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ALIVE AND WELL !!!

"Despite a vicious, last ditch attempt by a very small cabal of destructive anarchists, to forever destroy the Libertarian Party of Maryland, our Libertarian body politic, emerged victorious in their exercise [sic] of good common sense and elected an excellent new slate of young, hard working Libertarians to the State Party Officerships. [?]

"To immediately show the world that they were too smart to be taken in by a small group of vandals, their first official act was to order the immediate condemnation of the use of slander and calumny by promptly cutting off all further funds for TOWARD LICENSE [sic] and the vandal who perverted the Party newsletter for his own personal vendetta ---MR. Phil Mangler. [sic sic]"

(Presumably the author of the above eyewash is Bill Bobick, ex-chair of MLP and present editor of the Maryland Libertarian.)

The November issue of the Maryland Libertarian contains (or should have tried to) an article, "The Dogs and the Manger." Here are a few excerpts, or material taken out of context.

"The articles that will be appearing under the title...are not to be taken as a personal attack on anyone..." [Introduction. Falls flat.]

"[Some people are not libertarians, but] dirty vandals..." [An entire article on this later.]

In the October Toward Liberty, editor Phil Manger "again evidenced his pernicious destructive abilities....using the Party newsletter to sardonically attack....he succeeded in sowing divisiveness [sic] and discontent wherever he went."

"An intransigent [sic] inveigler, who's [sic] only tools are a foul mouth and vituperative invective, Phil....used the party newsletter as a tool for his own personal vendetta against anyone who had been elected over him in the party. We suspect that in his sick mind, Phil resented not being able to gain control of the party....and in his kindergarten fashion, he chose to show his indignation via the misuse of the party paper and the incessant use of his foul mouth."

"The 'last issue' of T.L. was Phil's way of throwing the final rock. (Like a small vindictive [sic] child.) ... He does not understand [the Constitution of the MLP]. He is too simple minded."

"Phil and his archtypical [sic] mate, Mary Monsoon from New Jersey, are two of a kind. Both evidence a proclivity toward empiricism [sic]. (Charlatanism...) That Mary can make no claim to knowledge is evident in her euphamistic [sic] remarks about philosophy and economics. An intractable foul-mouthed, poison pen artist; she pours out her fetid offal in collusion with Phil's twisted truths, as another inveigler and purveyor of humbug. Her poorly written drivel is not further worthy of comment."

The very next words: "Yes, Phil and Mary made me mad. They took bits and pieces of material, out of context, from private communications and distorted the meaning...in such a way as to convince the gullible that Bill and I were some [sic] sort of dictators, because we tried to bring TOWARD LIBERTY under objective control of the state central committee, so that it could stop being a one-man-rule newsletter. [What about one-man-work?] I complement [sic] Mary's ability in detecting typographical and spelling errors in private private [sic] communications, meant to convey ideas, not to pass spelling tests. This ability, after all, seems to be the only positive attribute that Mary brings to the New Jersey newsletter."

"Finally, let's [sic] examine the type of personality that needs the pseudo self-esteem such as these two editors, who publish to such a great audience of approx. 100 sub. each. What a boost to their ego, to use these mighty newsletters as their own personal axes!"

The above were written by R. I. Powell.

Mr. Powell, you might investigate whether anyone received a copy of the Oct. TL before the convention (you complain you did not); perhaps, too, Phil distributed copies at the convention to save some money, though he didn't save much thereby, since so few members showed...In fact I noticed you were not there, "good Libertarian" that you are.

I have often observed that the people who claim that a certain skill has little importance, are the ones who lack it. I sic'd your spelling errors only to point out your slothful illiteracy. Naturally, spelling isn't nearly as important as content, and perhaps I should not have made much of your errors. It might have given the impression of validity to what it pleases you to call your ideas.

THE MD. CONVENTION

I have lost my notes, but I am possessed of a notoriously indiscriminate memory; foremost I remember being unable to write near as fast as the absurdities were spoken. There were no official records; to the inevitable "I didn't say that....I didn't use that word" I can only say, "Yes you did."

