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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 5-- NJLP Steering Committee Meeting 6:30 PM at Farrell's Ice Cream Parlour, Route 18 South (Brunswick Square Mall) in East Brunswick.

September 8-- Libertarians of Monmouth County meet at 7:30 PM at Claudia Montelione's home, 185 Washington Ave., Matawan. Call 583-8721 for directions.

September 15-- Better Life Society Meeting at 8 PM at Tom & Jan Palven's home, 95 Casino Dr., Farmingdale. Members free, non-members \$5. Call 938-4775 for directions. (see ad on p.5)

September 17-- Constitution Day. The Justice Times and the National Commodity and Barter Association need a few good people to assist in distributing copies of the Constitution and Declaration of Independence at the steps of each of the State Capitals on Monday, Sept. 18. Call (201)327-7878 for details.

October 10-- NJLP State Committee Meeting 6:30 PM at Farrell's (See Sept. 5).

October 13-- Libertarians of Monmouth County meet at 7:30 PM at Laura Stewart's home, 147 Broadway, Keyport. Call 264-4492 for directions.

November 7-- NJLP General Meeting at a location to be determined.

December 5-- NJLP Steering Committee Meeting 6:30 PM at Farrell's (See Sept. 5).

January 9-- NJLP State Committee Meeting 6:30 PM at Farrell's (See Sept. 5).

February 13-- NJLP Steering Committee Meeting 6:30 PM at Farrell's (See Sept. 5).

March 10 or 17-- NJLP Annual Convention at a location to be determined.

NJLP STATE COMMITTEE MEETING

By Len Flynn

On August 8, 1989 the NJLP State Committee met at Farrell's in East Brunswick. Present were Karlan, Flynn, Stewart, Edelston, Peters, Kaplan, and Stefanelli. Zeldin, Harris, Hill, Meinshausen, Kerr, Pierone, and Agnew were absent.

Chairman Karlan called the meeting to order at 7:55 PM and announced new procedures he wished for future meetings. First, no minutes will be read unless someone asks to hear them. (No one asked this time.) Second, Dan will prepare a formal agenda for each meeting. Third, Dan requested that anyone who wishes a item to be discussed at the meeting to call him beforehand and determine an expected time for the debate.

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**NJLP AT THE
MIDDLESEX COUNTY FAIR**

The NJLP had one of the busiest booths at the Middlesex County Fair from 8/8 through 8/12. The project was organized by the Somerset/Middlesex Area Libertarians and used Marshall Fritz's "Operation Political Homeless" as an outreach tool to draw attention to the Libertarian Party and to find new potential members.

Know of a Fair or function at which Operation Political Homeless can be used? Write or call us (see back page)

- Ed.

How Operation Political Homeless works: Volunteers invite passersby to take the "world's smallest political quiz" and see how they compared with other fairgoers. Their scores are plotted on the famous two-dimensional diamond chart while the volunteer explains that the standard left-right political spectrum isn't adequate to describe many people's political views. (These people are the "politically homeless").

When people scored as Libertarians, we pinned a gold star on them and invited them to get on a mailing list for future Libertarian events.

In addition, we handed out sample copies of Reason magazine, Dan Karlan for Governor brochures, and LP Instant Membership cards.

A total of 317 people took the test and here's how they scored:

Libertarian	32%	Conservative	9%
Liberal	11%	Authoritarian	11%
	Centrist	37%	

In addition, we got the names and addresses of about forty people who are interested in future Libertarian events. (A social evening at someone's house is being planned for September.)

Among the week's highlights: One of the people from the Young Republicans booth scored as a Libertarian and asked to get on our mailing list -- so did the brother of a Democratic East Brunswick Council candidate...and a member of the John Birch Society. (One of the other Birchers scored as a Liberal, which caused much comment among his buddies.) State Senator Dick Zimmer (a self-described small-L libertarian) stopped by the booth with a few warm words.

One interesting aside: We found that smokers warmed up to the idea of drug legalization when asked to consider what they would do if cigarettes were made illegal.

At a post-mortem meeting afterwards, the volunteers were asked whether they would like to go out and do it again. Everyone

MIDDLESEX COUNTY FAIR continued...

present said, without hesitation, "Yes!"

