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1988

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 28-31-- Foundation for Economic Education (FEE) weekend seminar Irvington-on-Hudson, New York (\$150). Call 914/591-7230.

August 7-13-- 4th World Conference of Libertarian International in Mbabane, Swaziland. For information write Libertarian International, 9308 Farmington Drive, Richmond, VA 23229 or call 804/740-6932.

August 19--Monmouth County Libertarians Meeting, 8 PM at Len and Ginny Flynn's home, 254 Tennent Rd., Morganville.

August 23-- NJLP State Committee meeting, 6:30 PM at Farrell's Ice Cream Parlour, Route 18 South, (Brunswick Square Mall) in East Brunswick. All NJLP members are welcome and invited.

September 15-- Monmouth County Libertarians Meeting, 8 PM at Laura and Bill Stewart's home, 147 Broadway, Keyport. (From Rt. 79 take LLoyd Rd. thru Aberdeen to end and merge onto Rt. 35 South; take 1st U-turn to Rt. 35 North. Take Rt. 35 Northbound past Keyport and turn right at Towne & Country Inn (Broadway)--2-3 blocks, house on right.

September 13-- NJLP Steering Committee meeting, 6:30 PM at Farrell's.

October 4 or 11-- NJLP State Committee meeting, 6:30 PM at Farrell's.

November 8-- General Meeting/ Election night celebration time and place to be determined.

NJLP GENERAL MEETING

By Len Flynn

On July 7, 1988 the NJLP membership met during the annual summer picnic at Flynn's home in Morganville. The meeting was called to order at 3:40 PM by State Chair Dan Karlan.

The membership heard of the recent campaign tour by LP Vice Presidential candidate Andre Marrou in New Jersey. The Irv Homer radio program in Philadelphia received 100 calls from listeners concerning Marrou's appearance. Many people have requested further information about the NJLP during Marrou's visit.

The members then discussed the incorporated status of the NJLP. Paperwork has been filed to restore the NJLP's incorporation, but the state is delaying. According to the NJLP Bylaws, the party must be incorporated; hence, a decision to disincorporate requires a bylaw change at a future general meeting.

At the direction of the chair, Dan Maiullo will investigate why the was incorporated and advantages of incorporation. Laura Stewart noted that a tax ID number is not required by law for a checking account, but banks apparently demand them anyway. One concern was the use of libertarian name by non-libertarian political organizations. candidates should check with county clerks to confirm that no one else is using the LP name without authorization.

After a 45 minute recess the members considered and unanimously

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passed this motion: "The NJLP condemns the unwarranted military intervention of the U.S. in the Persian Gulf and the resulting recent tragic deaths of innocent air travelers." Press notification about this stand will be made.

The membership then passed a motion to send the New Jersey Libertarian first class for the next four months with a reduction of the "free" mailings to partially offset the cost. The U.S. Snail has taken many weeks to deliver the NJL by bulk rate, so the NJLP members can now expect much faster service up to the election. The membership is specifically invited to the 11/8/88 general meeting to consider how to ship the NJL.

membership approved motions to permit paid recruiting of members. First, the NJLP membership authorized the "concept that a recruiter of members can be rewarded with the difference between the marginal cost to the party and the party's receipts for the first year." Then the members moved that a "committee be appointed to negociate and enter into a contract with John Hill to implement this action." The Chair appointed this committee to do Dan Maiullo (Chairman), Flynn, and Laura Stewart. meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM.

NEW JERSEY LIBERTARIANS EXPORTED TO PENNSYLVANIA

by Carl Peters

"ERNSBERGER TO CONGRESS" great campaign in Bucks County to a Libertarian in the U.S. Congress. Don Ernsberger is a high school teacher very well known in Bucks County. There was a Primary election (the political procedure by which the Republicrat Party tries to seem to the public as if they are two parties rather than two halves of the socialist fascist party) 26th. Ernsberger's tactics April "enter" the Primary, although he is not on the ballot as valid alternative to "establishment." How to do that?

