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FROM THE ASHES....
the NJLP Rises Again

By Len Flynn

These last four months have been tumultuous for the NJLP. We have six LP candidates for national office: Jack Moyers for Senate, Steve Enterline (3rd CD), Chuck Pike (6th CD), Bob Shapiro (7th CD), Dick Hoth (11th CD), and Mike Fieschko (15th CD). Frantic last-minute petitioning made the difference!

For local offices the LP will field a half dozen hopefuls. In Bergen county Hal Cundari, Ken Miller, and Susan Raggi are running for Freeholder. Henry Koch will campaign for County Clerk and Dan Bauch will try for County Sheriff. In Hunterton County LP Vice Chairman Dale Sutthoff is running for Freeholder. Our Ocean County Freeholder candidate, Cindy Kretchman, was disqualified by the Hatch Act, but we may be able to substitute another person if we can locate a willing LP campaigner.

The NJLP was hit by key vacancies in three critical offices: Chairman, Treasurer, and Editor of the party newsletter. At the State Committee meeting on May 19, Jean Macron was chosen party Treasurer, and I was selected Chairman.

The new NJLP "administration" will do our best to unravel the party's tangled affairs. First, our mailing list and financial status will be updated. Second, we will get a new P.O. box and perhaps a telephone (funds permitting). Third, the N.J. Libertarian will be published so that each NJLP member gets a full 10 issues for his/her annual membership. Fourth, I am hoping to schedule quarterly general meetings well in advance to assure timely and frequent gatherings of the NJLP membership. Last but not least, I pledge "no more boring meetings" if at all possible. Every general meeting should have a theme: speaker(s), debate, and/or a film. start why not come to my home this July 29 for a picnic and lively discussion on government education. See page 3 for information.



THERTEEN isn't the unlucky number it used to be, not since Proposition 13 was passed in June by an overwhelming majority of California voters. In case you were napping when the subject came up, Proposition 13 lowered property taxes in California by an average of 57 percent, reducing the state budget by some 7 billion dollars annually. It also prevented the raising of other taxes to make up this amount.

Similar movements are arising all over the country, including our own state of New Jersey. Howard Jarvis, the man who engineered this near-miracle in California, is now touring the country and a national effort to deal with the question of federal taxation seems certain. As we might expect, politicians, local and national, are knocking each other down to climb on the bandwagon. Never lacking in gall, many of our politicos are now loudly claiming that Jarvis only did what they have been trying to do all along!

This is the clear and present danger -- that the politicians and bureaucrats will infiltrate this movement and pervert it to their own ends. We all know that routine: First, the governor or president appoints a commission, with lots of fat jobs for his cronies and their cronies. Then there are lengthy hearings, which drag on and on and on. Then a report, in volumes, is filed -- and shelved -- and finally, the heat off and the public's attention diverted, the whole thing is quietly forgotten.

Mr. Jarvis, however, seems to be a tough customer who has the politician's number. In a recent visit to cont'd on page 4

STATE COMMITTEE MEETING

The New Jersey State Committee met on June 20 in New York City after viewing the new film "Libra". Ken Kaplan and Barry Siegel announced that they are organizing N.J.C.I.R.R. NJ Coalition for Initiating Referendum and Recall. A newsletter committee was established to do the N.J. Libertarian. Members of the committee are Len Flynn, Dan Hurley, Jeanne Macron, Tom Palven, Lee Shubert, and Dale Sutthoff. Anyone interested in joining, contact Dan at 201/741-8305. Bill George was unanimously chosen to fill a seat on the state committee vacated by Bonnie Swirsky. A Campaign Committee for Jack Moyers is being set up with Bill George in charge. Anyone interested in joining should contact Bill. Flans for rental of a booth at this years Flemington Fair were discussed and Dale is looking into the details. A new mail box and phone are being set up for the NJLP, the address and number are not yet known. A general meeting will be held on July 29th at the Flynns' house at 12. See page 3 for more information..... -- Jean Macron

> MORE GOVERNMENT IS THE CAUSE, NOT THE SOLUTION

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Proposition 13 and Unemployment -Dan Hurley

The recently passed "Proposition 13" limiting property taxes in California has been hailed as a major victory in the so called tax revolt. Certainly it indicates that the overburdened taxpayers are reaching their collective breaking point. It must be emphasized, however, that many, if not most, of the voters who supported the proposition are not likely to understand the issue sufficiently to be able to confidently stand by their decision in the face of the skillful deception of the bureaucrats that will inevitably

For instance, one very effective argument guaranteed to confuse many voters is the threat that a vast increase in unemployment will follow the tax cut. Since government programs are now sold on the basis of the number of jobs they will provide instead of their intrinsic value, it's not surprising that bureaucrats (and gov't employee unions) are now exploiting this misunderstanding.