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You are probably holding another oversized paper. Is it too long, as the recording secretary thinks? Are there too many words on the front page, as the chairbeast thinks? Is it unintelligible? Controversial? Slanderous? Please drop a line with some answers...and if you do, would you mind it's being sent to the State Com if it is not printed, as the Treasurer thinks it should be? And you from out-of-state who do not pay the subscription rate, would you mind doing so, as I think you should?

A word about policy (mine). When I consider an attack to be more cutting than usual, I get approval before printing. I may be ridiculous but I'm not stupid.

How do I get such approval? Don't ask.

Our free printers are gone, because our boy did something rash again. He's so reliable that way...

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From the New York Times, December 29, 1974:

"Scientists have discovered that human females ...secrete 'sex attractant' chemicals.

"The chemicals...called pheromones...have been shown to stimulate sexual behavior in the male monkey.

"The presence of pheromones in humans, though long suspected, was only recently confirmed by researchers in Atlanta...

"Further studies are necessary to determine whether the chemicals play any role in human sexual behavior. If it turns out in time that pheromones provoke sexual stimulation in humans, as they do in monkeys, some women may be faced with a difficult choice. ..."

President Ford's Conference on Inflation appears to have laid the proverbial egg (as might well have been expected). The hodge-podge of "economists," including Keynesians, Monetarists, Socialists and Manchesterists, mentally masturbated for two weeks at the expense of the taxpayers (as might well have been expected). President Ford, however, hailed the Conference as a considerable success because it achieved its avowed purpose...that is, that economists could mentally masturbate for two weeks at the expense of the taxpayers. This is tantamount to saying that time and money should be spent for the sake of spending time and money... I suspect that hoping for any more from the State would be naive.

Ford has suggested a new tax which ostensibly will curb inflation. If the proposed surtax is the logical outgrowth of the Conference, then the Conference was a hoax. Conversely, if the proposal is not the logical outgrowth of the Conference, then the Conference was a hoax. In either case, one is hard pressed to discover a reason for the continuing acquiescence to the State on the part of the taxpayer... I suspect that hoping for any more at this stage from the average taxpayer would be naive.

To briefly outline the surtax proposal: first, it is a typical socialist scheme to take from the rich and give to the poor, with one notable exception: the categorization of "rich" has extended into the realm of the lower middle class. People whose adjusted income is in excess of fifteen thousand dollars are now considered rich...the State is just loaded with compliments. Secondly, the poor will not be directly subsidized, but rather will be given a tax break. The significance of this will be explained in detail below.

What are the aggregate implications of this tax? First, as libertarians, we know that inflation is not high prices, but only the result of an increased supply of money. Inflation is the increase in the money supply. This being the case, a tax, per se, will not reduce inflation, because it does not decrease the money supply; therefore, prices will remain correspondingly high. Second, the dollars taken from the "rich" people will decrease their "propensity to save," thereby leaving less money in financial institutions' time accounts to meet the current credit crunch which is causing shortages and production bottlenecks. Taken by itself, this could be a good thing, because it could usher in the long awaited liquidation process in which all of the malinvestments emanating from inflationary periods would be dissipated. However, the reluctance on the part of the State to allow the money supply to shrink will bring on the Browne-predicted monetary crisis. Third, the persons receiving the tax break will take their additional dollars and attempt to purchase consumer goods, thereby keeping upward pressure on consumer prices and causing further market distortions. Since high prices act as a signal for business to expand production, this keeps upward pressure on already-crippled capital markets. When businesses begin to fail as a result of their inability to get sufficient capital, government revenues will decrease. The State will have to sell its Treasury bonds to the "fed" (otherwise known as deficit spending) to fund its programs and pay its employees, causing a further increase in the money supply...an inflationary depression would be the result in the final analysis. Carried to its logical conclusion, monetary collapse occurs.

Consequential to this, the logical statement would be that all tax schemes of this nature will have catastrophic implications... I suspect that hoping for the State to be logical is naive personified.