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June 27, 1988 Dear Fellow Libertarians:

I would like you to take notice of the Ernsberger campaign (see insert) because it is being run very professionally and extremely seriously. This campaign will transcend state borders simply because of its serious nature. Don and his staff have spent endless hours on groundwork and details that make the media take notice of a third party candidacy.

I believe this campaign will help libertarian ideas gain a real foothold, not only in Bucks County, but in the region as a whole. With this in mind, I'm urging my fellow New Jersey libertarians to lend a hand to Don Ernsberger's congressional campaign. Catch the excitement of this dynamic effort—I did and it's infectious!

Yours in liberty, Joe Kerr

"FISHING FREEDOM DAY"

by Len Flynn

Back in 1986 the New Jersey Supreme Soviet (oops, I mean the State Legislature--hard to tell the difference these days) allowed two days per year to be designated as "Free Fish" (is that like "free lunch"?) days, when anyone can fish in NJ without a license. June 11 and August 20, 1988 were selected for this year.

Since NJ laws expanding--or even recognizing -- the freedoms of our citizens are so rare, perhaps August 20 should be cherished as a precious gift from the omnipotent rulers to we humble serfs. But, what would Thomas Jefferson, Tom Paine, and Sam Adams have done about fishing/ hunting/driving/handgun licenses? Perhaps they would have put away their fishing poles taken out their muskets, joined with their patriot neighbors, and marched against the King Kean and cronies in Trenton. Oh well, going fishing ... but maybe someday

ERNSBERGER...

He presumed that the two most likely candidates of the Republi-Demopublicans would crats and actually win, and wrote a letter to them for publication on the day following the election. He headed the letter "Now there is a real alternative" and on election day there were about two dozen volunteers at the polls to hand out the letters as flyers to those who left the polls with any sort of intelligent look on their face. Also, there were large cardboard posters for the polling places.

Pennsylvania election laws vary from New Jersey's in that campaigners may stand outside the polling places to hand out flyers, voting instructions, advice, etc. They must stand at least 100 feet from the

voting machine.

Joe Kerr and I went across the Delaware to help with the campaign, to assemble the flyers and the posters prior to the date, and to stand at the polling places during "rush hour" periods to hand out the flyers and to encourage the glazed-eyed voters to think (for a change). Some were adamant: "My grandpa voted Democrat and that's good enuf fer me;" or "I've made up my mind, don't bother me." Some were receptive: "Hey! Wow! This is great!" or "Who's Ron Paul? I never heard of him."

Our responses varied with each person, as does the used-car salesman. A pattern seemed to emerge, as during ballot petitioning: if a person seems to be over 40, forget it--he's knee-jerked himself through life. If a person seems to be under 30, go for it--he's ready to think (unless he's in a three piece suit). As a generality the Libertarian planks are the grist for the Republicrat mill, and that may be our Libertarian mission for the near future.

Dear Editor:

Many of you reading this know me as the immediate past Chair of the NJLP as well as the State Coordinator for Ron Paul's campaign. In addition, I have been a State Committee Representative from Bergen County, media coordinator for the

1984 Presidential campaign, organizer of three of the last four state conventions, as well as two-time Libertarian candidate for office. In short, there is little doubt that I have been or continue to be a committed Libertarian activist.

Why, then, have I also joined the Libertarian Republican Organizing Committee (LROC)? Have I sold out? Am I willing to trade principle for votes?

Hardly! In fact, this effort shows that I am committed to having libertarian ideas put into practice. Do not confuse the medium with the message. I may call myself a Republican, but my philosophy is hard-core libertarianism. To me, that means libertarianism has won.

As a Republican, libertarian ideas are given near automatic credence. Drugs are an example. We Libertarians have been calling for legalization since the beginning, without effect. Yet let the Mayor of Baltimore say the same thing, and the idea gets serious national consideration.

