



# PREMISE

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE

## NEW JERSEY LIBERTARIAN PARTY

P.O. BOX 333, ASBURY PARK, N.J. 07712

Editor: Lydia Longinotti

Vol. 1 No. 8

June 1973

### MEETING

Over 20 people attended the May 18th meeting of NJLP. Andrea Millen, chairman of the Free Libertarian Party of New York, delivered a short message, exhorting members of NJLP to "find something for themselves" in the party, while Paul Streitz, FLP candidate for Councilman-At-Large, discussed the "merchandising" of libertarian ideas and candidates.

The gubernatorial campaign was outlined by Lydia Longinotti- about four press conferences will be held by Goodson to formally announce his candidacy, and explain in detail his position on selected major issues (Ecology and the Energy Crisis, Crime and the Judicial System, and Taxes). Joe Salerno, John Biddle, and Fred Stein volunteered to do research for the position papers. Larry Totams will be in charge of fundraising for the campaign, while Jane Rehmke and Robert Steiner will cooperate to answer TV editorials. Joe Salerno will continue in his platform capacity to review Goodson's positions on the various issues for the party.

In other business, Don Meinshausen resigned as Treasurer and was replaced by Larry Totams. Election of delegates to the LP convention was judged unnecessary since we have been advised by LP that there will be no "voting" issues. We hope to have some good eyewitness reporting on the convention for the July PREMISE from the several NJLP members who will be attending.

\* \* \*

"It is a socialist idea that making profits is a vice. I consider the real vice is making losses."

- Winston Churchill

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

### And Thereby Hangs A Tale...

As every Psychology-1 student knows, how one asks a question is every bit as important as what is asked.

All this came up when a Harris Survey revealed last month that "a majority of the public gives its support to the (notion that 'society' has) an obligation to provide a minimum standard of income..."

Well! Burn my copy of THE LADY? Get back in step with the masses? What?

Well, friends, simplest thing is to examine the question asked (quote): "If you had to choose, would you rather see a person's income depend on his skills... ." etc., etc. NOT "If you had to make up the difference, would you rather...etc."

Instead, the question presumes the belief, touching and magical, that SOMEONE, SOMEHOW would make it all right, that one could simply state a preference with no consequences at all. "Do you want to see Tinkerbell live? Just clap your hands."

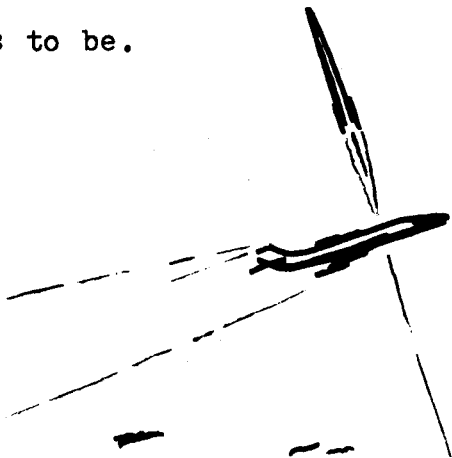
In real life, it takes a bit more.

- John A. Goodson

To Me

- Hal Collins

To see a bird fly  
and beyond  
geese steadily  
muscle their way in the air-  
And beyond, a jet still rising  
from next county's airport.  
To see it in binoculars clearly  
and to notice beyond and above  
a straight, narrow, white arrow  
the point a silver speck  
the point a palatial living room  
To know that, beyond, men walk on the moon  
To smile at what can be  
Is to cry that it may not be  
After the cry to know that  
The Law of Life  
The mightiest law of the universe  
Says it shall be  
To go do it  
Is to be.



NO NOOSE IS GOOD NOOSE?



The question of the acceptability of capital punishment is a tough one for libertarians who, while viewing murder as the most horrible use of force imaginable, are reluctant to grant representatives of the victim (be they government or otherwise) the right to "vengeance". One reason cited is that force is justifiable only in defense of rights, and the victim's right to life can no longer be defended. Another is that justice is confined to retribution, and a dead man can not be recompensed. The question can be dealt with, however, in another manner.

First, a hypothetical situation. While leaving the Golden Nugget Saloon, Matt Upright is shot in the back by Black Bart. Dying, Matt turns and draws his own revolver and aims it at Bart. Upright knows he's a goner; he is not, therefore, defending his life. Does he have the right to pull the trigger- to "drag Bart down with him"?