Bill Schetlick

md. from p. 1

It was Oct. 5; there were maybe 20 people; the blackboard said, Under the auspices of (something) Rational...under which were 6 points, among them,

Elect a chairman for the convention. They chose Eric Scott Royce, the reasoning being that he was neutral. Like a tomcat. He used the flowery phrases like, "The chair will now entertain a motion...." all the while wearing a conspicuous anarchist button. He favored Phil's opponents and later observed, it was unwise of Phil to attend without a horde of supporters.

Point 3 was to hear reports from officers, and precious few were there to report.

About a half hour into the convention, Point 4 was taken up: will they amend the existing constitution, write one from scratch, or just scrap it.

The principal architect of the existing constitution, Edwin Vieira, the one in the green quasi-military dress, took up most of the time: before the convention began, in fact, he was heard to say that the editor from New Jersey must be an escapee from St. Elizabeth's (an asylum, they tell me). He had read my article on the MLP.

Vieira, before defending his immortal document, said, "I'm not here to defend this thing. I have read several pieces of trash today [the October TL which contained my article and others on the mess the MLP had become]...it surprises me that the ones who know least what they're talking about make the most noise."

On the "overorganization" of the constitution: "Structure will be set up whether you like it or not." (Vieira)

It was said that the Const. was necessary because "you can't get on the ballot without it." Phil replied that no effort had been made to get on the ballot. (One of his main objections to the Const. was that it had been used as a weapon in personal-ity disputes; the Chair had tried to suppress dissenting opinions. Hearing its author talk, this was eminently credible. I believe it's called the Argument from Intimidation...)

Vieira to Manger: "I mean, come on, Phil....are you determined....[you're saying] stuff that you wouldn't expect to hear from a freshman law student ...absurdity...bullshit...you're getting very close to libel, libel per se where nothing need be proved to collect damages..."

When Phil suggested that instead of committees, which collect dead wood, they ought to have only unofficial groups (of doers), Vieira likened those to the "study groups" of the Weimar republic. (The Weimar era preceded the Nazi era in Germany.) He noted that they did nothing but sit around and talk, they could do nothing since they had no authority, thus Hitler rose to power. Curious logic.

James Spriggs enlightened us on the purpose of a constitution: "It's to create rights....for members who paid for them." That's what you said, Mr. Spriggs. I could never forget that. You also said, "If there's no constitution, there's no party...it is self-evident."

Vieira again: "This is a bureaucratic organization for the simple reason that it's a non-profit one." He got von Mises to back him up.

To a comment of Phil's which was not, he replied, "That is simple nonsense." "If you read the goddamn document...every government founders when spending others' money..." This last referred to the collection of dues, which he is NOT against. Also in the course of not defending the thing, he said, "It's not the fault of the Constitution...it's us." The MLP is not, he decided, big enough to appreciate the joys of the thing, to use it properly. The world is just not sublime enough to recognize your worth, is that it, Mr. Vieira? I do believe von Mises mentioned that very attitude in one of his works. I failed to mention in that article, I read Greek.

Point 5 of the agenda was the election of new officers. The chairman, vice chairman, and possibly others, had quit. Chris Grieb and Jim Spriggs vied for chair; Grieb gave such a lovely speech, calling for unity and all that, Spriggs was almost convinced himself. Grieb won, later to be driven home lying on his belly in the back of a wagon. Telling me the whole time what a nice writer I was; then he told Jane Rehmke what an awful nasty person I was to write that article about the MLP.

Phil's continued attempts to junk the constitution were met with all manner of objections. His last, asking for a "friendly suspension" of it until a committee could study the matter at length, received this from Vieira: "What the hell's the difference, really?" This hours after the discussion began.

They decided to retain the Const. and their solicitor, Vieira of course. Long into the afternoon they began to consider amendments to the Const., but by that time I was remming.

At least three times a motion was made to table the consideration of amendments. At least twice it was seconded.

The last thing I remember was Royce giving a State of the LP speech, taking that opportunity to rap Bob Steiner and plug Sandy Cohen.

With adjournment, no one had the energy to scatter; I eavesdropped on a conversation between Vieira and an unknown woman, and the subject was abortion and conscription. Somehow Vieira tied the two together, and I noted without surprise that he approved conscription, in times of dire emergency or whatever the phrase is. The lady asked of amnesty; he does not favor that in such cases. The lady asked by what right does he demand her son's life. She got the usual answer, with a little adornment.