But do not assume I suggest that we abandon the Libertarian Party, Indeed, I am a monthly pledger to the national party and an NJLP member still. I firmly believe the LP must continue to exist. It is in the LP that I and many other libertarian activists got our training and exposure to the full breadth of the freedom philosophy. Until the Republican Party openly embraces libertarianism, there will always be a place for the LP.

Libertarians running as Republicans can make great strides. A fantastic opportunity is opening up in two particular races next year and the year after-one in Congress, the other in the State Assembly. New Jersey Libertarians ought to get behind the candidates when they eventually announce.

Do not dismiss LROC out of hand. Many Republicans are immensely interested in the organization's activities. I strongly urge you to receive the monthly journal Libertarian Agenda. Write to me at 152 Belleville Ave., Apt. # 15, Bloomfield, NJ 07003.

Sincerely, Richard L. Duprey

The Asbury Park Press May 25, 1988

Libertarians upset by snub of candidates

Press Freehold Bureau

... MANALAPAN TOWNSHIP — The Libertarian Party of Monmouth County is angered that its candidates were not invited to a mock political convention held at a township junior high school last week.

The event drew Democratic presidential front-runner Massachusetts Gov. Michael S. Dukakis.

In a press release, the Libertarians charged the teachers at Pine Brook School who coordinated the convention with "perpetuating the myth of a two-party system" and not doing their jobs by ignoring the Libertarians.

The teachers, however, defended the "Republicrat" convention as being issues-oriented and not a political forum for one person or party.

Ron Paul, the Libertarian Party's presidential candidate, was not invited to the event, said Laura Stewart, Monmouth County chairwoman of the New Jersey Libertarian Party.

Neither were Jerry Zeldin, the Libertarian candidate for the U.S. Senate, Daniel Maiullo, candidate for 4th Congressional district (which includes Manalapan) or Mrs. Stewart, who is running for the 3rd Congressional seat held by the late James J. Howard.

"Not a single Libertarian was even informed of the event," she said. "The first we knew of it was when we read it in the paper."

Mrs. Stewart said the issue is equal exposure.

"Schools claim they are giving students an unbiased education in the political process," Mrs. Stewart said. "Most teachers would never stage a major event like this and only invite Republicans or only invite Democrats.

"That would quite rightly be seen as exerting undue influence on their students," she said.

However, social, studies teacher Lawrence D. Richmond, who coordinated the mock convention with coworkers Elfriede Thoens and Mary Edwards, said yesterday the school, "didn't intend to slight anybody."



Richmond also defended the school's curriculum as being fair and objective.

"Our curriculum is not biased toward only one or two political persuasions and we attempt to make children aware of the political opportunities available in America to all its citizens," he said. "If the Libertarians want to contact the administration, we would be interested to see what kind of presentation they would make to the students."

Richmond noted that although the convention was offered as a lesson in the political process, it was not intended to be political.

"We invited people to talk about certain issues that are very important to the students... it was the kids' show," he said. "We welcomed anyone who had an expertise in those areas to talk to them."

Richmond added that it was an unexpected bonus that Dukakis agreed to speak to the students. Other speakers included Assemblyman Robert Singer, R-Ocean, Monmouth County Free-holder Theodore Narozanick and Howard Adams, Neptune, local coordinator for the Rev. Jesse Jackson campaign.

"Gov. Dukakis spoke on drugs and alcohol abuse; Assemblyman Singer spoke on the environment; Freeholder Narozanick spoke on the responsibilities of holding office; and Mr. Adams spoke on the importance of getting involved in the political process," Richmond said.

"At no time did any of our invited guests discuss politics or debate the political differences among themselves," he said.

"The convention was not meant to be a partisan political event," he said.

The Libertarians support the right of people to do as they wish peacefully and are against governmental interference in business, people's choice of morality or lifestyle.

The New York Times
June 2, 1988

The Cost of Prohibition

To the Editor

The majority report of the law reform committee of the New York County Lawyers' Association, made public last August, is to my knowledge, the first bar association report to endorse legalization (nonprescription adult availability) of the main illegal drugs, such as cocaine and heroin. It also appears to be the first and only systematic cost-benefit analysis of drug prohibition.

