



# PREMISE

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## KEEP IT GROWING

Following the nominating convention, John Goodson, our gubernatorial candidate, has been the subject of several objective news stories - both Goodson and the NJLP have received a number of letters concerning libertarianism and the party, and membership is growing slowly but steadily. Also, informal contact with some of Sandman's staff indicates that, should Sandman fail to receive the Republican nomination, they would vote for the Libertarian candidate, rather than for Cahill or the American Party candidate.

A tally of those present at the March 24th meeting revealed that, so far, we have about 450 of the 800 signatures required to get Goodson on the ballot. But over 400 of those signatures were collected by just five of the members. If we do not do the work to get our ideas across and provide a libertarian alternative, then all the statist who are willing to do the work will keep on succeeding, unchallenged. If you want to see something happen, don't expect someone else to do it for you - do it yourself ( a very libertarian idea). Understand that you are doing no one but yourself a favor by getting signatures. Understand also that we may as well bury our heads for a year if we don't get on the ballot.

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"We have something very tangible to offer,--something very rational, practical, and easy of application. We offer non-compulsive organization...We offer every possible method of voluntary social union by which men and women may act together for the furtherance of well-being."

- Benjamin Tucker

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

## A Day in a Life

Woke up this morning to State controlled, censored, and regulated radio. Proceeded to the bathroom to wash with soap which had to meet government approval. Consumer advocates fought hard for a cleaner face. Went downstairs and ate eggs and other farm products which are expensive because the government pays wealthy farmers not to grow food.

After breakfast I have a cigarette which the surgeon general has determined is dangerous to my health. Isn't that for me to worry about?

On my way to work I travel on State owned roads. The gas I need costs 33 cents per gallon, of which 15 cents goes to the government. Before returning home, I pick up my little brother from Public School- government controlled and owned. Even private schools are being directly or indirectly subsidized.

At the end of the week I look forward to receiving my pay check. Unfortunately, my due money has been greatly slashed by social security and income taxes- both are socialistic practices. Let's see- that's about 40% of my earnings going to the government. That's leading a good life for the State.

Now it is time for me to retire. for the night. Tonight I dream again of trains and await the arrival of the free marketeers.

Fred Stein  
 150-44-1863



John A. Goodson

Impressions...1st NJ Libertarian Convention

A brave new world shaping up? It just could be.

Thanks to Libby Butler...an ideal setting for our first time around.

On Saturday, entering the Travelodge and seeing for the first time the lush surroundings, the designer's clean, functional beauty... would the Travelodge ever have been built in a Socialist or Communist state? The profit motive is the reason it is there... private money, risk capital, the chance for gain and the idea that the entrepreneurs should share their profits with a state now building second slums in the ghettos of East Harlem, southside Chicago, the Central Ward in Newark for the losers, is the central tragedy of our time.

Our candidate Governor John Goodson impressed me deeply...obviously knowledgeable, softspoken, with an attractive diffidence...the Libertarian approach in New Jersey will be much favored by his candidacy.

Bob Steiner chaired the proceedings with skill and relaxed good humor...

Our Counsel, Ralph Fucetola, seems dedicated and with the skills the Libertarian Party will look for and need.

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Dr. Murray Rothbard was a sheer pleasure! I have read some of his works... it was an ultimate satisfaction to meet and talk with him...

And all of us might remember in the upcoming election, in the months and years ahead, the Libertarian Party has a single, sterling value which can not be logically claimed by any other political party...the truth!... the rational objective demonstrated truth! And truth will prevail!

Congratulations and thanks to all you young libertarians...it is a pleasure to work with you...

William Maidment

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Stretch my neck on your gallows pole,  
Cut my tongue with the bayonet.  
Lead my lover away in the night,  
And crush her bones neath soldiers' boots.

It hardly matters.

Tyrant, ideas pay you no heed.

Pregnant with life, they mock your  
impotent bullets.  
They move

as a whispering temptress  
in soft insinuation.

They move

as relentlessly as glacial ice.

Tyrant, your long night will soon die.

Slain by truth's new moon!

- Joe Salerno

Convention Details

The Ohio LP has reserved space for the national convention at the Holiday Inn, I-71 and State Route 82, Strongsville, Ohio, 44136, (216)238-8800. Registration will begin at 6:00 pm, June 7th, in the lobby of the Inn. Convention sessions will be held all day, June 8th & 9th. There will be a National ExecComm meeting on June 10th, with anyone welcome to attend as an observer. Details on these and all social activities will be forthcoming as plans are finalized.

Convention room rates, per day, are as follows: Single occupancy, \$16, Double occupancy, \$20. Multiple occupancy add \$3 per person to \$20 rate. Rates do not include the 4 1/2% Ohio tax.

The Inn is only seven months old. It is one mile north of the Ohio Turnpike (Exit #10), and only 10 miles from Cleveland-Hopkins airport. Facilities include color TV in every room, indoor/outdoor pool, hydrotherapeutic pool and saunas. Credit cards accepted are: Gulf Oil, American Express, Diner's Club, Master Charge and Bank Americard.

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National Tax Day Protests are being organized by several libertarian organizations, including the Society for Individual Liberty (SIL). If you want to actively participate, call Don Meinshausen (201-667-5596), or the Laissez Faire Bookstore in New York City.

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**LETTERS**

Several years ago, the Beatles recorded a song entitled "Ticket to Ride". The song became a hit and the lyrics are still well known. One recurring couplet from the song might serve as a warning to our party. The couplet reads- "she's got a ticket to ride, but she don't care!"

The ticket to ride is the \$7.50 membership fee to NJLP. \$7.50 is a cheap price for another political organization to pay to infiltrate and possibly disrupt our fledgling party. The fact that someone, anyone in our 43 member party has paid \$7.50 does not automatically qualify them as true libertarians and earn them our trust. We must look deeper.

The second half of the couplet reads- "but she don't care." How can we, the true libertarians, recognize the wolves? Some wolves will wear the sheep's (libertarian's) clothing and will be very difficult to detect. But what about those who are blatantly wolves?- those who would have us compromise our principles? These wolves are plainly visible to those with open eyes. They are not purist libertarians and do not believe only in our party. They, for motives not yet clear, would have us sell our party down the river before it even gets established.

Those who advocate the principles of more than one party are a total disservice to either party. I strongly urge no support for those of us who show dual alliances.

Soon you, too, will recognize that "they got their tickets to ride- but they don't care!"

-Lawrence G. Totams

At the convention I moved that NJLP members (in becoming members) subscribe (verbally or in writing) to the Libertarian Party Principles as stated in a previous issue of PREMISE. There was no second to that motion. That this is not academic was evidenced by statements of several members that they do not so subscribe.

The decisive factor in my joining NJLP was thorough agreement with a set of meaningful principles. Since the party has sanctioned contradiction of these principles my reason for joining- and for remaining- ceases. I resign.

- H. J. Collins



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