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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 4-- NJLP Steering Committee meeting at 8:00 PM at Hoegberg's in New Brunswick following review of "Self Government Advocates" preview video tape. All NJLP members are welcome to attend both the meeting and the tape preview.

June 28-July 2-- "Summit 86" Word Skill Workshop in Bethesda, Maryland. One dozen top Libertarian communicators reveal their communication secrets. For more info. call 1-800/932-1776. If interested in carpooling or sharing hotel accommodations, call Steve Friedlander at 201/874-8492.

July 4-- Anyone interested in joining a rally being organized for the Statue of Liberty Rededication in Jersey City should contact Rich Duprey at 201/445-6098.

Every Wednesday-- Libertarian Discussion Club, 6:30 PM, Patti's Restaurant, 37 Bartlett St., New Brunswick. For directions call 201/249-7649 (Rick).

Every Tuesday-- NJ Americans for Constitutional Taxation (ACT) meeting, 7 PM, in the garden room at Shore Point Inn, Route 35, Hazlet.

Every Tuesday-- NJ Americans for Constitutional Taxation (ACT) free public meeting, 7 PM, Moffa's Farm Restaurant, Almonesson Rd., Blenheim. Call 609/HAD-ENUF for info.

FROM THE CHAIR

By Richard Duprey

The Tax Protest Day rally held at the Hackensack Post Office was not a complete wash: hundreds of LP note

cards proclaiming "Declare Your Independence" were handed out to harried taxpayers rushing to file their returns before the midnight deadline. The signs on this Protester which read "Honk If You Hate Taxes!" and "Taxation is Theft" were well-received by motorists who honked their horns and waved their approval. And almost everyone (except three grumpy souls who must work for the IRS) accepted the LP literature with a smile. We even had several inquiries about the Libertarian Party.

There was a general apprehension, however, over whether we were connected with Lyndon LaRouche (first people think we're Commies, now they think we're LaRouchies!). Yet once they were advised that we had absolutely nothing to do with this Commie-cum-Fascist, they were quite receptive. Even the presence of a local police officer (who appeared to have legitimate business at the PO and was not there to harass) could not dissuade the people from showing their support.

A higher profile is being taken by the NJLP now as it relates to the news media, at least higher than I was aware of it before. News releases were sent out advising the media of our presence in Hackensack. And while they did not bother to interview us this time, we are laying the foundation for future events. As long as they know that they can get news from us when they need it, our coverage will come along. Also, releases, opinions and "white papers" have been sent out to various papers and TV stations in regard to different subjects. This high visibility campaign will eventually pay off.

And NJ Libertarians can be proud of at least a partial success: a bill which seemed to be flying through for passage has now been

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stalled and its future looks unclear. That bill is the one that would have capped credit card interest rates at something around 2% over prime. In February of this year I made an editorial reply on WOR-TV Channel 9 which decried this abuse of legislative power and which was seen even as far away as Aruba! While we cannot, of course, say this editorial was the only reason for the bill's doubtful outcome, we can at least say we took part in shaping public opinion. This is an excellent and cost-effective way for Libertarians to express their views to thousands--if not millions--of people. I encourage other members to do the same.

Coming up this July 4th is another rally which NJLP members can participate in: the Statue of Liberty rededication. I have written to the NYC-LP to see if we can work together on this project and present a united front. A note to all members--tickets (only \$1 each) are required to be allowed inside this event and A & S department stores have order forms for these tickets--please send away and try to get some tickets. While we can certainly rally at the gates of this affair, the TV cameras will be inside--and that is where we have to try and be! If you want to be a part of this rally (and get a close up view of Lady Liberty as well), give me a call.

I have the latest NYC-LP's "Big Apple Libertarian," the newsletter of the "libertarian community" in New York City. As their masthead says, BAL is designed for "inreach and outreach." They vow to publish another 6 issues, it being a bi-monthly newspaper. I do note some credibility to the complaint about using a bulk-rate mailing label on the newsletter; my issue of BAL arrived on the fourth of April while many of the events were for March. First class postage might be expensive, but it gets there within a reasonable amount of time.