Enough. Phil, get yourself away from these birds. Let them nibble each other to death.

McADAM - MASON DIALOGUE I

Dear Mary:

I've done a lot of thinking recently about why I joined the NJLP last July. I've tried to remember just what I expected to gain from becoming a member and just what I expected the NJLP to be as an organization. As some of you already know, I've been disheartened and discouraged during the past few months and have seriously considered resigning from my position as Executive Secretary.

What has upset me is a trait which I have noticed in some libertarians, a trait I personally never expected to find in a libertarian. Because it was so noticeable in a few people, I lost sight of the fact that it is not present in the majority of libertarians I've met.

It seems to me that some "libertarians" have the attitude that all other people, especially other libertarians, must be just like they are. They seem to gain some kind of satisfaction from personal bickerings and attacks. It also seems that they believe that there's something inherently evil about cooperating with each other.

I'm afraid that it's like Sharon Presley said at our February State Convention. There really are libertarians who have a psychologically authoritarian attitude toward other people. As she stated, what is needed in libertarians is not just an economic and political laissez-faire attitude but a psychological laissez-faire attitude as well -- a genuine attitude of "live and let live."

I believe it's time to remember the stated goal of the NJLP. According to our By-Laws: "The purpose of the NJLP is to organize the means for promoting libertarian ideas and institutions." That's what it's all about! That's why I became a member. I expected to work together with other libertarians to increase my knowledge of libertarian ideas and to help to spread the ideas to other people. I hope we can get to this job soon because it's our liberty that's at stake.

Kathleen McAdam
Executive Secretary

Ed. note: Out-party I don't know you, or any but three of them; but I know of the two kinds of people you mention—and that they can blend (into one rotter) but seldom do.

There's the authoritarian, then the ones who "gain some kind of satisfaction from personal bickerings." Anyone who is truly satisfied by that seeks variety and dissent, whereas authoritarians don't. The blend comes when the authoritarian sees internal bickering as weakness, and desires this to further his own authority.

I think libertarianism by its nature attracts bickerers, congenital malcontents and acquired-burn rebels. Organizations attract bosses. Personally I find that combination charming.

I know of one person who is both authoritarian and rebel. It is a nuclear blend indeed, and dangerous to the party if anything is; but I feel no purging drive about it, despite many head-spinning hours of listening to destructive, malevolent possibilities. As for the pure boss or rebel, I doubt the party (as a party) would be healthy without them both. The bickerers need someone to needle, the bosses need someone to exhort to. A very small percentage will do anything (this same bunch often doesn't), and even they don't always know why they started. While we're at it, just what needs doing? You want to spread ideas? I'm not stopping you. Bosses are not stopping you.

But you're an organizer, like Jane. You want to direct, record, bring logic to the spreading—you want to pigeonhole. Ralph wants to clarify the thing to death. Fred wants to hail-fellow-well-met. Grace wants to help. Judy and Warren want to recede and raise their kids, already. Bob—only God knows. I probably can't explain what I want...

Cooperation? With whom: you? And cooperation is mutual aid to mutual benefit. Thus I'm cooperating with you and anyone else who sends me material to print: I do it. When I don't "cooperate," as with the State Com, it's because their demands are not to my benefit, and all they have to offer is, if I do it they'll let me keep my job.

Yes, some people do think there's something "inherently evil about cooperating." More, though, think it only highly unbecoming. Even more so cherish the unwithered mind, they'd sooner be argued with, just to be dealing with one, than have any number of vegetables nod. When your life is well-stocked with clear right and wrong, you begin to take it for granted, and what matters becomes not who knows, but who cares.

I'd find better company in a desperate fascist than in any bovine-placid libertarian who has all the answers, and can say no more than, "Isn't that nice/Quite....Dear me, isn't it awful about.../Um-hmm." I get a bigger charge out of talking to myself (which I think I'm doing now). But the one who, even if he's wrong, will carry it off the cliffs if he thinks he's right—as far as I'm concerned, that's what's at stake when our liberty is at stake, that kind of person. I risked my neck and my liberty to have it, and I would still have it at the expense of any loyalty, safety, certainty, and easily any party.

