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REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 2-12-- NJLP booth at the State Fair in Flemington. Volunteers needed, especially on weekends of 9/4, 9/5 & 9/11, 9/12. Call John Schafer at 609/466-2754.

September 13-- NJLP Orientation and Candidates' Meeting, 8 pm at the Union Hotel, Main St. in Flemington. For info call Dick Siano at 201/996-2469.

September 19-- NJLP General Meeting; 4 pm. Budget Motor Lodge, St. Highway 73 (at Exit 4 NJ Turnpike), Mt. Laurel, NJ (609/778-4679). Supper Club to follow at 6 pm. Dinner a la carte--order from regular menu. Cost: \$1/person to pay for room; \$2 donation requested for speaker without dinner. Speaker will be Jerry Zeldin, NJLP candidate for Congress, 1st CD, speaking on "Libertarianism and the Tax Revolt." Call Marlene Vest for details, 609/ 629-9669.

September 20-- Les Heller to lead discussion group on "Racism" at 7:30 pm. Foundation for Economic Education, 30 Broadway, Irvington-on-Hudson, NY. For info and directions call Les at 609/ 758-2082.

September 25-- Social gathering of the Tempe Wick Society at Lee Schubert's home in Far Hills. Call Lee at 201/234-2911 or 9201 for info.

October 17-- NJLP State Committee Meeting, 2 pm at the Molly Pitcher Inn (tentative).

November 2-- Election Day party and victory celebration at Dick Siano's in Frenchtown, NJ.

The purpose of this report is to inform you of some of the important decisions made by NatCom and the ways in which I've been representing you.

At the start of the NatCom's Sunday session on August 8th (Billings, MT), National Chair Alicia Clark terminated the National Director, Eric O'Keefe. This was done by Clark only after much soul-searching and thoughtful study of alternatives. Clark felt that in the one year of her administration O'Keefe--who was National Director since Dec. 1980-- had not handled all his responsibilities in the manner Clark and many members of NatCom believed he should. The disagreements between Clark and O'Keefe apparently reached the point where Clark decided the Party would be best served by hiring a new Director. She asked for O'Keefe's resignation, but he declined, leaving her no course except to fire him.

Clark cited the Party's Constitution, which recognizes the "chief executive officer" status of the Chair, and the 1980 employment agreement with O'Keefe that stated his employment was at the pleasure of the Chair, as authority to fire him. This ruling was challenged by a member of the National Committee, but Clark's authority was upheld in a 17-11 vote. I voted to uphold the authority of the Chair because it seems obvious she had it. It can be argued that a majority of NatCom should have to concur on firings of the National Director, just as we do now on hirings, but that is not the rule yet. Nonetheless, it is my opinion that NatCom would have upheld the firing if explicitly asked

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to.

Subsequently, the Chair appointed, and NatCom concurred with, the interim appointment for six months of Texas LP leader Honey Lanham as National Director. Lanham immediately moved to Washington to take up her duties, which included moving the national office to larger, more modern quarters across the street.

Clark has paid tribute to O'Keefe as a "dedicated activist" and it cannot be argued that he didn't perform many of his duties in an enthusiastic and competent manner. Indeed, the Pennsylvania Party offered him a job as campaign manager this Fall. We should wish Eric well in future activities and encourage him to stay involved in building the Party. To Honey Lanham we should give our usual fine cooperation as she begins the difficult job of getting the National office back on course.

Our region is starting to get the recognition we deserve. Since elected, I've made sure a Region 14 report appeared in every issue of LP News. Of the 18 other regions, not one other Representative can say the same.

One thing we can be particularly proud of is the 77 candidates running for office in our Region. That's a new record, and the three state chairs and their Executive Committees are to be commended for rounding up such a fine slate. Alicia Clark was delighted with the enthusiasm and high caliber of the people she met when she visited our three states last winter.