Volunteers at the booth included -- in alphabetical order -- Sam Edelston (co-organizer), Ginny & Len Flynn, Rick Hoegberg, Madeline Hunter, Luke Jones, Ken Kaplan, James & Michele Maloney, Larla Maloney, Claudia Montelione, Carl Peters, Bob Peterson (co-organizer), Ron Ruemmler, Lou Stefanelli, Fred Stein, Bill & Laura Stewart, plus advance liaison work by Howard Schoen and a special campaign appearance by gubernatorial candidate, Dan Karlan. (Thanks to all!)

- Sam Edelston

Our gubernatorial candidate, Dan Karlan, would like to receive any Florio or Courter literature you may come across. Please send same to Dan at 97-A Manhattan Avenue, Waldwick, NJ 07463.

More from Marshall Fritz:

Advocates for Self-Government
5533 E. Swift, Fresno CA 93727

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the Liberator 15

Freedomware Spotlight:

Here's Help to Cool Down the Drug Hysteria

The drug issue is at a boil. As a consequence our pocketbooks and our liberty are about to get a real scalding — unless. Unless libertarians can introduce a massive dose of common sense into the debate, and soon.

"Others-governors" are having a field day with the drug issue. From banning guns to seizing boats and houses, from house-to-house police searches to Army sweeps of entire cities, nothing is so preposterous or so anti-liberty that it hasn't been seriously proposed as a way to combat drugs. Some of these measures are already in use. And more are on the way. (Are you ready to help pay for prison barges on the Potomac?)

Fortunately, cooler voices are beginning to be heard over the din. For the first time in years, the libertarian alternative

is receiving respectful attention from many quarters. Network news programs are devoting segments to the possibility of re-legalizing drugs, and even some police chiefs and mayors are questioning the insane "war" on drugs.

Re-legalization won't come easily, though. Libertarians need to speak out more on this issue, and they need to be equipped with the most persuasive pro-re-legalization arguments available. That's what you'll get in *Drug Re-legalization*, a three-hour recording of a debate where the libertarians won (based on a before-and-after audience survey).

The libertarians are Marshall Fritz and Ray Ransberger. They did such a fine job that the event's moderator, a California superior court judge, moved

from anti- to pro-re-legalization in the course of the evening.

Early listeners to the two-tape set have been full of praise. Steve Buckstein (Portland, Ore.) says the tapes are "a must" for anyone wanting to communicate the re-legalization idea. Dave Hanley (San Bruno, Cal.) says Fritz and Ransberger "devastate" the opposition's arguments. Bernie Baltic (Cleveland, Oh.) credits the tapes with helping him prepare for an interview on public radio.

Besides the debate itself, you will hear a 30-minute "post-op" in which a group of libertarians analyze the victory and make additional comments on the drug issue.

Order *Drug Re-legalization* now. Price is \$19.95, plus \$3 shipping. (Californians please add 6.5% sales tax.)

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Finally, Dan noted that Dan Maiullo had resigned as NJLP Treasurer because of pressing business time needs. The Committee nominated Lou Stefanelli for Treasurer and he was unanimously elected over None-of-the-Above. The Committee appreciated Dan Maiullo's many years of service as NJLP Treasurer.

The new New Jersey Libertarian contract was discussed with Claudia Montelione. A bimonthly publishing schedule will be followed, at least until NJLP finances are clarified. Claudia will prepare a revised contract and Dan Karlan will execute it on behalf of the NJLP.

Dan said he apologized for failing to yield the Chair after he was nominated for the LP Platform Committee. Dan then suggested the State Committee nominate state wide candidates for presentation at the annual NJLP convention. State Committee Representatives should seek out and support candidates for public office.

As new business Sam Edelston suggested raising the Chair's \$40 limit for discretionary expenses. Len Flynn noted that NJLP officials can spend any amount of their own money, then seek reimbursement at the next meeting. Ken Kaplan asked if the \$40 limit had inhibited any

NJLP activity, and Dan Karlan said "no."

Ken sent letters to all County Clerks requesting a separate line for all NJLP candidates. Ken had spoken to the NJ ACLU about widespread discrimination against third parties and he will send sponsoring organizations letters asking that Dan Karlan be included in gubernatorial debates.

Laura Stewart reported on Libertarians of Monmouth County activity. She said LMC nominated Len Flynn for a special election for N.J. State Senate 12th district. Thanks to new (stupid) election laws no one in the state elections division knew when petitions had to be filed. The filing date apparently depends on when the Democrats and Republicans select their candidates.