Common sense says yes, but why? The answer is that an implicit offer has been made by the aggressor to deal on a different moral plane than the rational. Bart has declared his willingness to "do business" with Upright on the terms of savages - Upright, through his own actions or those of his representatives, may respond to the invitation or not, as he wishes.

Apart from solving the purely pragmatic problem of what to do with murderers, there is a moral justification for capital punishment- the right of a person, directly or through his agents, to enter into an arrangement offered by someone else. That's why, in all those movies, Matt Upright always says (just before pulling the trigger)...."If that's the way you want it...."

- David Longinotti

"No bird flies too high, if he flies with his own wings."

- William Blake

# LETTERS

-From the 4/23/73 Akron Beacon Journal

Dear Sir:

I recently received an unsolicited letter from the Citizens for Decent Literature which contained the most shocking filth imaginable. It shamelessly described, in vivid detail, men and women in groups and singularly, engaging in.....censorship!

They even requested that I participate in their immoral acts and that I encourage my public officials to do likewise. I was so embarrassed I had to read their trash in the dark, so I wouldn't be seen with such debauchery.

Imagine what would happen if some boy found this vulgarity and tried to teach censorship to some little girl-it could ruin her mind for life!

Such a perverted act as censorship must end or it will lead to the depravity and corruption of the whole society.

Charles Mackinson

\* \* \*

Ayn Rand Study Group (Society for the Integrity of Man) resumed in May. Purpose of the group is the study of Miss Rand's work through open, informal discussions following recordings, tapes, readings by members, etc., plus opportunity to socialize. Prerequisite: Atlas Shrugged and basic agreement with premises therein. Group meets every Friday, 8 pm, at 444 E. 36th St., Paterson, Apt. 3. Admission and refreshments courtesy of moderator Robert Charles Van Orden. Space is limited. For information, or to reserve a seat, call 201-881-1763, or 201-472-0800.

NOTES.....Utah LP chairman Karl Bray was arrested by IRS and held without charge for 14 hours while his office was unlawfully entered and searched. The IRS admits to the search but denies taking \$30,000 in cash which Bray says was hidden there. The events occurred 5 days after Bray led a protest against the IRS. National LP suggests that letters be written to Senators Sam Ervin and Joseph Montoya who are conducting a probe of IRS arrogance. They also suggest that a contribution be made to the Taxpayers Legal Defense Foundation, 1644 Laird Ave, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84105.....Articles on Goodson published in Free Aquarian and Hackensack Record.....Bill George had letter published in Select Magazine (cir. 1/4 million) urging votes for Goodson.....There will be a discussion on financing government without taxes 2 pm Sunday, June 10 at Free Acres, an "intentional" community within Berkley Heights. Talk is sponsored by Free Acres Library Committee; if you're interested, call Bill George (233-4082) for directions.....State Sen. James Wallwork is holding hearings on legislation to prohibit the Dept. of Agriculture from setting minimum milk prices..... An appeals court in Trenton ruled that the state does not have the right to reduce welfare payments to a woman when her boyfriend moves in with her.....Jane Rehmke is trying to organize a libertarian "flea market" to raise money for the campaign. She's looking for a good location, trucks or station wagons, and junk to sell. If you can help, write to Jane at 19 Oak Place, Bernardsville 07924, or phone 766-5735.....John Goodson is preparing an evaluation of Rothbard's book For A New Liberty. According to Goodson, the review, to be called "O Tempora, O Murray!" will "blow the covers off the book".

\* \* \*

"A man can ethically tap only his own resources. A thin veil called democracy cannot conceal plunder. Coercion by a majority is no less reprehensible than that perpetrated by a tyrant, even if its application is less bold and bloody and bright."

- James W. Muller

## PREMISE

is published monthly by the New Jersey Libertarian Party. Views represented in articles and letters are not necessarily positions of the Party. Single issue price is \$.25, a one year subscription is \$3.00. A limited number of back issues are available at \$.25/each. Articles and letters for publication should be received at least 2 weeks before the end of the month for publication in the next month's PREMISE.

---



**LIBERTARIAN PARTY**

**FOR THE MOST DOWNTRODDEN  
MINORITY - YOU!**

---

**NEW JERSEY  
LIBERTARIAN PARTY**  
P. O. BOX 333  
ASBURY PARK, N.J. 07712