I served as a member of the LP News Policy Committee which presented, at Billings, a new policy governing LP News. The majority of the Committee felt that LP News should print nothing that contradicted the Platform. I thought that a somewhat broader range of articles should be allowed so that disagreements among the membership on platform planks could be addressed, but the attempt to amend the policy to read "contradict the Statement of Principles" failed before the full NatCom. I intend to bring up in Orlando (NatCom meeting

scheduled for Dec.) the omission of a "Letters to the Editor" column from the list of acceptable features in LP News. I feel strongly that members should have an in-house forum for expressing their views on LP News articles. Also at Orlando, I want to put on the agenda a discussion about campus LP activities. Is it time to set up a formal "Young LP" department? How can we strengthen campus Libertarianism? And that sort of thing. Your views on these two topics is appreciated.

Vivian Baures appointed me Chair of the Audit Committee and I've made several visits to Washington to audit the financial records. Many reporting and control weaknesses have been uncovered and recommendations made. I've replaced annual audits with interim audits, and I think this has improved NatCom's ability to exercise their stewardship responsibility over our contributor's donations.

In March, Alicia Clark appointed me as Chair of the Internal Education Committee. As such, I've been working to establish a formal internal education program in each state, and to develop educational resources for the states. Several of my articles on internal education appeared in LP News, along with "Featured Source" listings. Two California activists are developing a "Basic Principles of Libertarianism" course, which will be available on cassettes next year. A recent assignment was to develop an Introductory Platform Study Program. And, beginning in September, the IEC will be providing a "Cliches of Statism" column exclusively to state party newsletters. These columns will teach Libertarians how to answer some of the tougher questions hurled at them by our opponents.

A sub-committee of the IEC is "Campaign Schools" and the Region 14 school I held in June in Edison, NJ was an example of the kind candidate training sessions we'd like to hold nationwide in 1983 and 1984. The LPP State Chair, Geoff Steinberg, is now a member of this sub-committee.

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"BLITZ CAMPAIGN" NEWS

We tried to win support for a NatCom meeting to be held in Wildwood, NJ this summer but were unsuccessful. Given the need to geographically balance these meetings, and the fact that New York City will be the site of two NatCom meetings at the 1983 Convention, a meeting in our Region will not be possible until 1984. When the new NatCom is seated next year, we will re-introduce our bid to hold a meeting here during their term.

Coming up in March 1983 will be nominations for seats on the 1983 Platform, Credentials, and Constitution, By-Laws and Rules Committees. The NatCom will pick ten members of Platform, five of Credentials, and ten of CB&R. If you'd like to be nominated for one of these Committees, please get in touch with me.

I'm always open to your comments and suggestions for NatCom action. The feedback I get is valuable in helping me decide what courses of action to take. You can reach me at 894 Pine Road, Warminster, PA 18974, 215/672-3892. I'm looking forward to seeing you at an upcoming state executive committee meeting or your 1983 state convention.

Dave Walter

ON EDUCATION, FREEDOM & THE CHILD

"I believe that our own experience instructs us that the secret of Education lies in respecting the pupil. It is not for you to choose what he shall know, what he shall do. It is chosen and foreordained, and he only holds the key to his own secret. By your tampering and thwarting and too much governing he may be hindered from his end and kept out of his own. Respect the child. Wait and see the new product of Nature. Nature loves analogies, but not repetitions. Respect the child. Be not too much his parent. Trespass not on his solitude."

---Ralph Waldo Emerson

Dick Siano reports that the mailing for the "blitz campaign" (see GENERAL MEETING, July NJL) went out on August 26th and replies are already being received. So far \$135 has come in from checks and pledges. Up to \$1400 had been authorized for this project and so far the "blitz" is under budget in all areas--printing, mailing, newspaper ads, etc.

One quarter page newspaper ads will appear in the Sept. 8th editions of the weekly Hunterdon County Democrat (circ. 40,000) and the Delaware Valley News (circ. 3500). These efforts, including the booth at the NJ State Fair, will culminate with the NJLP Orientation and Candidates Meeting on Monday, Sept. 13, 8 pm at the Union Hotel in Flemington. (See this month's calendar.) The press and public have been invited to attend.

STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

By Len Flynn

The NJLP Steering Committee met on August 18, 1982 following the World Research Inc. film presentation at the Princeton Club in Manhattan. Present were Shapiro, Schafer, Flynn, Hurley, and Heller. Absent were Swirsky, Siano, and Furlong.

Most of the meeting consisted of formulating guidelines for the 1983 NJLP state convention. The convention is designed to be "break-even" with a one and one half day program (e.g. Friday night and Saturday) and a maximum cost of \$60-70/ person for the whole package. There were reports from the education, elections, finance, and advisory committees.