Let's look at this myth. Obviously, a property tax cut will mean less money available for gov't programs and there is no doubt that this will cause the lay off many government employees. However, and here lies the flaw to this myth, every dollar knocked off the states budget means one more dollar available to the taxpayer. Thus, previously unaffordable luxuries and necessities (where do we draw the line?) become affordable: better diets, college education, vacation, etc. And with this fresh surge in demand for these private industries many new jobs will open up to absorb those relieved of their gov't positions. In short, gov't jobs will be replaced by jobs in the private sector.

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If you are one of those injured by the depreciation of the currency, we ask you to consider the following carefully: Americans have come to accept an all-pervasive rise in prices as a normal part of their lives. Average prices are higher this year than last and will be higher next year still. Most people now alive can not remember a year in which

Prices have not always riser

But it was not always so. In 1933 the average price of basic raw materials (the wholesale price index) was at the same level it had been at in 1793—140 years previous. America went through almost a century and a half of turbulent expansion

ithout a depreciation in the value of her currency.

The reason for this is that America's founding fathers established a system based on silver and gold when they wrote the

Constitution. For most of this centuryand-a-half, the dollar was approximately 1/20 of an ounce of gold. The dollar kept its value because gold kept its value. Our present paper, cre-ated by the banks But the present generation has grown under a paper money system whereby the banks have acquired the privilege to create money Simply by imprinting the magic simply by imprinting the magic words "legal tender" the Federal Reserve banks can take an insignificant piece of paper and make it a thing of lite. The commercial banks in which these legal tender notes are deposited can then

further expand the money supply by creating demand deposits (the money we hold in our checking accounts) in the process of

the money we hold in our creeking accounts in the possess of making loans. This process is very profitable for the banks, but it is very harmful to the great majority of Americans.

When the banks create money in this way, it depreciates the currency. The more money created (without corresponding creation of goods and services) the less value each dollar has. Since 1932 the money supply has gone up from \$20 billion to \$350 billion, and the value of the dollar has gone from 100¢ to less than 20¢. Each year the bankers create an additional \$15 to \$20 billion. This is the reason prices continually go up by 5% to 10% per year.

Big corporations, as well as the banks, gain

The big corporations which are heavily in debt also benefit
from the depreciation of the currency. They like to borrow
money when the dollar is worth 100¢ and pay it back when it is money when the dollar is worth 1000 and pay it back when it is worth 800 or 700. This is extremely profitable and much easier than making money by being efficient, competent and productive. Since big corporations, especially conglomerates, have easier access to bank loans, they have an unfair advantage over their smaller competition when the currency depreciates.

But the people lose
But while the banks and the big corporations benefit from the depreciation urrency, the vast majority of Americans lose. The worker loses because his wages do not keep pace with the rise in prices. In the words of the old Equal Rights Party, "As the currency expands, the loaf contracts.

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Also, the elderly lose, as does everyone else who is on fixed income, who saves money, who has insurance or who owns bonds. All these people find that the money they get back is not as valuable as the money they put away. The man who saved \$1,000 in 1940,

when that sum could buy a new car, finds that it now provides a nice down payment. The woman who worked to provide for her retirement on \$3,000/yr. back in 1960—when such a sum was a respectable income—

\$3,000/yr. back in 1960—when such a sum was a respectable income—finds that one can not live on \$3,000/yr. in 1978.

Such people have been robbed. The labor they put in to earn those dollars is not being returned to them in equivalent value when they take the dollars out to spend. They have been cheated, and the beneficiaries are the banks and the big corporations which are heavily in debt.