The committee argues that drug prohibition causes about 7,000 deaths a year, through drug crime, acquired immune deficiency syndrome and poisoned drugs; and \$80 billion in economic loss, through drug price inflation and enforcement costs. The committee further argues that the benefits of drug prohibition are unknown, but probably minimal. The report challenges supporters of criminal drug laws to "present evidence that prohibition prevents more harm than it causes." No one has done so.

The argument that we should not legalize drugs because we are not certain about what would happen seems the last refuge of a prohibitionist. Prohibition itself was passed with little understanding of its likely effects. But now we know it was a disaster. Besides, we do know that drugs were freely available in the 19th century and were not a menace to society, according to Edward Brecher in "Licit and Illicit Drugs," by the editors of Consumer Reports.

And in 19th-century England where opium was widely available, "incapacity from use of opium was not seen as a problem of such frequency and severity as to be a leading cause for social anxiety," according to the historians Virginia Berridge and Griffith Edwards in "Opium and the People" (1987). Stanton Peele, drug-abuse expert, notes that "for most of human history, even under conditions of ready access to the most potent of drugs, people and societies have regulated their drug use without requiring massive education, legal and interdiction campaigns" nal of Drug Issues, spring, 1987).

Drug prohibition costs nearly \$10 billion out of pocket each year, imprisons 75,000 Americans and by stimulating street crime, causes the deaths of thousands of Americans each year. Yet supporters of prohibition are unable to explain what benefits we derive from this policy. Thus, it is not surprising that the notion of legalizing drugs is finally being taken seriously. And none too soon. In today's America, a marijuana seed will get your boat seized without a hearing; the police can inspect your intimate private property (garbage) without a warrant, and a military trained to shoot first and ask questions later is about to join the war on **JAMES OSTROWSKI**

Vice Chairman, Committee on Law Reform, N.Y. County Lawyers Assn. New York, May 17, 1988 ERNSBERGER TO CONGRESS

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Libertarian stresses liberty and low taxes

By ANNETTE CELLI Staff Writer

Andre Marrou, vice presidential candidate, wants to eliminate taxes, cut the federal bureaucracy by 40 percent, and create a \$487-billion-a-year surplus that would end the federal deficit.

Marrou is running with presidential candidate Ror. Paul on the Libertarian ticket.

The Libertarian party is relatively new, having begun in 1972, but its philosophy is as old as, well, America, says Marrou.

"The government that our forefathers talked about is what Libertarians are talking about. It sounds different, but it is basic American philosophy. It is based on liberty — individual rights versus government power. Thomas Jefferson said, 'The government that is best is that which governs least'; that's what we believe. Our thrust is to minimize government by cutting it where we can, cutting government regulations and bureaucracy to allow the American economy to flourish," Marrou explains.

Marrou made a stopover in Howell Township recently during a campaign trip that has taken him across the country speaking to the media about Libertarianism and the party platform.

Marrou believes 1988 could be a big year for the party. Americans, he says, are ready for a change. "We expect to pick up a lot of support from disaffected people who refuse to vote. In the 19th century, 75 percent of the people voted. It's been falling ever since. In 1984, 55 percent of the registered voters

didn't vote. We are going to give these people hope that you can make a change."

A major part of that change includes a gradual elimination of income taxes. "Like government, the best you can say (about taxes) is that they may be a necessary evil, and if so, you need to minimize that evil," Marrou says.

Instituting a hiring freeze of federal bureaucrats would be a major move toward eliminating taxes. "If we stop replacing bureaucrats as they leave, there would be 7 to 10 percent natural attrition. In four years you would be rid of 28 to 40 percent of the federal bureaucracy, which would save \$100 billion a year in salaries and fringe benefits: that equals the amount of money brought in by federal income tax."

Marrou says the IRS is "unreformable. Americans fear it; we're not supposed to fear our government."