On Sunday August 6, 1989 LMC demonstrated against a raid lead by the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) on Monmouth Park horse racing stables which seized over 100 people with 60 ultimately arrested and deported as "illegal aliens." (See separate article in this NJL.)

Ken Kaplan closed the meeting by telling how his efforts helped neighbors whose backyard was to be bulldozed for a housing project. He suggested that other Libertarians seek such opportunities to help local victims of government oppression. The meeting adjourned at 9:35 PM.

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THE BETTER LIFE SOCIETY

Issue #1
August, 1989

Racism/Nationalism

Segments of the Dutch Reformed Church of South Africa have maintained that the Bible advocates separation of the races. Preachers in the South have also maintained this in the past. If the Bible is unclear about racism, what then, is our basis for opposing it?

Mark Twain argued against lying on pragmatic grounds- "When you tell the truth you don't have to remember anything." When you have to remember things you are weakened, vulnerable. Our goal is to strengthen individuals.

Along these lines, racism may provide short-term feelings of superiority, but in the long run, it weakens the individual. A person who makes racist remarks or slurs against nationalities will not feel comfortable when interacting with people of these races and nationalities, and the discomfort is a weakening force, for while hatred can build a certain kind of strength, it is of questionable endurance, and of a frustrating nature. Lack of hatred can also build strength, but of an enduring, contented kind. Martin Luther King was able to walk through a hail of stones, bricks, and bottles. His strength was built on understanding and on lack of hatred.

A few months ago on the This Week With David Brinkley TV show, columnist George Will asked the recently appointed black chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Colin Powell, "But isn't it in our interest to keep the Russians bogged down in Afghanistan?", to which Powell replied, "It is in our interest to stop the killing." The dehumanizing idea that some parents don't mind seeing their children's limbs shot off or burned with napalm because they are Russians, Afghans, "gooks" or blacks is ludicrous, but Will would have us believe that killing Russian boys, and Afghani men, women, and children, is a good idea, in "our" interest.

This type of attitude disempowers America as a nation, and each of us as individuals. Few of us have the strength of Martin Luther King, and may make stereotyped racist slurs or dehumanizing remarks at minor transgressions. But the more we can rid ourselves of these impulses, the stronger, more contented and comfortable with ourselves we can become.

Our next meeting, on the above topic, to discuss it and the actions that we as a group and as individuals may take will be at the home of Jan and Tom Palven, 95 Casino Dr., Farmingdale. For directions call 938-4775. 8 PM Friday Sept. 15. Refreshments will be available. Members free, non-members \$5.00.

Our first outing, in August, was to the Kobe Japanese Restaurant dinner theatre to see Play It Again Sam. Your suggestions for future topics, directions to go in, and suggestions for future outings, are needed.

" Building Strong Individuals"

MONMOUTH COUNTY LIBERTARIANS PROTEST MONMOUTH PARK RAID

On Sunday, August 6, at 5 PM, members of the Libertarians of Monmouth County (LMC) demonstrated at Monmouth Park against the Thursday, August 3 raid on that Park by the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) and other law enforcement agencies. The INS mass seizure had over 100 persons taken into custody with 60 ultimately arrested for deportation as illegal aliens.

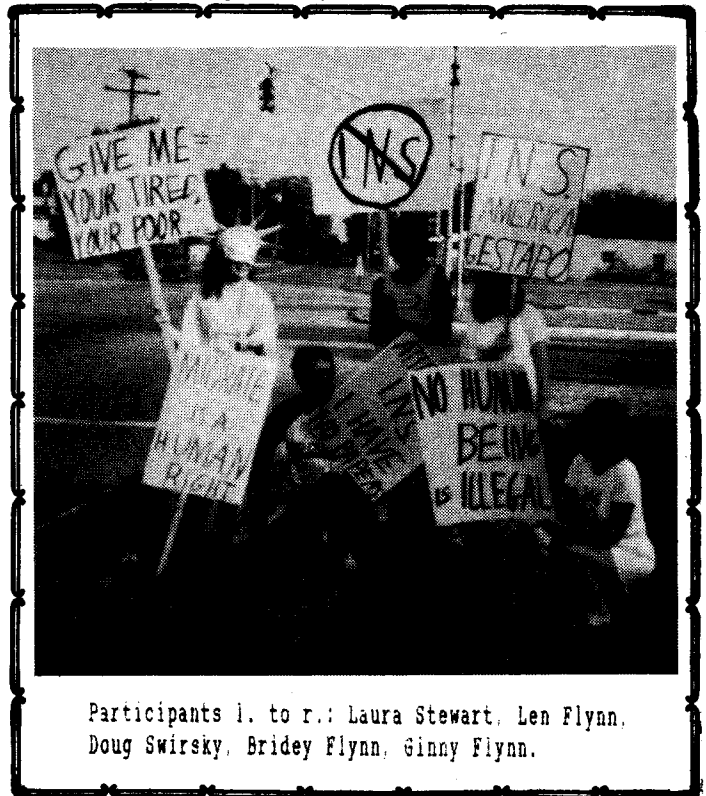
On Saturday, August 12, members of the LMC went to Monmouth Park again, this time for a news conference sponsored by another organization, Refuse and Resist. Although the two groups do not agree on all political issues, Laura Stewart, County Chair of LMC, said the Libertarians were happy to join the protest when Refuse & Resist invited them. "This really transcends politics. We're all just human rights activists who are outraged at this violation of human rights, and we've joined together to say so."