Some preliminary background information on our own newspaper has been researched and it was found that a weekly newspaper publisher

would probably be our best bet. I'll be contacting one within the next few days.

I sent a letter to Richard Winger, the LP's ballot access consultant in California, asking him to prepare a proposed bill to allow Libertarians to register as such. In the past Winger cautioned us on suing the state for such registration requirements because it might upset our relatively easy ballot access. With the help of pro bono legal services from libertarian lawyer Mark Rogers, we are moving full steam ahead.

As the details become more clarified in the months ahead, I'll keep you abreast of all the latest news. And for those of us Libertarians working in the trenches, your actions are not wasted. As Karl Hess reminds us, a libertarian society is inevitable in the future, but as he adds, he wouldn't mind it coming a month or two earlier!

DAVE BERGLAND INTERVIEW

Dave Bergland, 1984 Presidential candidate for the Libertarian Party, was the keynote speaker at the New Jersey LP annual convention which was held at Blenheim, NJ, on 3/22/86. Although Mr Bergland readily agreed to come online for a Q&A session on the Political Forum, technical problems at the site prevented that. What follows is a short interview conducted by Pat Fallon, assistant sysop for Polsig, with Dave Bergland.

PF- Thank you Mr Bergland for agreeing to take a few questions for our members on the political forum. As the 1984 Presidential candidate, what is your assesment of the current state of the Libertarian Party?

DB- THE STATE OF THE LP IS SOUND, GROWING.

PF- To paraphrase Murray Rothbard, a '...lean and mean'...machine.

DB- YES...

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PF- Viewed solely from the point of view of vote totals, your candidacy was not as successful as the 1980 effort of Ed Clark. How much of the shortfall would you say was the result of your candidacy not having a single donor source able to contribute over

2 Million, as Clark's VP candidate Koch was able to in 1980?

DB- ROUGHLY HALF OF THE SHORTFALL I WOULD ATTRIBUTE TO THE DIFFERENCE IN FUNDING. I SEE 2 MAIN AREAS TO MENTION WHEN ANSWERING THIS...FIRST, MONEY.... THIS CAUSED OUR EFFORT IN 1984 TO SUFFER IN TERMS OF MANPOWER AND RESOURCES TO HANDLE BURDENS OF BALLOT ACCESS LAWS VIS A VIS 1980...

PF- Yes, when comparing votes I should remember Clark was on the ballot in all 50 states, while you were on 39.

DB-...YES, AND SECOND, WHAT I WOULD CALL THE REAGAN/MEDIA FACTOR. IN 1984 NO MATTER WHO THE DEMOCRATIC OR LIBERTARIAN CANDIDATE WAS, REAGAN WAS GOING TO BURY ANYBODY. IN 1980, REAGAN WAS NOT AN INCUMBENT, AND THERE WAS THE ANDERSON CAMPAIGN. THE MEDIA DID NOT LIKE CARTER AND REAGAN, PUSHING THE ANDERSON CANDIDACY, AND BY IMPLICATION, THE IDEA OF CONSIDERING THE ALTERNATIVE ...I HAVE ALWAYS CONTENDED THAT TO FOCUS ON VOTE TOTALS AS ANY RELEVANT CRITERIA TO MEASURE OUR SUCCESS IS A MISTAKE. WE DIDN'T HAVE ANY PARTICULAR VOTE TOTALS AS AN OBJECTIVE. WE HAD OTHER GOALS...AND WE DID A GOOD JOB TO MEET THEM....SUCH AS EDUCATION.... WE GRANTED OVER A THOUSAND INTERVIEWS. PARTY BUILDING...INTEREST WAS DEVELOPED IN MANY PLACES THAT WAS NOT THERE BEFORE...IN GENERAL CONTINUING TO ELEVATE THE LIBERTARIAN POSITION INTO A MORE VISABLE ROLE.

PF- Although much more principled than the "Republocrats", the positions of Libertarian Party members is not monolithic on all issues. Do you have a "litmus test" for prospective libertarians? A question that should be answered one way by all aspiring libertarians?