Another means to cut taxes, the candidate says, is ending government subsidies to business and farmers, and deregulating private industry to allow the American economy to return "its natural rhythm."

Along those same lines, Marrou says the U.S. must stop subsidizing foreign countries, especially in defense matters. "We should use our defense forces to defend us; we're defending countries all over the world. Bringing the troops home would save a lot of money."

He adds that defending other countries is costly beyond the price of manpower and weaponry. He cites Japan as a prime example, insisting that money the Japanese save on national defense is pumped back into industry, creating products sold here in the United States, ultimately costing American jobs.

As far as the federal deficit is concerned, Marrou says meeting it will be "hard, but not impossible."

"There is only one way to pay a debt and that is to create a surplus. The \$2.8 trillion deficit is triple what it was before Reagan took office. A \$350 billion surplus must be created yearly for eight years to fix it. The Grace Commission Spending Report (which suggested expense-cutting measures that would allow for the elimination of income taxes over a four-year period) found that we would save \$487 billion a year. Ronald Reagan is aware of this, but had done nothing to implement it."

Marrou says the rate of taxation has increased from 15 percent in the 19th century to more than 40 percent today. "That's the direction of socialism," he adds.

Libertarianism, he claims, offers Americans an alternative to what he says is the two major partics slide toward socialism.

"The socialist party platform put forth in 1928 has been 70 or 80 percent enacted by Democrats and Republicans. Democrats are leftwing socialists who believe we should all be compassionate. So they force us all, through taxation to support social programs, to be compassionate as they define compassion. The Republicans are rightwing socialists who force us all to do what they feel is the moral thing by doing what ever they can to help big business," he says. "I carry a copy of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution with me and, I dare say, Bush and Dukakis haven't the foggiest notion of what they say."

There is no accurate record of the number of Libertarians in the United States since, Marrou says, in many states it is not possible to register as a Libertarian.

Libertarian presidential candidate Ed Clark did garner 940,000 votes in the 1980 presidential election. "That's more votes than any third party has received in a presidential election since Theodore Roosevelt in 1912," he notes. He also points out that 93 Libertarians have been elected to public office across the country.

The party suffered a defeat of sorts in the 1984 presidential election when candidate David Bergland received a disappointing 250,000 votes. The party had "bottonied out" at that point, Marrou says, but has been steadily rebuilding since.

Marrou, 49, has served one term in the Alaska House of Representatives. Paul, a 52-year-old Texan, was elected to Congress four times as a Republican. He changed his party a year and a half ago. This governmental experience, Marrou believes, will help the Paul/Marrou ticket surpass Clark's and receive an estimated 2 to 12 million votes in November.

"We have a more credible ticket. We have a former congressman and a former state legislator. We've been elected to public office, which puts us ahead of Jesse Jackson," Marrou explains.

He has, however, no illusions about the possibility of victory in the November election. "It's a long shot," he says. "A victory would be winning one or more states outright," he says.

Publicizing the party and gaining supporters is the duo's main goal but, he adds, "We're going to do better than people think."

The Journal

The Asbury Park Press

To the Editor:

A Petition relating to Assembly Concurrent Resolution 22 relating to "a limited constitutional convention to enact a balanced budget amendment," is provided as an insert in the recent issue. This petition represents as fine a trojan horse as any in Greek mythology!

If (1) adding such "a balanced budget amendment" to the Constitution would actually be observed by the Congress, then it might be worth the risk of having such a Constitutional Convention convened. Consider, however, today's Congress is NOT composed of true statesmen and opening the door, wider, to the present Congress is absolute folly—at best!

If (2) these 535 oath-breakers cannot and will to NOT observe the current printed version of the Constitution, how can we expect them to act responsibly, or in any "limited" fashion in regard to a constitutional convention?

If (3) the federal government were to adhere fully, responsibly, to the exact terms of the original document plus its initial first 10 amendments (Bill of Rights), there would be NO need for any balanced budget amendment consideration.

Yours truly, Alfred W. Steever, D.C.