Indeed, it is a marvelous system. Quite the opposite of the image the New Deal so carefully cultivated for itself, this system robs from the poor

to give to the rich. It is a special privilege accorded to the banks, the literal privilege to create money out of nothing. With this privilege they line their pockets while the working class slips steadily behind and the elderly are reduced to eating pet food

Corrupt intellectuals deceive the people

I am sure you can see, dear citizen, that the people who have this system going for them are very anxious that it continue and that the public not find our how it is being robbed of the product of its labor. These not find out how it is being robbed of the product of its labor. These people—whom we call the paper aristocracy—employ a class of corrupt intellectuals to pose as distinguished and respectable economists. They endow chairs of economics at prestigious universities to ensure status for these intellectuals, who constitute a modern priesthood, supporting and defending the Mystery of Something for Nothing. This priesthood apolo-gizes for the paper aristocracy in the same was that the medieval priestgizes for the paper aristocracy in the same way that the medieval priest-hood apologized for the feudal aristocracy.

It is most interesting how Chairman Henry Reuss of the House Banking Committee hobnobs with these "distinguished" intellectuals and invites them to testify before his

committee. In this way their views have a weight completely disproportionate to their numbers.

Chairman Reuss, as well as Sen. Proximire (Senate Banking Comm.), claims to be an enemy of the banks. With enemies like them, the banks do not need friends. We wish Chairman Reuss and Chairman Proxmire would become our enemy and give man Proximite would become out eriemly and give us the power to create money out of nothing. They perpetrate the higher Mysteries which we cannot understand "The Government does not have to balance its

"The Government does not nave to bazance is budget," say the economic priests, as they mumble mathematical formulae. "We need a big increase in the money supply to stimulate the economy." In fact, they are stimulating the banks and the big ract, ney are stimutating the basis and the big corporations (whom they have defined as "the economy") at our expense. They tell us. "We have solved the problem of gerting something for nothing, and anyway it is too complicated for you to understand, so just leave the matter to us

As long as you are willing to listen to these frauds, as long as you accord them positions of expertise just because you can't understand them, they will continue to deceive you; and the understand them, they will continue to deceive you; and the paper aristocracy will continue to print more money and rob you of the product of your labor. But we do not intend to sit back and be robbed by a class of idle rich. We are organizing throughout the country to take away the banks' privilege to create money and to base our economic life on a commodity of objective value—a gold standard.

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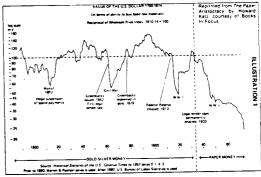
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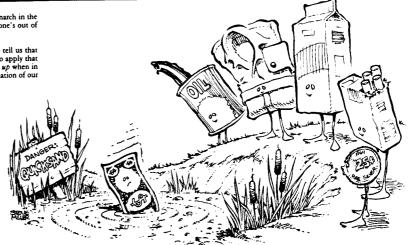
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There is a story about a doting mother who went to see her son march in the army. When the troops came by, she exclaimed: "Look, everyone's out of

Today's economists are very much like this mother when they try to tell us that the general rise in prices is inflation. Inflation means a blowing up, and to apply that term to this economic phenomena implies that it is goods which are going up when in reality the value of our currency; is going doum. Those who call the depreciation of our currency 'inflation' would have us believe that all the goods in our economic universe have suddenly decided to rise for reasons peculiar to themselves while one item—money—is stable. This is an attempt to take our attention away from the true cause of currency depreciation the issuing of too much money

Interestingly, the people who call it an "inflation" when more dollars are required to buy a loaf of bread or a quart of milk in the super-markets will admit that it is a depreciation when more dollars are super-markets will admit that it is a depreciation when more dollars are required to buy Swiss francs or German marks in the foreign exchange markets. Actually, our old gold and silver coinage has not depreciated at all. If you saved any of the pre-Vietnam War silver quarters, then their silver content makes them worth three of today's depreciated quarters. One of them would buy you a gallon of gas and get you change. A gold double eagle (20 dollar gold piece) is worth over \$160 today in gold bullion content and would buy you a fine men's suit. Goods have not gone up. In terms of gold and silver money they still cost what they used to many years ago. It is our present paper money and clad coinage which has depreciated because it has been issued to



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New Jersey Libertarian Party General Meeting and Picnic!