The group unanimously approved five NJLP members as NJLP delegates to the international libertarian convention (Libertas) in Zurich this August. The NJLP delegates approved were Jack Moyers, Tom & Jan Palven, Lee Schubert, and Jane Rehmke.

INTERNAL EDUCATION

LES HELLER TO LEAD DISCUSSION GROUP
AT F.E.E.

Informal discussion groups examining free market, limited government topics ranging from Cobden and Bright (the successful free market advocates in early 19th century England) to "Reaganomics" have been hosted over the past few years by the Foundation for Economic Education (FEE), 30 Broadway, Irvington-on-Hudson, NY. These evening meetings are held in the Foundation's handsome library surrounded by one of the great collections of books invaluable to students of liberty. These are usually small gatherings. The largest I have attended attracted 25 or so students, teachers, writers and guests including names well-known to libertarians. These discussions are inspiring, stimulating, and educational. They afford an opportunity to meet highly qualified and motivated students of liberty without travelling far from home.

Last May I volunteered to speak on an issue that has disturbed me ever since I discovered it. Ayn Rand, Milton Friedman, F.A. Harper, and other free market writers have emphatically stated that the right of free choice and the right to private property give everyone except the government the right to discriminate in the marketplace on any basis they choose including race, creed, color, and sex, providing only they avoid physical force and fraud. This is a denunciation, in the name of the free market, of anti-discrimination, anti-segregation, and equal opportunity laws. I am unaware of any libertarian challenge to this position, and beg any reader who knows of such a challenge to advise me.

This Randian argument permits private persons and groups to restrict an area of the market, protected from government restraint by the principle of the free market. It permits race to be freely used as a reason for discrimination. It considers all private property as equally private and sacrosanct re-

gardless of its use. It suggests that the market is not only self-regulating but self-policing. It denies that racial discrimination in the public economic arena is a form of force or violence which must be restrained by the state.

I believe that racial discrimination in the public economic arena is a restriction of liberty which cannot be justified as the exercise of rights or the enjoyment of liberty; that the members of society are not obliged to stay our hand while the free market, the well from which we all drink, is poisoned. I believe that physical violence is not the only form of violence which may be restrained, and is too crude a distinction to be valid in all cases. I believe that the free market is the "foundation stone of liberty," and therefore open access to the free market in the public economic arena is a fundamental and absolute human right not to be subordinated to other claims of rights, and that racial discrimination in other than purely social matters violates that right.

I realize that these assertions are not easily proved, but am heartened by the weakness of the opposing arguments. Readers are invited to offer comments or help locate pertinent literature. The discussion group will meet at 7:30 pm Monday, September 30th. Please come.

FEDERAL JUDGE CRUCIFIES TAXPAYERS

The following is excerpted from an article by Dave Neese in The Trentonian, August 3, 1982:

In a suit under the Civil Rights Act of 1964 alleging denial of tenure because of her sex, the University of Wisconsin was ordered to pay the plaintiff \$100,000 by federal judge Miles Lord. The litigation had extended over nine years culminating in an 11 week trial. Judge Lord, a lawyer himself, awarded legal fees to the plaintiff's lawyers in the amount of \$1,965,586. One legal firm was paid at the rate of \$375 per hour while

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the other received \$240 per hour; in each case exactly three times their customary rate. The judge justified these legal fees by observing that the case had been hard to prove. What the University's lawyers were paid is not mentioned. The plaintiff has given up teaching and become a lawyer.

Jesus said, "Woe unto ye also ye lawyers! For ye lade men with burdens grievous to be borne, and ye, yourselves touch not the burdens with one of your fingers." And that wasn't all he said! Luke 11:46.

---Esler G. Heller

THOUGHTS ON DISARMAMENT

"In Hiroshima after the bomb was dropped:

---270 out of 298 doctors were dead,

---1,645 out of 1,780 nurses were dead,

---42 out of 45 hospitals were destroyed."

"The futility of planning for treatment should be abandoned in place of prevention by all ethical physicians."

Jim Geelhoed, M.D., Assoc. Prof. of Surgery, George Washington Univ. and Chairman of the American Red Cross Blood Services Committee.