Arms and options

Dear Editor:

I feel compelled to respond to the article in your opinion section June 8 entitled "Guns kill...and often" because the writer not only failed to explain the specific legislation he or she endorsed but also gave a weak one-sided account of the handgun issue.

The legislation presented by Senator Russo would effectively ban the domestic possession of handr ins in the state of New Jersey but would only affect those who are willing to comply with the gun laws in the first place (i.e. those who are law abiding citizens).

Streetwise criminals will still be able to purchase illegal weapons on the Black Market and would therefore be unaffected by this or any other anti-gun legislation. The bill would alwso boose the position of this illegal market by creating a huge demand for unregistered weapons. Most, if not all law enforcement, would back this statemment and they could also tell you that Russos' bill is merely an attempt to rally some special interests into backing his impending gubernatorial bid.

If the state continually usurps the right of the people to decide what form of firearm is acceptable in the household, then many (especially the weak and elderly) will find they no longer have the ability to protect their lives and property. The police cannot be everywhere all the time. Therefore, firearms ownership (including handguns) must be left open as an option.

Libertarian enters 3rd District race

Press Staff Report

LIBERTARIAN Laura Stewart on Tuesday announced her candidacy for the 3rd District congressional scar, saying she would be the kind of congresswoman who "just says no" to bigger government.

State Sen. Frank Pallone Jr. D-Monmouth, and former Republican state Sen. Joseph Azzolina won their parties' primaries Tuesday and are running also for the vacant seat. It was last held by Rep. James J. Howard, D-N.J., who died in March.

Libertarians support radically reduced government, generally opposing taxes and any restrictions on individual rights.

Ms. Stewart said in a press release she believes she can win because "Libertarians hold over 70 elected offices throughout the country. The Libertarian Party is the third largest party in the United States.

"Radical limitation of government is what this country was founded on," she said. "The Bill of Rights consists of nothing but radical limitations of government power."

The election for the 3rd District seat is being held in two parts — one vote to fill the final two months of Howard's term and another to fill the seat for the next two years. Ms. Stewart said voters who are reluciant to put a Libertarian in office can "try it out" by voting for her just for the two-month term.

Ms. Stewart could not be reached yesterday for comment about her background.

A free people must have the ability to decide for themselves whether or not to take on the risk, responsibility and benefit of firearms ownership. I applaud the NRA and their determined effort at protecting our constitutional right.

Michael R. Harris Bergen County Rep. N. J. Libertarian-Party Suburban News VII

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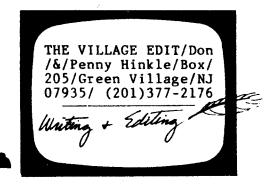
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MINEOLA, N.Y. — The owners of a Long Island clothing distribution business claimed Monday that they are the first privately operated firm in the nation to announce that they will refuse to comply with the federal Immigration Reform and Control Act.

The law requires employees to state in writing that persons whom they hire are either citizens, aliens admitted for permanent residence, or aliens authorized to work in this country.

Patricia Scutari, who, with her husband, Victor, operates The Sweater Loft in Long Beach, said they are "refusing to serve as policemen" for the federal Immigration and Naturalization Service. BERGEN RECORD THES 6/7



Freedom, anyone?

To the Editor:

As we reflect on the events of 212 years ago, we should remember that the greatest concern was establishing a government that was too powerful.

Thomas Jefferson, third president and writer of the Declaration of Independence, said, "That government is best which governs least." George Washington, first president and Revolutionary War commanding general, said, "Government is not reason. It is not eloquence. It is force! Like fire, it is a dangerous servant and a fearful master."

In 1988, we have one candidate for President who dares to believe in the principles set forth by the founding fathers — Ron Paul. It is unfortunate — indeed frightening that the party espousing freedom, the Libertarian Party, is considered to be too radical to be considered seriously by the media. If the current editors of The Philadelphia Inquirer had been alive in 1776 would they have favored the Declaration of Independence?

John S. Hill

Cherry Hill.

The Philadelphia Inquire

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