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JULY 1979

PICNIC AND PARAPHERNALIA

An NJLP general meeting was held on Sunday, June 17, 1979 at Flynn's in Jackson, NJ. Despite noontime showers, the gas shortage, and Father's Day, NJLP members from all over the state managed to come.

The meeting began with the Chairman's report on the activities of two new NJLP committees: The Youth Rights Committee and the Bylaws Review Committee. Then the membership voted to fill the last delegate position for the national LP convention in Los Angeles this September. Since the two nominees, Bob Bosland and Ginny Flynn, received identical vote totals, a further motion was proposed and approved by the membership: (1) If any of the present 15 delegates drops out, then both Ginny and Bob are "official" NJLP representatives; and (2) another vote will be taken at a future general meeting to decide who will be the 16th delegate in the event all the 15 other delegates make it to California on Sept. 6. (The loser would be first alternate.)

The meeting authorized Dan Hurley to reprint a pamphlet on the "gas crisis" from national LP headquarters to be distributed to people in long lines waiting for gas. Anyone interested in this effort should contact Dan at 201/741-8305.

Dan will also investigate the Pinelands Development Commission, which has rejected over 14,000 (while approving only 2,000) requests for exemption from Gov. Byrne's ban on all construction in the million acre pinelands area of south Jersey. The meeting approved a plan to solicit NJLP support from those who were rejected by the Commission by citing the Libertarian Party's strong support for private property rights and opposition to land use planning.

The membership then heard an interesting talk by Mr. George Baier, an attorney for N.J. NORML. He spoke about the notorious N.J. drug paraphernalia ban, which passed the N.J. Assembly (60-0!) and awaits approval in the N.J. Senate. Since N.J. NORML has limited resources, their strategy is to await the inevitable passage of the bill, then fight it in the courts.

He mentioned N.J. NORML's support for decriminalization of marijuana, only because legalization is not yet attainable; however, NORML's official policy is for legalization. Two bills N.J. NORML supports are S. 1511 (Skevin) to permit therapeutic use of marijuana and S. 3074 (Dodd) to provide an appropriation to study marijuana use. (Dodd has backed decriminalization in the past.)

Mr. Baier found his audience very empathic and really seemed to enjoy the discussions. His personal views on drug use are in complete agreement with the libertarian position: what you do to your own body is none of the state's business.

After enjoying softball, basketball, croquet, horseshoes, volleyball, and a delicious barbeque plus many interesting conversations, the members headed back home. I hope to see you all again at my home next year.

-- Len Flynn

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By Len Flynn

Sometimes New Jersey's newspapers have particularly statist editorials which invite an "official" reply from the NJLP. If you find such an editorial, please clip it out and send it to me along with a suggested reply. I will edit, copy, and sign the reply on NJLP letterhead and mail it to the paper as soon as I can. Please phone me as soon as you mail the editorial and response (201/928-0758 after 7 PM weekdays and anytime weekends or 201/434-3000 ext. 422, 9-5 weekdays), so I can set aside time to prepare the NJLP reply.

Send all information to my home address: RD #3 Box 370; Jackson, NJ 08527. Try to include the newspaper address, letters to the editor policy (e.g. limit on number of words), and your own address and phone number (I'll send a copy to you). When the reply is published, please send one copy to me and another to the N.J. Libertarian.

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Control of paraphernalia

EDITOR:

There was an arrest recently at the Livingston Mall in Essex County for selling instruments for using hard drugs. To legally support the police action the New Jersey Senate passed a bill prohibiting possession or manufacture of drug equipment. This writer holds the opinion the police have no constitutional authority to arrest persons for buying materials for personal use not intended for violent crime.

John Stuart Mill in his essay on Liberty expressed the view of modern libertarians when he wrote the civilized community should use its power no further than to prevent harm to others. The police power supplemented by an amendment to the federal Constitution but later repeated, went beyond this advice during the prohibition era in controlling the consumption of alcohol. In the United States we corrected this mistake of controlling personal habits. We should also apply the lesson further by repeal of drug traffic regulation.

The Harrison Narcotics Act of 1914 led to an unintended increase of drug addiction in the United States from 2,000 to upwards of 300,000 today. The British handled their problem more successfully. The Parliament enacted a statute requiring addicts to obtain a prescription from a doctor to be filled at the neighborhood drug store.

Before World War I the number of drug addicts in Great Britain was about 200, in the 1970's it is about 300, no more than the rate of increase in population.

Force is no solution, the drug addict needs our persuasion and benevolence.

Henry Koch
Old Tappan

Trend against welfare state

To the Editor:

The victory of Joe Clark on a platform of winding down big government, and by incentives to business, indicates the popularity of government in Canada is on the decline. A few weeks before, Margaret Thatcher by advocating measures against government welfare and for labor union restrictions, became prime minister in Great Britain. Here in the United States the tax revolt continues to grow. Taking this together, English speaking people now see that big government is not the way to higher living.

Early colonists discovered the limitations of government. The first few years at Plymouth Rock were a complete communist society with production going into a common warehouse. So many pilgrims starved and died by the third winter Governor Bradford persuaded the survivors that in the spring everyone would work

according to merit and to own all he produced. This private property principle provided an incentive to stimulate workers and to discourage loafers. It was recorded that "Some more industrious had to spare and sell to others so as any general famine hath not been amongst them since to this day." (Governor Bradford, about 1630)

In New New Jersey we are constantly confronted with the Plymouth Rock dilemma. Here in Bordentown the community knew their people in the State Welfare Office. The succeeded in enforcing their decision of welfare recipients worth for their assistance, a "workfare" program.