Dressed as the statue of liberty and carrying signs that read "Give me your tired, your poor..." and "Liberty for all", Stewart told the press they were protesting the "Gestapo-style" INS roundup. "We support the right of any person person to migrate freely," she said. "This INS roundup is typical of Nazi Germany's Gestapo or the Soviet KGB and has no place in our country."

The Libertarian Party's National platform condemns such mass arrests of Hispanic Americans and others by the INS as it hunts for "individuals not having required government documents." Such pass systems are standard in South Africa as the government tries to control the movements of members of

different racial groups. Stewart was amazed at the support they received from passers-by. "Most people who drove by expressed agreement with us. I'd say the ratio of 'Thumbs up' signs to -- shall we say -- other fingers, was about 20 to 1. It just hurts that those poor people who were deported will never know how many Americans are on their side."

"The new immigration law restricts employment to the very people who can most benefit from the job opportunities available in America -- workers who are eager to do tasks many U.S. citizens won't do," said the NJLP's Executive Secretary, Len Flynn. "Employers will fear to hire Hispanics and immigrants will be denied their fundamental freedom to seek and obtain labor." The NJLP and LMC support the rights of Monmouth Park trainers and other employers to hire anybody they wish.



Participants l. to r.: Laura Stewart, Len Flynn, Doug Swirsky, Bridey Flynn, Ginny Flynn.

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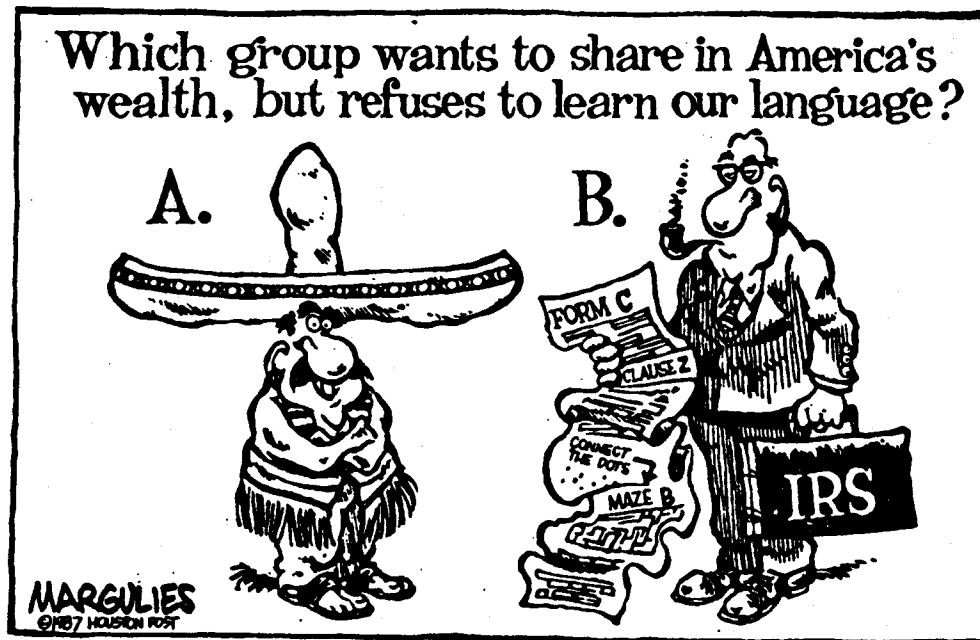
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