TIME: July 29, 1978 starting at 1 PM

WHERE: Flynn's in Cassville (Jackson Twp.)

FEATURING: Exercise for the body-

Volley ball Basketball Softball
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Stimulation for the mind- (starting at 3 PM)

1. NJLP Vice chairman Dale Sutthoff on"Freedom of Education Choice or the Packwood/Moynihan Tax
Credit Alternative"

2. Fritz Davis, Editor of the <u>Jersey Devil</u>, on"The New Egypt School System: A Citizen's Revolt in Microcosm"
TANSTAAFL: Please bring food for yourself and to (voluntarily!) share with others. Charcoal grills will be provided.

DIRECTIONS: From the light at the intersection of Ocean County #528 and Ocean County #571 (the Cassville Tavern), travel two tenths (2/10) mile west on county road #528 and take the first paved left turn (Fark Ave.). Flynn's is one half mile down on left (#370).

"A tax-supported, compulsory educational system is the complete model of the totalitarian state." -Isabel Paterson, The God of the Machine

In addition, it is important to recall that few (if any) government employees are serving any vital function; the majority engage in jobs ranging from worthless makework programs to downright destructive regulating, tax collecting, etc. Thus most laid off government employees represent a stimulus to the economy even if we ignore the stimulating effect of the tax cut itself.

Presently, the NJLP is working on a petition drive to get a tax limitation proposition on the ballot in N.J. For information on this effort contact:

Bob Shapiro 244 Fifth St.

Ridgefield Park, N.J., 07660

PHONE: 641-2736 (H), 768-5523 (B)

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LET US KNOW ...

Won't you let us know how the NJLP can serve you better? Please complete the questionnaire on page 7 and send it in. Thank you.

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Washington, politicians and bureaucrats who wouldn't have given him the time of day a month ago were flattering and fawning over him, but Jarvis seemed reassuringly unmoved. His main reaction was a wry observation that 'victory works wonders for your popularity."

In New Jersey, we not only need our own Proposition 13 with regard to property taxes, but also a repeal of the income tax and a rollback on the sales tax -- for starters. Many who don't yet understand what is happening, or who don't want to understand, are accusing tax reform supporters of being unreasonable. They plaintively ask how we are going to fund all the government programs if we cut back on taxes? The logic of us "Lucky 13ers" is direct and simple. We don't want those programs and this is our way of getting rid of them.

For years we've been electing scads of "reform" candidates, both Democrat and Republican, who, once safely in office, promptly fall in line and stick their hands out too. The time has come for an end run and that's what "Lucky 13" is. A set of complete outsiders who have little to lose and only as much to gain as the rest of us, coming directly from the people with a clear mandate for action, is the only way we can get around these blocks the politicians throw at us.

It's not going to be easy in New Jersey. First, voters do not have the power of referendum as they do in California and other states. Pressure must be put on the legislature to change the law in this respect. Many legislators, eager to get hold of the movement, now declare that they are for instituting a referendum in New Jersey. We'll see. (But don't be surprised if we first have to elect a legislature that will make this possible.)

If you want to be a part of this historic movement, the first real tax reform since we dumped King George's tea overboard, go do what the J.D. and

friends are doing. Support the United Taxpayers of New Jersey, under the direction of Mr. Thomas M. Decillis of Cedar Grove. If you're lucky enough to have two loaves of bread, sell one and send a few bucks along to:

United Taxpayers of New Jersey 615 Pompton Avenue Cedar Grove, N. J. 07009

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Editor: Fritz Davis

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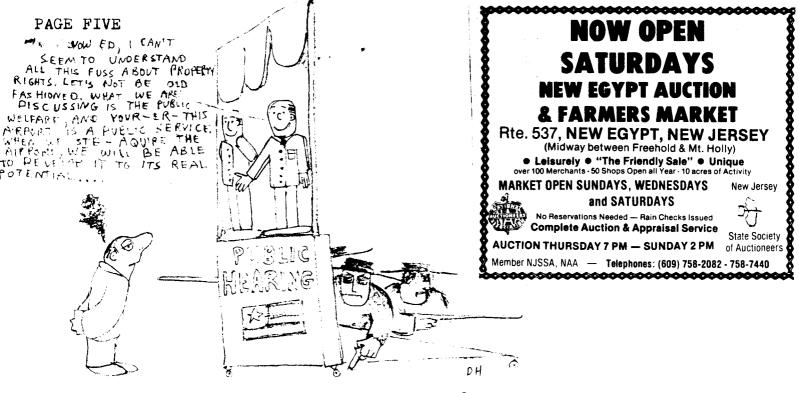
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BIG BROTHER IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT!