Perhaps you are speaking not of liberty, but of orthodoxy (something quite apart from "psychological laissez-faire"). That surely is at stake. Be my guest, Kathy. Stomp on the faggots: spread sparks.

P.S. 12/16: Again it appears I've been anything but lucid. Well, then, one of the brightest scenes I've ever witnessed (often) is when someone says to my dear husband, "You can't do that." To which he looks up pertly and replies, "Watch me."

Flash! -- Bergen County Chamber of
Commerce has just published a booklet --

"NEW TAXATION CAN DESTROY
NEW JERSEY'S BUSINESS"

It is an excellent summary of the present
situation. For your copy write or phone



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Dear lady-

Having observed you wield that magnificently vicious tongue of yours through two issues of LNJ, I can - in my official capacity - only agree with Bill Westmiller. The last thing the Libertarian Party needs just now (while our idola triba are still fresh from the mold and hence easily broken) is another William Cowper Brann, laying madly about with a baseball bat, infinitely amusing, infinitely exciting - and infinitely destructive.

Indeed, I would go farther than Bill; your capacity for stunning invective, coupled with your choice of targets, has little place in any periodical intended to promote the Libertarian cause, but belongs rather in some brilliantly written and fanatically totalitarian journal (the old "Masses" would be perfect).

And yet . . .

The fact remains that, at a personal level, I am a hard-core addict of English polemic and you are the most competent practitioner of that doubtful art to come down the pike in many a weary year. Which is to say, the fact remains that you have something I want and (like a patron of a whorehouse) I can only extend my three dollars and hope my friends won't find out. Please continue to brown wrapper, . . . and I fervently hope that no one else in Illinois will ever hear of you.

Steve Nelson
Chairman, LP Illinois

Ed. note: Thank you for your warm letter check. I and the rest of the moral lepers here at LNJ appreciate your praise of style, yea, prefer it to praise of attitude, full knowing we are damned.

You might be interested (or you might not, but no matter) in something I just wrote to a mutual acquaintance:

"...is much displeased with my nasty ways. I keep telling him, as I told hundreds before, that it's a sign of vitality, for me. He has light in his veins, all very well, but I prefer blood. If there's a sweeter word than play, it must be conflict. Nothing serious---just a little trouble, some struggle, some thunder to remind you, you haven't got it made, you upstart mortal, so be aware ...I never get along with people I like. Something tells me, it wouldn't be right: it would be tiresome."

Thanks for the lexy romp. The oblatatrix so seldom gets a chance to see those pagina aurea.

Dear Mary,

The next meeting of the NJLP State Committee is scheduled for Friday, December 13 at...

We will be discussing the disposition of the profits of the economic seminar, the National Exec Com meeting of last weekend, and our upcoming convention.

...I do hope to see you there.

Jane T. Rehmke

Ed. note: Sorry, J.T., but I could not attend due to grievous illness, better now thank you.

I have been told of how the meeting went, and its discussions which you have not mentioned; you have my word that I will never, never, miss another, barring the grossest of infirmities. Even on my back I enjoy a scrap, and sure missed one on that ugly evening. Or so they say.

HARROFF

Kay Harroff, former chairman of the Ohio LP, ran for Senate as an Independent. After the election, which she lost need I say (to John Glenn), Harroff distributed a paper summarizing the campaign. Much of it is profitable information for Jersey libertarians.

"...It would appear that a strong, hard-core, full-time candidate is the best investment libertarians can make in any political campaign. All our publicity---and it was sizeable, even with all the many media that persisted in ignoring me completely---concerned our principles and platform positions. We got literally pages of newspaper space and hours upon hours of radio/TV time. Publicity stunts (we did none) get coverage---but so can our principles and positions!

"...I never mentioned (much less attacked) the other candidates or parties...Rarely, if ever, did I mention a position without explaining the principle(s) involved...I refused ever to admit that any evasion or compromise of principle was acceptable, morally..."