The daylight is coming. English speaking countries are with the leaders in return from the collectivist welfare state to the individualism of a free open market competitive society.

Henry Koch
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MORE ON THE ABORTION DEBATE

Dan Hurley's observations in his article last month were right on the mark; most "pro-choice" advocates refuse to even consider the main premise of the "pro-life" advocates—that the fetus is, in fact, a separate, live human being entitled to all the same rights that any other person has. However, Dan's well intentioned compromise of arbitrarily choosing a fetal age before which abortions are OK, but after which abortions are taboo, has left him in an indefensible position from both sides. As libertarians have come to understand, on moral issues there is no middle ground. Since the whole question of abortion hinges on fetal life, it's an all or nothing proposition.

If the pro-choicer's are right, then the woman has the final choice. The government must not interfere.

If the pro-lifer's are right, then the question is, in fact, a dispute involving the conflicting rights of woman and the rights of the unborn person. The matter is a "civil dispute" and not a "criminal case." While many libertarians oppose capital punishment even for the most heinous crimes, I cannot imagine any libertarians advocating the death penalty as the solution to a civil dispute. And while the government may be called in to referee the dispute, it clearly cannot interfere in a way which allows either party to commit mayhem upon the other.

So who's right? Pro-lifer's or pro-choicer's? At the NJLP Convention last February, I tried to explain, in stepwise fashion, that the fetus is a person. Now it's up to the pro-choicer's to prove that the fetus is not a person. (If they merely assert that the fetus is not a person, then they can define human life in any way they choose. They could, for example, define senile people in nursing homes as not being persons. I leave further logical extensions of the "life defining" premise to the reader's imagination.) Clearly, the burden of proof is on those who would allow the government to interfere by denying the basic rights of the fetus as a human being.

-Bob Shapiro

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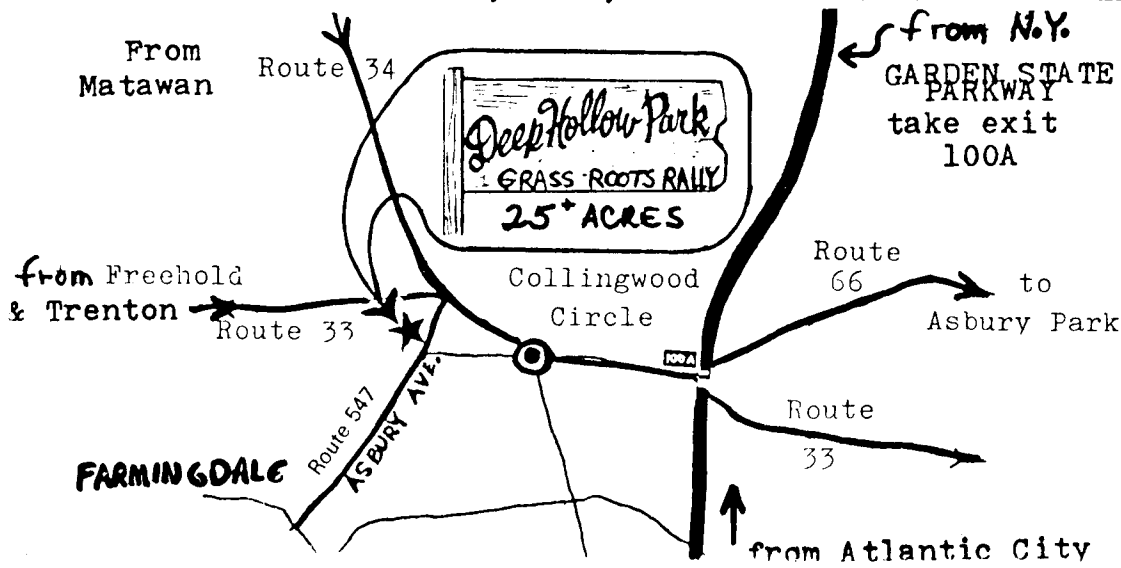


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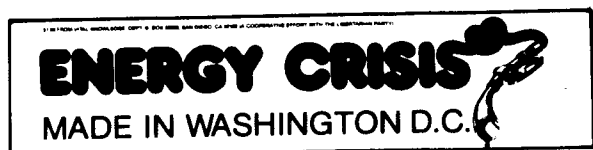
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From the north - Pkwy to Rt. 9. Five miles south of Freehold circle look for sign for Casino Dr. Take jughandle, go three miles. Grey stucco house on right opposite Ketcham Rd. 95 Casino Dr. If you see bowling alley and Freehold Lumber on right, you've just missed Casino. Take next U turn. These are landmarks if coming from the south.

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Do you believe the government should stop trying to impose its morality on the American people, that no crime has been committed if there is no victim? Do you believe it is wrong to use the time, budgets and resources of our police, courts and prisons to persecute people who may be harming no one but themselves?

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The Libertarian Party

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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.

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 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 censorship in any form; and (3) the right to property—accordingly 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.

Since governments, when instituted, must not violate individual 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 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.

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