DB- NOT REALLY, I'VE NEVER LOOKED AT IT LIKE THAT...

PF- I was thinking of the Draft...

DB- I THINK IT'S A LITTLE EASIER TO TURN THE QUESTION AROUND...MOST AMERICANS IN THEIR DAILY CONTACT DEAL WITH ONE ANOTHER WITH MUTUAL RESPECT FOR EACH OTHERS' RIGHTS..IN TRAVELING AROUND THE COUNTRY I LIKE TO ASK PEOPLE A SERIES OF QUESTIONS IN A PROCESS OF DISCUSSION TO SHOW THEY ARE LIBERTARIANS ON MANY ISSUES... FOR EXAMPLE...DO YOU THINK GOV IS TOO LARGE, OR TOO SMALL? ARE TAXES TOO HIGH, OR TOO LOW? DOES GOV INTERFERE WITH YOUR PRIVATE LIFE TOO MUCH, OR NOT ENOUGH? DOES GOV INTERFERE WITH BUSINESS TOO MUCH, OR NOT ENOUGH? DOES THE US GOV INTERVENE IN THE AFFAIRS OF THE WORLD TOO MUCH, OR NOT ENOUGH? ALMOST EVERYONE ANSWERS AS A LIBERTARIAN.

PF- Currently it seems fashionable for some factions of the Republican Party to call for the privatization of Gov services. From an ideological point of view, how far would you extend this concept?

DB- ALL THE WAY...THERE IS NO REASON NOT TO PRIVITIZE EVERYTHING.

PF-What about private defense agencies

DB- THERE ARE 2 LEGITIMATE FUNCTIONS OF OUR GOVERNMENT...(1) NATIONAL DEFENSE, PROTECTING AMERICANS AT HOME FROM FOREIGN ATTACK. AND (2) PROTECTING CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS FROM VIOLATION BY STATE OR LOCAL GOV...AN EXAMPLE WOULD BE PROTECTING THE 4TH AMENDMENT PROHIBITION AGAINST SEARCH AND SEIZURE, OR VOTING RIGHTS, OR STRIKING DOWN LOCAL CENSORSHIP LAWS. THERE ARE LEGITIMATE AND THERE ARE NECESSARY FUNCTIONS OF GOV...

PF- Your making a distinction between legitimate and necessary functions...

DB- PRIVITIZATION GETS THE JOB DONE, BETTER AND MORE IN ACCORD WITH THE VALUES OF MORE PEOPLE.

PF- Should there be any restraints on free trade?

DB- NONE...BEYOND THE KINDS OF PROTECTION AGAINST INTERSTATE EMBEZZLEMENT OR

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FRAUD...THERE IS AN UDERLYING BASIS...
THERE ARE NO SUPERIOR OR INFERIOR HUMAN
BEINGS, BOUNDARIES DO NOT CHANGE THAT.

PF- I have a question mentioned by
Frank Lavin, the head of the Political
Forum. Are there any prospects for
moving the national headquarters back
to Washington DC?

DB- YES THERE ARE PROSPECTS.

PF- Was the reason for moving the LP
national HQ to Texas, I think it's in
Houston now, economics?

DB- YES, ECONOMIC REASONS AT THE TIME.

PF- Although I believe I already can
guess your answer, I have a question of
particular interest to our forum
members, and all telecommunicating
individuals. The AFL-CIO has proposed
a ban on home work, including tele-
commuting by computer. Do you extend
your consistent libertarian support
for individual rights to this new
medium?

DB- OF COURSE...THERE IS NO JUSTIFI-
CATION WHATSOEVER FOR USING THE LAW
TO PROHIBIT 2 PEOPLE WHO WISH TO
ASSOCIATE IN A PEACEFUL AND HONEST
EDEAVOR TO DO SO.
AN INDIVIDUAL USING COMPUTERS TO
WORK AT HOME HAS THE RIGHT TO DO SO.

PF- Thank you Mr Bergland for taking
the time to speak to the Political
Forum.