From a Harroff letter to Arthur O'Sullivan:

"What direction do I envision the Party/movement taking? First, I (would) disregard the 'movement.' It has a 'life' of its own, and its effects on political change will be virtually nil. ...it is vitally necessary. But its value is very long-term... It's like a natural resource, a new idea, concept or invention. Without that solid, consistent philosophical base, our 'revolution' would not be possible. BUT---that base could exist for centuries and---without the 'exploiters,' the 'salesmen,' the ACTIVISTS---it would remain unknown and of little or no benefit to any great number of people..."

"...it seems self-evident...the only practical and effective vehicle for change is the Libertarian Party---not only for desperately needed immediate political reform and relief of human suffering, but for solid, long-term radical change as well.

"In the LPO 80% of the members are totally useless. They did, in fact, cause nothing but net trouble during the campaign. I suspect...this same situation obtains throughout the country... In my opinion, the LP members are going to have to make a basic decision: Either they are going to be a political party, or they are not.

"...Libertarians, paradoxically, seem unable to shake loose their many personal 'hang-ups' and insecurities. These are appallingly irrational, crucial and defeatist. Unless they can overcome these and accept hard political realities, the LP will not become a major party ever. If they CAN, the LP could, I am certain, become one of the TWO major political parties in this country within the next decade.

"There are millions of frightened, uncertain people...and if libertarians are not prepared to assume a strong and sure political image/philosophical leadership, they might as well retreat to their living-room-discussion-group wombs, and give up the whole idea of political action altogether.

"...The LP must cultivate and develop strong leadership within the Party and nationally, AS a party---both leaders and 'stars,' Alarming as this may be to so many of our timid anarchist/pacifist/Objectivist drop-outs (cop-outs?), this is a major political reality that LP members must stop evading. →

Taxpayers welcome WCBS's opposition to the Democrat tax plan in New Jersey-----a plan that calls for an increase in the sales tax, a state property tax, and two types of income taxes: a payroll tax and a federal tax surcharge. But, we feel that WCBS is wrong when it calls for a state income tax instead.

The Federation of New Jersey Taxpayers opposes any new or additional taxes in New Jersey. We have been taxed to the brink of bankruptcy, with our average family having over half of its income taken by taxes and inflation. We say "enough!"

New Jersey has been hit hard by the recession. What we need is a decrease in taxes to spur our state economy-----and that means a decrease in state spending. Government in New Jersey has increased its costs by 53% in 5 years. This year, the Taxpayers Federation demands a decrease-----just ONE percent-----in state spending. We want "Tax Happy Byrne" to remember his party's promises last summer about no taxes on incomes, and we want our government to tighten its belt like the rest of us. If Trenton continues to heed its bureaucrats' calls for more and more spending, rather than taxpayers' demands for less spending, a real taxpayers revolt will erupt. Just who does Mr. Byrne think he's working for, anyway?

Ralph Fucetola III
Director, FNJT

HARROFF *from p 5*

"No one should run as an LP candidate who is unable or unwilling to stand unequivocally and effectively on the hard-line LP principles/platform. If Ohio comes close to being typical, the PEOPLE IN THIS COUNTRY ARE SATED WITH PRAGMATISM, COMPROMISE, EQUIVOCATION, CONTRADICTIONS AND EVASIONS. Furthermore, amateurs should not be sent out to do professional work-----and that's what running for office is.

"The LP needs to grow up and take itself seriously if it expects to earn and deserve the respect of voters. The 'freak shows,' gimmicks, demonstrations, etc., are good clean fun, to be sure. But they should properly be left to a YL or other group. They do a grave disservice to the philosophy and to a major political 'Party of Principle.'

"The activists must lead the Party, and the dillattente-discussion-groupies ignore

"The activists must lead the Party, and the dillattente-discussion-groupies be ignored. The political motto should be: Lead, follow, or get the hell out of the way. If 4,500 members leave the Party and only 500 effective ones remain, the Party, the movement, the country, the world! will be 100% better off. (My personal experience in this past year was that I could convert activists to libertarianism a damned sight faster than I could-----if one ever could-----convert most present libertarians to activism.)

"The philosophy is ready---as it never has been before.

"The people---perhaps everywhere---are ready as never before---for new, positive, strong, SANE direction and leadership.

