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Convention

THE BASIC PREMISE OF A FREE SOCIETY
IS THAT EACH INDIVIDUAL HAS THE RIGHT TO
LIVE HIS LIFE FOR HIS OWN HAPPINESS.

TAXPAYERS' EARNINGS DETOURED

A general meeting of the NJLP was held on the afternoon of Jan 13th, with 20 enthusiastic participants. The most important bit of action was the setting of a date for the convention, which will be held on Feb 24th from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Travelodge in Somerset. Main business of the convention will be to approve a platform, nominate candidates for state office, and elect party officers.

Assume that a state government has set up a Parkway Authority to build a roadway. Call it the Garden State Parkway.

Appointments were approved at the meeting to chair the following committees: Screening (Bill George), Platform (Joe Salerno), and Convention (Libby Butler).

Assume further that the tolls set for the roadway bring in a far greater return than was anticipated. In a short time, the Parkway is self-sufficient.

Voting by proxy and absentee ballot were approved for the convention, subject to the following:

With continually increasing revenues, the Authority coffers start to bulge. What should the Parkway Authority now do about the tolls on the Parkway? Choose one:

1. No member can offer a proxy unless he has attended a previous meeting.
2. No person can hold more than three proxies.

1. Continue to excessively tax the citizens at a higher toll rate than is required to maintain the road. Use this excess, without any vote or referendum by the citizens, to build something totally unrelated to Parkways. It should be something which suits the whim of some politician, something like a cultural experience center-- a Garden State Arts Center.

Price of admission to the convention is \$6.00, which includes meal (lunch) and gratuity. If you wish to attend, send your check to

Ms. Libby Butler
214 Vinton Circle
Fanwood, N.J. 07023

Send check 2/5

Checks should be sent before Feb 14th to guarantee a seat at the convention. Non-members may attend but will not, of course, be permitted to vote.

2. Since the tolls are excessive, reduce them to the lowest possible level consistent with maintenance of the Parkway. Allow each taxpayer to retain a bit more of his earnings.

SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP OFFER

Our thanks to Don Meinshausen, who has generously donated \$40 to (shudder) subsidize 16 new party memberships to the tune of \$2.50 each. So, while the \$40 holds out, a membership in the party will cost just \$5. If you haven't joined already, isn't this a good time?

Would it be so incredible to expect our state legislators to adopt the "radical" second alternative? Apparently it would, hence the NJ Libertarian Party.

- Robert Steiner

LATENT LIBERTARIAN ?

Assemblyman Kenneth A. Black (Republican-Salem) said in January that he would submit a bill to eliminate the words "liberty and prosperity" from the state seal if the proposed Coastal Protection Act becomes law. The act would give the state the power to regulate a wide span of coastal areas. In response to the act, Black said that "unless we are involved in our own destiny we have in effect been deprived of certain liberties." He added that "growth is our hope for prosperity. Without growth, our future looks very bleak. If the coastland protection passes, then our people in the southern part of the state have been deprived of their liberty."

Assemblyman Black also urged less "haste" in banning the proposed deep-water port off New Jersey, commenting that "to say we do not have the know-how to build an effective, efficient pollution-free port off our coast is utter folly." When the vote was taken (result: 62-1), he was the single vote against the ban.

Very fine, but we must ask- where was Mr. Black when the Assembly voted unanimously against permitting construction of a nuclear power plant 2.8 miles off the coast?(hopefully he was absent). We will endeavor to follow Mr. Black's activities in the Assembly, keeping in mind a possible endorsement by NJLP in the November elections.

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Charles H. Fields, vice-president of the N.J. Farm Bureau, says "assorted, informed sources" have found that:

- The number of state and local government employees increased four times as fast as the population over the last decade.

- Nearly 14 million Americans are govt. employees and they earn an average of \$500 more a year than the average taxpayer.

- Federal spending has reached the level of "one man's lifetime earnings burned up every 37 seconds.

Edison didn't bitch about darkness.

"Famine will not be stopped by people carrying placards in parades. Famine will be stopped by those men who can fix nitrogen cheaply at low temperature and low pressures and bring nitrogen fertilizers to the world, by the geneticists who will be able to breed plants with high lysine, tryptophane and methionine content in their protein. It will not be effected by slogans and bumper stickers."

-Prof. Paul Saltman
U. Cal., San Diego

COUSTEAU SUNK

"When effluents from a paper mill can be drunk and exhaust from factory smokestacks can be breathed, then man will have done a good job in saving the environment....What we want is zero toxicity; no effluents."

-Jacques Cousteau
Los Angeles Times Nov 23 '71

"Cousteau, himself, breathes in air with 21% oxygen and exhales it with 17%. He drinks water with perhaps 200 ppm (parts per million) dissolved solids and releases it with perhaps 20,000 ppm. No living animal can meet his criteria (for no effluents). It is equally unrealistic to expect it of industry.

- E. G. Loewll
Los Angeles Times Dec 30 '71

CRUEL PUNISHMENT ?

The Cahill Administration has proposed a bill which would make all state prison inmates eligible for a parole hearing after they had served 6 months of their sentence. Six months for homicide? But the bill only says the prisoners would be eligible after 6 months. Right?

But wait. The State Supreme Court is hearing a case, Monks vs. Parole Board, which, if won by Monks, would essentially put the onus on the parole board to tell why they haven't paroled Mr. XI

Combine this with the proposed bill and Wham-O! You can murder anyone you like if you can hold your temper during a six month vacation (at taxpayer expense).

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NOTES..... Membership in NJLP now at 35.....final NJ election tally: Hospers/Nathan got 89 votes (lots of room for improvement).....Remember all you were taught about the evils of big business, trusts, mergers, and how the government must step in to break up the giants to protect the little man? Well, the state government is now encouraging (i.e. threatening to coerce) three railroads to merge..... NJLP has received some interesting mailings from a California group called Campus Studies Institute. We will occasionally reprint selected portions in PREMISE (the articles in the 2nd column on page 2 are based on CSI material).

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NJLP needs MANY MORE MEMBERS, and the best way to get them is by person-to-person contact. Talk to your friends about the party, and if they show an interest, send us their name and address and we'll send them the latest PREMISE and a membership blank.

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"Communism is a drag-- it's like one big telephone company. Capitalism gives you a choice, baby, and that's where it's at."

- Lenny Bruce

FREE!

The other day I found myself listening once again to highly critical and disparaging comments on the shameful treatment of old people in our country. The critics are good friends of mine who immigrated here about twelve years ago from a small, socialist European country.

Since their tone implied a simple, compassionate solution, I asked, "What happens to the old people in your native country?"

They gave me vivid descriptions of beautiful residential homes, bright nursing and convalescent homes, and super geriatric hospitals staffed with devoted and dedicated doctors and nurses.

My next question was, of course, about the cost involved to the individual person or family, and the response was "None-- the government provides all."

"Why in the world don't you go back to your homeland to live instead of struggling here?" I asked.

"Oh, we couldn't possibly live there," they replied in shocked tones, "the taxes are too high!"

- Libby Butler

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