DB- MY PLEASURE.

NJLP STATE COMMITTEE MEETING

By Len Flynn

The NJLP State Committee met on
May 3, 1986 at Hoegberg's in New
Brunswick. Present were Duprey,
Friedlander, Hoegberg, Flynn, Swir-
sky, and Brazil. Absent were Peters,
Zeldin, Meinshausen, Kerr, Fallon,
and Polombo. The meeting began at
3:45 PM.

Due primarily to the much shorter
time for petitioning this year
(April 10 instead of April 24), most
NJLP candidates failed to qualify
for the ballot. Only Jerry Zeldin
will be representing the NJLP as he
runs for Congress in New Jersey's
first district.

The committee approved a motion
to create these two committees: the
"Nobody Election Committee" and the
"Vote No on Bonds Committee." The
former group is intended to encour-
age voters to write-in "Nobody" or
"No one" or "leave vacant" for poli-
tical offices without libertarian
candidates (i.e. everywhere this
year except the 1st CD). The NEC
will emphasize how much better off
New Jersey voters could be if the
particular offices were abolished.
Initial members of both committees
are Len Flynn and Rich Duprey to
whom inquiries or support should be
directed.

Rich Duprey will contact Jeff
Fogel, Executive Director of the New
Jersey ACLU, on behalf of the NJLP
Libertarian Voter Registration Com-
mittee. This approach was recommend-
ed by LP elections consultant Rich-
ard Winger in California, who point-
ed out that the "political body"
definition in NJ law precludes
registration as Libertarians. The
Colorado LP has an election law very
similar to NJ and won an ACLU sup-
ported lawsuit to permit Libertarian
registration rights. The Connecticut
state LP has recently gained Liber-
tarian registration but it has a
different situation in that it is
recognized by the state as an "of-
ficial" party.

Effort to produce an NJLP news-
paper for wide distribution (10,000
copies) is underway. Rich Duprey has
contacted printers, but their charg-
es for typesetting (\$100/page) ap-
pear excessive, so he will check
with the New York City LP for ad-
vice.

NJLP members--we need your help
with the newspaper. (See article.)
Let's make the newspaper a success
with quality articles (maybe yours!)
and plenty of capitalist adver-
tising.

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Rick Hoegberg asked whether he could send the Foundation for the New Freeman the NJLP nonprivate mailing list. The State Committee approved it unanimously. (Watch your mailboxes for information from this libertarian/ objectivist group.)

Rich Duprey mentioned an offer from Marshall Fritz, head of Self Government Advocates, to send us a preview tape of his program. The committee approved the \$100 deposit for the offer and a screening of the preview film was set for June 4, 1986 at 8:00 PM at Hoegberg's in New Brunswick after the weekly libertarian discussion group meeting at 6:30 at Patty's Restaurant. All NJLP members interested in the film are encouraged to attend.

NJLP promotional materials are to be inventoried and the results phoned into Rick Hoegberg at the NJLP phone at 201/937-9674. Steve Friedlander will order new materials developed by national LP to see if they are useful for NJLP use.

Rick expressed his discouragement that so few of the many NJLP books and promotional items available through the party were being purchased by party members. He cited as examples the excellent paperbacks The Law by Bastiat and The Mainspring of Human Progress by Weaver which remain in NJLP inventory despite the 50% discount price of only \$1.00.

The committee voted unanimously to reprint and update the NJLP "Declare Your Independence" bifold card (adding NJLP phone no. and correct address) and print up to \$75 worth. As an experiment these cards will be distributed to NJLP members without charge.

The Steering Committee will meet during the evening of June 4 after viewing the Fritz film. The State Committee adjourned their meeting at 5:55 PM.

USA Today

May 1, 1986

Mayor quits GOP, joins Libertarians

Top official also polygamist

When polygamist Alex Joseph of Big Water, Utah, switched political parties Tuesday, he became the first Libertarian mayor in the USA.

All four of the town's council members also abandoned the Republicans for the Libertarians. That makes Big Water, (pop. 350) the first USA town controlled by Libertarians.