"It would be a pity if the LP---the ONLY alternative---failed both..."

Harroff received some 79,000 votes. LP NEWS reports Tuccille receiving 10,200; Hoppers, 2,000; Kleinow and Jensen, Gov. and Lt. Gov. in Minnesota, 2,000 votes.

Dear Ralph:

Nice going on the Seminar on Economic Survival!

This is in reply to your letter to the contributors to the Economic Education Committee. You suggested the possibility of refunding the two cash contributions (NJLP and myself), as well as perhaps paying a "dividend" to the NJLP. You indicated your thought that you did not think anyone would object to the refund plus dividend to the NJLP.

As to my contribution, that was given with no strings attached, with no thought of its return to me, and certainly with no expectation of a dividend. I like your idea of applying the surplus to begin a permanent educational foundation - The Foundation for Freedom. So, as to my contribution (which matched that of the NJLP), retain it to start the Foundation.

The payment of the token amount of \$50.00 by the NJLP to your Committee was the only solitary positive act taken by the NJLP since the current administration took over. If you refund this amount, you will restore the NJLP to the status of having done absolutely nothing whatsoever positive in the cause of liberty in the entire present administration. I object to that.

Much much good luck with The Foundation for Freedom. It is comforting to know that there is another libertarian out there presenting the ideas of liberty to the public.

Sincerely,
Bob Steiner

FROM THE CHAIR

The third annual convention of the NJLP is fast approaching. So far, plans have been made to hold it on Saturday, February 8, at the Ramada Inn on Route 18 in East Brunswick. Roger MacBride will be our banquet speaker. I hope you all will be able to attend and bring your friends. I'm sure they will enjoy listening to Roger, who is most entertaining and informative. Alan Reynolds, of National Review and Reason, and Lee Schubert, LP Executive Committee member have agreed to speak during the day.

One of the most important items of business will be the election of a new State Committee for the NJLP. In addition to the five officers: Chairperson, Vice chairperson, Executive Secretary, Recording Secretary and Treasurer, the State Com includes three "At-Large" members elected at the convention. I hope you will all think seriously about working thru the NJLP State Com to further the cause of liberty; we need good, active officers.

Last spring, when our previous chairperson suddenly resigned, I was happy to take the position to keep the party alive. I feel that my half term has been rather successful in spite of numerous difficulties. However, due to the time demands of my job and school, I feel that I don't have the time to devote to the job to be the kind of chairperson that the NJLP needs and deserves. I do hope to continue to be active in the NJLP, and plan to run for the post of Treasurer at the convention.

We will also be electing delegates to the 1975 LP Convention, which will be held over Labor Day weekend in New York City. The 1976 Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidates will be nominated then, so it should be an exciting convention, and not too expensive for our delegates.

Hoping to see you all in February...

Yours for the New Liberty,
Jane

STATE COM ELECTIONS

According to the NJLP by-laws, the State Committee has authority to act for the NJLP between general meetings, approve expenditures, draft petitions, create & define the duties of and appoint committees, approve the creation of county committees (w/ consent of general meeting), approve the by-laws & amendments thereto, and appoint & remove the newsletter editor (arrgh!) w/ the consent of the general meeting.

AT THE FEBRUARY CONVENTION, THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS WILL BE ELECTED:

Chairperson - "shall preside over all meetings, be general spokesman for the NJLP, & execute the resolutions of the General Meetings & State Com."

Vice-Chairman - "shall assume the duties of the Chairperson in that person's absence, & generally assist [him]"

Treasurer - "shall maintain & make available proper financial records of all receipts & expenditures"

Recording Secretary - "shall record, maintain, & report minutes of all meetings of the State Committee and General Meetings"

Executive Secretary - "shall be responsible for handling all correspondence for the NJLP State Committee and General Meetings"

State Com Representatives - "three elected at the Annual Convention for one year terms & all candidates shall be placed on one ballot with each member being allowed one vote, & the 3 persons receiving the highest votes being elected, w/ ties broken by run-off elections among those tied"

In addition, 2 of the Trustee positions will be filled:

