about his party's winning in November, but hoped Libertarians would emerge as a force in national politics. Bergland, a trim, white-haired man who is taking a year off from his law practice to campaign, predicted that the Libertarian party would do better this year than the national total of 920,000 votes received by presidential nominee Ed Clark in 1980. The party ran its first

presidential campaign in 1972.

"I'm as realistic about this as anyone else," said Bergland, who ran unsuccessfully for the U.S. Senate from California in 1980. "The odds against me are fairly big, but so what? In 1984, the demolition of the myth of the two-party system is already occurring."

As standard-bearer for the Libertarians, who seek increased individual rights and a reduced role for government, Bergland said yesterday that he supported drastic changes in almost every sphere of government activity. He said he wanted the U.S. to stop participating in NATO and other military alliances and to withdraw all troops stationed in foreign countries, a move that he predicted

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Winning isn't everything

But the Libertarian Party does want to be heard

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would cut military spending by two thirds.

Bergland said the only military risk facing the nation was nuclear war. He said the United States should take the lead in avoiding a confrontation by declaring a policy against first use of nuclear weapons, eliminating land-based missiles, and moving toward a defense-oriented policy concentrating on antiballistic missiles.

The Libertarian platform calls for the elimination of trade barriers with foreign countries, an end to subsidies of industry and agriculture, and sharp reductions in spending for social service programs. It urges a phase-out of public education and the social security system and welfare programs, and an immediate end to the federal personal income tax.

Bergland said he has refused federal matching funds for his cam-

paign, in keeping with the Libertarians' stand against government involvement in all areas except for national defense and protection against violations of constitutional rights. He said he hoped to raise about \$3 million.

Democratic and Republican candidates can be "lumped into one group," Bergland said. He described Mondale as an old-style Democrat who "offers everything to everybody and worries about who's going to pay for it later," and President Reagan as a "quasiconservative" who fails to fulfill campaign promises.

"Reagan is dangerous in the sense that he misleads the people by saying he wants to free them from government burdens when he always goes in the opposite direction," said Bergland.

Congressional candidates nominated yesterday included: Thomas Wright, a driving instructor and car-leasing broker from Glen Rock, to run in the Fifth District, in Bergen

and Passaic counties; Louis Sicilia of Guttenberg, an analyst with Chase Manhattan Bank, to run in Hudson County's 14th District; and Daniel Maiullo of Belleville, a student at Rutgers Law School, to run in the Eighth District in Passaic and Essex counties.

Wright ran unsuccessfully for Bergen County freeholder in 1981 and 1982. Sicilia ran unsuccessfully for Congress from the 14th District in 1982. Maiullo ran unsuccessfully in 1982 for mayor of New Brunswick.

No Libertarian was nominated for the Ninth District seat in Bergen County held by Democrat Robert Torricelli, but the party might add to the list of candidates before an Apr. 26 filing deadline, said convention Chairman William George.

William Zelko Jr. of Saddle River was nominated to run for Bergen County freeholder, and Richard Duprey was nominated to run for the Waldwick council.



David Bergland

THE RECORD, SUNDAY, MARCH 25, 1984

BERGLAND'S CONVENTION ADDRESS

David Bergland, Libertarian Party candidate for President, gave the banquet speech at the NJLP's annual state convention in March. He told us that, at that time, he had already visited 25 states on behalf of his campaign.

Bergland said that he became a libertarian on the day he was born. He felt that each of us must believe in freedom and free ourselves before we can spread the message to others.

He pointed out the similarities between the major political parties on the issues of civil liberties and foreign policy. The Democrats support Reagan's "war on crime"--which means war on drugs and pornography. Only the LP stands for civil liberties. The Democrats also agree with Reagan's program of increased military involvement around the world. Only the LP stands for nonintervention.

Bergland observed that "The path to liberty is not through the traditional political system." He believes that only libertarians can find that path because we have the only organization following a path to liberty. The way to help others to find this path to liberty is to be tactful, but not to be opportunistic. We should be principled, but should not rashly throw new ideas in peoples' faces--no "macho flashing."

Libertarians should give people what they can't get from traditional politicians--straight talk. When the questions get tough, don't avoid them or try to sweeten the answers; just say what you believe. People don't have to agree with us 100%, they just need to find us preferable.

One of Bergland's goals for this campaign is to have libertarian ideas become a central part of political debate. He hopes that after his campaign many people will know that liberty is possible, liberty is practical, and liberty is here to stay. The price of liberty is that you must give it to others.

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Steve Friedlander	Hillsborough	"	201/874-8492
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Joe Kerr	Stockton	"	609/397-8119
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ELECT N O B O D Y !?

By Len Flynn

Could we libertarians be missing the electoral message of the century? Even our own members and friends are turning away from political campaign activity, and it appears that as many voters learn and understand libertarian positions on the issues, their support actually declines! Yet how often do we meet good people who share our values and accept the libertarian philosophy, only to find that they are nonvoters? Does this mean that the NJLP should abandon political action and quit?

Maybe not yet, because perhaps the best candidate of all is running for the 99+% of the offices for which we have no NJLP candidates. This candidate is "on the ballot" without any petitioning or politiking at all--and everyone can "vote" for this candidate without even registering!

This great libertarian and staunchly anti-statist candidate is NOBODY. NOBODY is the candidate who keeps his/her campaign promises, NOBODY lowers your taxes, and NOBODY would achieve freedom by being elected these days. Voters are repelled by NOBODY's supporters, the nonvoters, because by shunning politics nonvoters clearly demonstrate their rejection of the dictatorship of the majority that voters implicitly accept.

So what do you think fellow NJLPers? Have we been neglecting our greatest supporters over the years by courting the statist voters and ignoring our allies the nonvoters? Would an "Elect NOBODY" campaign assist or hinder the libertarian movement?

Barbara Karkutt of the Pennsylvania LP urges her fellow libertarians to write-in "no one" instead of not voting for any office. Suppose we advocated this and/or supported boycotting the polling place entirely? Let me know your views by letter (RD #3 Box 370, Jackson, NJ 08527) or phone (201/928-0758).

I wonder how the Federal Election Committee would react to the registration of the "Nobody Election Committee" in Washington?

Takes issue with editorial

To the Editor:

I must take issue with your position on "Sobriety Checkpoints." You seem to make light of police infringement on our personal freedoms in order to weed out a few drunk drivers.

I concede that drunk drivers are a problem, and it is a very emotional issue for anyone who has lost a loved one due to a drunk driver. However, is conditioning the rest of us to accept more government intrusion into our lives the answer? I think not. Our police know what taverns tend to be the worst in terms of producing drunk drivers; why don't they just patrol those areas periodically to intercept those who are obviously intoxicated?

We seem to have forgotten in this country what a precious commodity freedom is; most people unfortunately would rather trade liberty for security, and what they mistakenly perceive as "safety." We revolted against King George III for less!

You make mention of "Big Brother" in "1984," in the context of "poo-pooing" the idea of forced checks at sobriety points being in any way "Orwellian." You miss the point of "1984" entirely; the real tragedy of Orwell's story was that the "proles" of "1984," like the American people of today, were so conditioned into accepting socialism piecemeal that they didn't even realize that they eventually became slaves. Is that to be our fate, too?

Sincerely,
Mark Richards

West Milford Argus, April 11, 1984

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