Being a mayor, father of 20 and a husband with 10 wives isn't enough for Joseph, 49. He's campaigning door-to-door today for a seat on the Kane County Commission.

Joseph says his Republican

opponent, Kane County Commissioner Vince Underwood, will make polygamy a campaign issue. "But directing 10 wives is proof of my administrative ability," says Joseph.

That line won't "help him any," says Underwood. "I'm going to win" the November election.

Joseph — a former policeman — now manages country-western acts, runs a newspaper and a grill.

Wife No. 7, Elizabeth Joseph, 33, is editor of the Big Water Times and is the county public defender.

"Anyone in our position has to be a Libertarian," she says. "It's the only group that says victimless crime isn't the business of the government."

Joseph was booted out of the Mormon Church for polygamy so he formed his own religion — the Church of Jesus Christ of Solomn Assembly.

"Hell, it's just a tax dodge for my businesses," he explains.

His other wives have diverse callings, including calligraphy and real estate.

Of his lifestyle, Joseph said: "I've never been arrested. This is 1986."



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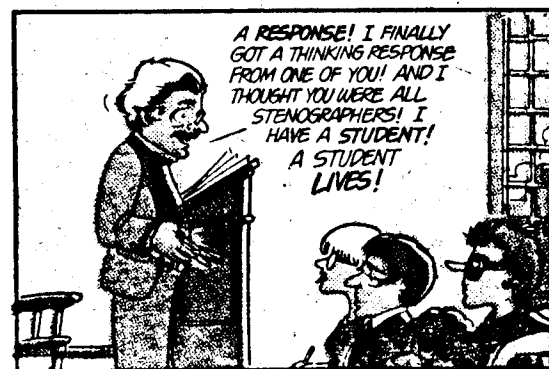
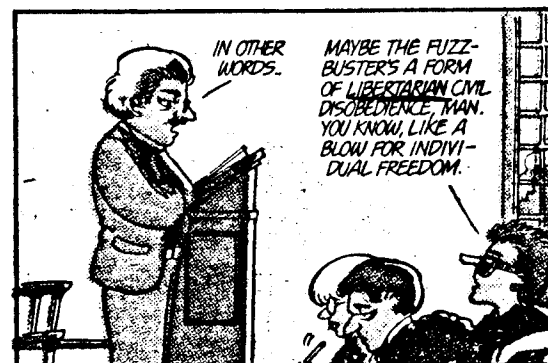
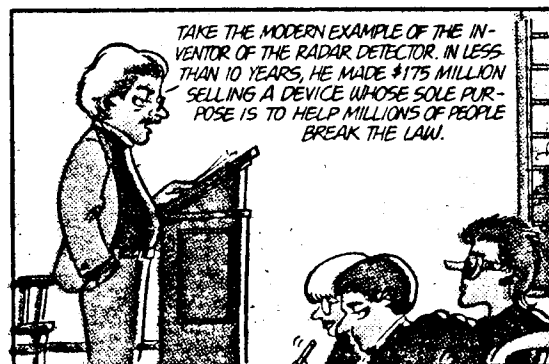
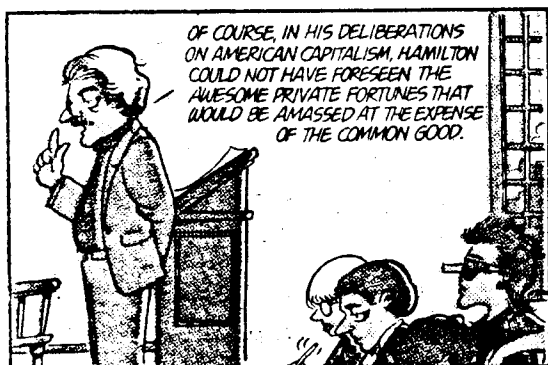
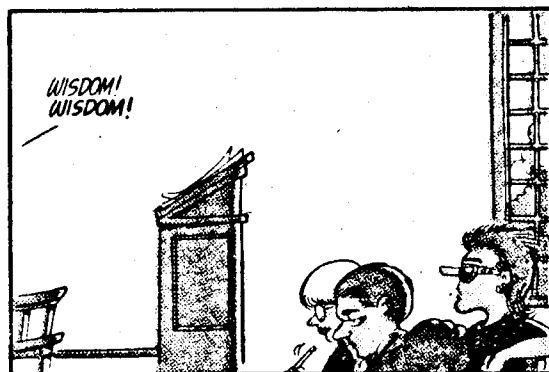