Trustees - "for a 3-year term: the Trustees shall have no authority other than that which each may hold as a member or official of the NJLP, & any member of the NJLP, including any official, may be a Trustee"

State Committee Representatives may also be chosen by petition as follows: "who shall be members of the NJLP and who shall assume their posts by filing w/ the Rec. Secretary a dated petition appointing the person to this post & signed by at least 5 members plus 10% of the membership...any member may remove his name from any such petition by a dated writing to the Rec. Secretary; no member may have his name on more than one petition at a time; any representative who loses sufficient support so that he no longer has the approval of at least 10% of the membership shall cease to be a representative forthwith"

County Committee Chairpersons - since the NJLP at this time does not have any county committees, there will be no county committee chairpersons on the State Com.

Statement of Principles

We, the members of the Libertarian Party, challenge the cult of the omnipotent state and defend the rights of the individual.

We hold that all individuals have the right to exercise sole dominion over their own lives, and have the right to live in whatever manner they choose, so long as they do not forcibly interfere with the equal right of others to live in whatever manner they choose.

Governments throughout history have regularly operated on the opposite principle, that the State has the right to dispose of the lives of individuals and the fruits of their labor. Even within the United States, all political parties other than our own grant to government the right to regulate the lives of individuals and seize the fruits of their labor without their consent.

We, on the contrary, deny the right of any government to do these things, and hold that where governments exist, they must not violate the rights of any individual; namely, (1) the right to life - accordingly we support prohibition of the initiation of physical force against others; (2) the right to liberty of speech and action - accordingly we oppose all attempts by government to abridge the freedom of speech and press, as well as government censorship in any form; and (3) the right to property - accordingly we oppose all government interference with private property, such as confiscation, nationalization, and eminent domain, and support the prohibition of robbery, trespass, fraud, and misrepresentation.

Since governments, when instituted, must not violate individual rights, we oppose all interference by government in the areas of voluntary and contractual relations among individuals. People should not be forced to sacrifice their lives and property for the benefit of others. They should be left free by government to deal with one another as free traders; and the resultant economic system, the only one compatible with the protection of individual rights, is the free market.

The current NJLP platform is the National LP Statement of Principles adopted at the first national convention in 1972. In 1974 the original statement was changed, at the Dallas convention.

At our annual convention in February, the NJLP must decide whether we want to adopt the national LP statement of 1974, retain our existing platform or make other changes in the platform.

The national platform, above, is underlined where different from the current NJLP platform.

From the Desk of:

ROBERT A. STEINER

"Little souls wish you to be unhappy. It aggravates them to have you joyous, efficient and free. They like to feel that fate is disciplining you. It gives their egos wings if yours are clipped. You can ruin your life in an hour by listening to their puerile opinions."

---David Seabury

Dear Editor,

I sincerely apologize for my remark in the last newsletter which tends to poke fun at Bob Steiner. I understand that Bob does not take the matter which I referred to lightly, and has reasons for pursuing it.

Bob has, in my opinion, done more hard work than any person or group in bringing the libertarian case to the people of this state. He has been under a lot of pressure in this effort. I realize that my unnecessary remark, which, looking back, might only aggravate him, is inexcusable.

Tom Palven

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We, on the contrary, deny the right of any government to do these things, and hold that the sole function of government is the protection of the rights of each individual: namely (1) the right to life – and accordingly we support laws prohibiting the initiation of physical force against others; (2) the right to liberty of speech and action – and accordingly we oppose all attempts by government to abridge the freedom of speech and press, as well as government censorship in any form; and (3) the right to property – and accordingly we oppose all government interference with private property, such as confiscation, nationalization, and eminent domain, and support laws which prohibit robbery, trespass, fraud and misrepresentation.

Since government has only one legitimate function, the protection of individual rights, we oppose all interference by government in the areas of voluntary and contractual relations among individuals. Men should not be forced to sacrifice their lives and property for the benefit of others. They should be left free by government to deal with one another as free traders on a free market; and the resultant economic system, the only one compatible with the protection of man's rights, is laissez-faire capitalism.



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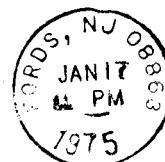
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