by Dan Hurley

On June 26, interested citizens of Monmouth and surrounding counties had an excellent opportunity to observe local bureaucrats in action., The occasion was a public hearing on the proposed county takeover of Monmouth Airport of Wall Township. The airport, owned and operated by Mr. Ed Brown, has served Monmouth County since World dar II when Mr. Brown built it, and apparently the airport has served too well. In a burst of gracious appreciation, Monmouth County now wishes to thank Mr. Brown by exercising its power of "eminent domain". Fortunately, Mr. Brown managed to obtain good publicity for the hearing -- the hall in Wall Intermediate School was packed to capacity.

The hearing started in the familiar bureaucratic fashion, with speakers plodding through "task force" reports and "feasibility studies". studies were clearly irrelevant and the crowd put an end to this tiresome performance with demands to Question the freeholders. After trying in vain to squelch the unruly crowd, the officials in question reluctantly came forward and the hearing got off the ground.

However, After several hours of raucous questioning, the freeholders gave up trying to school the crowd in the propriety of confiscating a man's life work and abruptly dismissed the hearingwith a vague reference to more feasibility studies.

Apparently, the county has tried unsuccessfully five or six times in the past to "acquire" the airport. What was not brought out in the hearing is the economic effects of this ruthless harassment. A main argument used to defend the county takeover was the vast financial resources of the county (to "develop" the airport) relative to Brown's resources. Without going into the legitimacy of the county's source of financing, I'd like to ask how Mr. Brown is expected to raise capital with the constant threat of takeover hanging like a storm cloud over the airport. How is he to attract potential stockholders when any prudent investor would think two and three times before throwing his savings into a private airport soon to come under government management. think of a riskier investment and I have said nothing about the restrictive zoning laws the bureaucrats have devised to further hinder the private development of the airport (laws which would, I suspect, conveniently vanish once the county had successfully executed its coup d'etat).

We have frequently read about the federal government trampling on private citizens in its quest for equality and justice. It is chilling to witness this mentality infiltrating our local governments. However, using this airport business as an example of the danger of a powerful central government, perhaps we can more effectively rally the support needed to drive Big Brother

out of all levels of government.

LIBERTARIAN PARTY

Statement of Principles

We, the members of the Libertarian Party, challenge the cult of the omnipotent state and defend the rights of the individual.

We hold that all individuals have the right to exercise sole dominion over their own lives, and have the right to live in whatever manner they choose, so long as they do not forcibly interfere with the equal right of others to live in whatever manner they choose.

Governments throughout history have regularly operated on the opposite principle, that the State has the right to dispose of the lives of individuals and the fruits of their labor. Even within the United States, all political parties other than our own grant to government the right to regulate the lives of individuals and seize the fruits of their labor without their consent.

life – accordingly we support prohibition of the initiation of physical force against others: (2) the right to liberty of speech and action – accordingly we oppose all attempts by government to abridge the freedom of speech and press. as well as government We, on the contrary, deny the right of any government to do these things, and hold that where governments exist, they must not violate the rights of any individual; namely, (1) the right to we oppose all government interference with private property, such as confiscation, nationalization, and eminent domain, and support the prohibition of robbery, trespass, fraud, and misrepresentation. censorship in any form: and (3) the right to property - accordingly

benefit of others. They should be left free by government to deal with one another as free traders; and the resultant economic system, the only one compatible with the protection of individual rights, is the free market. rights, we oppose all interference by government in the areas of voluntary and contractual relations among individuals. People should not be forced to sacrifice their lives and property for the Since governments, when instituted, must not violate individual



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