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GOOD NEWS FROM NEVADA

The state of Nevada has repealed the 55 MPH speed limit and replaced with a 70 MPH limit. This in spite of the fact that they will lose federal matching highway funds. They decided their state police had better ways of spending their time than chasing speeders. HOORAY!

IT HIT THE FAN. The U.S. Army recently was embarrassed during tests of its new air-defense gun, the Sergeant York. The computerized weapon is designed to zero in on the whirring blades of helicopters. The model tested ignored all of the targets presented to it. But the space-age weapon "knew its stuff" nevertheless. It zeroed in on the whirring blades of an exhaust fan in a nearby latrine. Has the Pentagon killed the Sergeant York program? Hardly. A total of \$4.2 billion has been budgeted for the latrine-killer.

Spotlight

July 23, 1984

NJLP NEWSPAPER HELP NEEDED

By Len Flynn

Writers and contributors to the new NJLP newspaper are needed. Have you written a special article that might be particularly suited to an outreach publication? Is there such an article you would nominate for inclusion that someone else has written? If so, please let us know of your talents or choices.

The articles should be timely and reasonably clear for nonlibertarian readers to follow. Specific reference to recent political issues or incidents and how libertarian solutions best handle them are particularly appropriate.

Advertising in the paper is available. If you have a product or service which might benefit from a potential 10,000 customers, let us know.

The NJLP Newspaper Committee members are (all 201 area code) Rich Duprey (445-6098), Len Flynn (591-1328), Mark Rogers (997-8383), Stuart Swirsky (545-4722), and Pat Fallon (280-8493). Let us hear from you!

LettersWest Milford Argus

April 16, 1986

Government, not 'creative accountants' is tax cheat

To the Editor

I must vehemently disagree with your editorial against "tax cheats" on April 2. The use of that term, "tax cheats," assumes that the federal government has a right to our income, which, of course, according to our original Constitution, it does not! Those who use creative accounting to keep what is rightfully theirs are, according to your view, somehow responsible for the higher taxes of the rest of us. No, it is not these modern Boston-Tea-Partyers who should be blamed but rather the parasitic Socialist bureaucrats and the lying politicians of both major parties who are to blame.

The income tax was a key plank of Karl Marx's Communist Manifesto of 1848, and in 1913 our "progressive" leaders adopted it!

But, you may be asking, how would we fund all those wonderful "free" government programs we "benefit" from? The simple truth is that our Founding Fathers never intended the federal government to be involved in at least 99 percent of the things it does at present. The patriotic rallying cry of "give me liberty or give me death" is now just plain "gimme" to most people.

By meekly going along and paying up as you think we should, we are just like lambs being led to the slaughter. The destruction of our liberties and our civilization is being financed with our own money! At the same time as the government expects us to pay for more and more defense, they are making taxpayer-financed loans to the Communist nations that we are supposedly being forcibly "protected" from! Federal

loans to public TV stations which openly promote socialist economic ideas and hostility toward free enterprise also come out of OUR pockets.

The average working American works until May of each year to pay his or her taxes. In 1776, our patriot forefathers revolted against the king for less! People like Irwin Schiff, the tax rebel you attack, should be held up as modern Patrick Henrys, not smeared.

It isn't without good reason the Libertarians have proclaimed April 15th "Tax Protest Day;" hopefully, the idea will grow as more people realize that our leaders are really our enemies. It "tax cheating" is what striking a blow for freedom is now to be called, so be it! Remember, it is taxation which is theft!!

Sincerely,
Mark Richards

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