("Nuclear war) will be more agony and more terror than a thousand wars before."

Adm. Noel Gayler, USN (Ret.), former Commander-in-Chief, US Forces Pacific.

"The lesson (astronomers) have learned is that life is a rarity. What a waste it would be if after 4 billion years of tortuous evolution a few beings devised their own annihilation."

Carl Sagan, Director, Laboratory for Planetary Studies, Cornell Univ.

To order cassettes of a four-part program conducted at Harvard on "The Medical Consequences of Nuclear War," contact:

ScunDocumentaries, P.O. Box 186, Glenside, PA 19038.

---The quotations and information above is from the July/August 1982 issue of Sane World.

MORE SIANO NEWS

At the last meeting of the Kingwood Township Committee Dick Siano made a motion to initiate a study of zoning ordinances. Siano noted that people used to be able to start small businesses in their homes--indeed this is the way many businesses, both large and small, began in the past. Now zoning laws prevent these enterprises in most areas.

The study will examine Kingwood's zoning ordinances with this in mind. It will concentrate on how present ordinances can be changed to allow small businesses in private homes.

Dick has also put together a newsletter for the people of Kingwood. It tells them exactly what he has been doing in his role of Committeeman during the past year. If they approve, he urges them to vote for John Lutz--the Libertarian candidate--in November.

HESS SPEAKS AT 10th ANNIVERSARY DINNER FOR AGAINST THE WALL

by Ginny Flynn

Karl Hess was the speaker at the 10th anniversary banquet for Against the Wall magazine, edited and published by NJLP member Bill George. Hess congratulated Bill for having one of the longest running libertarian magazines and then spoke on the theme "Liberty as a Network."

Hess began with the observation that governments, police forces, and corporations today, believe that they can exercise control

without resorting to killing. This, of course is good. These groups are "poor users of tools--the large corporations of today are anti-technological and inept. Hess feels that there are "more smart people today than ever before," and none of them are in positions of so-called importance. What's important is that there is presently an "underground technology"--the "underground economy," so worrisome to government is a manifestation of this technology. The government recognizes the underground economy but not the underground technology because governments don't understand creativity because it is always unauthorized.

Hess went on to tell libertarians, specifically, that "ideology is a terrible affliction." Libertarians must understand that they can create their own freedom now. This requires 1) competence in a number of material fields, and 2) knowing like-minded people. According to Hess opinions and ideologies are not terribly important because they don't have great survival value. "What has survival value is an overwhelming sense of competency."

In the future, people will have to do more and more for themselves in order to stay out from under the steadily encroaching government and the collapsing economy. In winning people to our point of view, Hess

noted that "production makes more points than polemics." The weak areas in which libertarians should become involved are food and education.

Hess stated that liberty is not an ideology. Liberty simply tells you that you are free to behave and that you are responsible for the way you behave.

As libertarians we should strive to be examples of freedom. We should cooperate on finding ways to live without the state economy. Hess said that while he wasn't radically opposed to division of labor, it was definitely not glorious not to know how to do something. "Ignorance is never a virtue--sometimes a necessity--but never a virtue!"

Hess concluded by observing that everything pales beside production. When libertarians outproduce state-aided enterprises, that will be the beginning of the end of the state.

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Letters

Opposes Headphone Ban

To the Editor:

Because of a bizarre traffic accident, Woodbridge Township has passed a law banning the wearing of stereo headphones by drivers.

The state legislature is considering a similar statewide ban. Woodbridge police are now following "dangerous criminals" who might be listening to music, news or sports. Soon state troopers on highways all across New Jersey could do the same.

Why stop at headphones? Why not rip out all car radios and blaring loudspeakers? Why not ban kids from screaming, or mothers-in-law from yakking in the back seat?

Even more sensibly, why not bring back prohibition, since booze kills far more people than headphones do?

There are already enforceable laws on the books against careless and reckless driving. There are also civil judgments which collect money from irresponsible drivers. Why do government officials see a need to tell law-abiding citizens they cannot wear headphones?

The New Jersey Libertarian Party opposes this law as yet another infringement of individual freedom.

JOHN S. SCHAFER

Vice Chairperson
N.J. Libertarian Party

REPLY TO HELLER ARTICLE

To the Editor:

In last month's newsletter Les Heller states, "If citizens volunteer, are coerced by the draft, or misled by government propaganda, they have made a sacrifice on behalf of our society or have suffered injury for which the government and those citizens who did not do all in their power to control their government--a very large percentage--are responsible....I believe veterans, in justice, are entitled to special considerations."

When Les starts talking about "percentages" and "society" rather than about individuals, he falls into a pattern of defining things in collectivist rather than libertarian terms, and I think that his logic fails. Where is the justice in your statement, Les, when it could be used to argue that Jews in Germany (and Americans too, depending on how you want to define "society") should sacrifice their earnings to support Nazi veterans?

Tom Palven

Libertarian facing uphill climb in Senate race

radio spots." For Koch, the campaign is just getting under way. He doesn't yet have a publicity photo. Flyers are still being written. A resume of his prior activities is hard to come by because he doesn't have one. But then, he explained, a biography is static. "I'm not a static type of person. You have to appreciate the dynamism in my campaign."

And the lack of money and publicity doesn't deter him. "I believe I can add a great deal to the vote total as a candidate," Koch said. "But I do not have the public power to reach people, so I don't think I can beat Mr. Lautenberg or Millicent Fenwick."

"I merely say I will make a good showing for a party that will not spend several million dollars."

There are only two choices," Shapiro said. "Either government can decide how people live their lives or the people can decide. ... The government is deciding things well beyond what the Founding Fathers had in mind."

Shapiro would prefer to focus the party's efforts on a few local races, where it has had a couple of successes, rather than on the Senate, where Lautenberg and Republican Rep. Millicent Fenwick, R-Bernardsville, are considered the frontrunners.

Although Shapiro said Koch would run "what is, in his way, a very vigorous race," he added, "We haven't really got a realistic shot of winning this time around."

Shapiro figures that \$1,000 will be enough to "get out several thousand pieces of literature and possibly one or two local

freedom. "He urged the nation to seek commercial relations with all and alliances with none," Koch said.

He opposes registration for the draft and Social Security payments. He advocates a balanced budget, but said since President Reagan "does nothing about it," the proposed balanced-budget amendment is "the height of absurdity."

A one-time Republican, Koch turned independent and ran for Congress in 1968 with the slogan "Withdraw from Vietnam."

A member of the War Resisters League, he called the war "cruelty and folly." When New Jersey's Libertarian Party formed in the '70s, Koch joined because "the party represented my point of view."

What the 40-year-old party stands for, according to chairman Bob Shapiro, is

with \$1,000 might do better to invest it in a money-market fund than use it to finance a campaign.

Still, Koch is trying.

"My purpose is to spread my attitude," said Koch, a former planning engineer in the paper industry. "It behooves me to be a candidate because I shall more energetically expound my views -- not particularly on the technical aspects of the office I'm seeking, but on my personal ideas of what should be done in the state and the nation."

He is quite certain of what should be done.

"I'm for a nuclear freeze, even more than that, disarmament. I feel the enemy is not the Russians but the bomb itself," Koch said. On foreign affairs, he said he agrees with the farewell message delivered by the nation's first president, George Washing-

By MICHAEL ROZANSKY

Staff Writer

In recent years, Henry Koch has made a profession out of trying to beat the odds. This year is no exception.

The odds would seem to favor Democrats and Republicans in elections, not candidates from the N.J. Libertarian Party, which has a few hundred members statewide. But by his reckoning, the 70-year-old Koch, a Libertarian, has run twice for state Assembly, once for Bergen County freeholder, once for Congress and once for a council seat in his hometown, Old Tappan. He has always lost.

The odds would also seem to indicate that during a Senate campaign in which Democrat Frank R. Lautenberg has rejected a \$1.7 million spending limit, someone

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4. Retirement insurance should replace impending Social Security bankruptcy.
5. Disassembly of nuclear weapons needed for human survival.
6. Libertarians urge federal non-intervention in World Trade.

On Other issues Koch says:

YES—to womens right to reproductive freedom; to accepting refugees from abroad; developing oil and natural resources; balancing budgets by budget cuts; the United States dollar backed by hard coin.

NO—to prayer in public schools; to economic and military aid to foreign governments.

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