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LPers Observe Tax Protest Day

Approximately forty libertarians gathered at the State Capitol Building in Lansing, last Saturday, in order to observe the occasion of National Tax Protest Day.

The protesters (displaying a variety of colorful signs and placards bearing anti-tax slogans) picketed in front of the Capitol, and distributed literature to visitors and passersby. Using the front of the Capitol as a base of operations, the demonstrators periodically paraded through the nearby downtown business district, passing out anti-tax literature as they went.

The libertarians also marched to the Internal Revenue Service office, located across the street from the Capitol, on two occasions. On their first foray, they staged a sit-down demonstration inside the office, and later, they picketed in front of the building.

The day's activities were highlighted by speeches, delivered from the steps of the Capitol, by Brian Wright, of Birmingham, and Patrick A. Heller, of Pontiac.

County Petition Drive Heads Appointed

Sam Hancock, of Dearborn, and Al Harris, of Ann Arbor, have been appointed, by LP chairman Bill Krebaum, to head up the LP ballot drives in Wayne and Washtenaw Counties, respectively. They will be responsible for organizing the petition drive efforts in their counties.

The state-wide petition drive, scheduled to begin July 4th, must collect a minimum of about 18,000 signatures. Once this goal is attained, the LP may run candidates in all partisan elections (national, state, and local) throughout the state.

Mr. Wright gave a general exposition of the philosophy of libertarianism, as related to the question of taxation, and called for the abolition of the Internal Revenue Service.

Mr. Heller discussed his extensive (and, as yet, unsuccessful) efforts to discontinue his payments to Social Security. Heller then climaxed the day's events, as he proceeded to burn his Social Security card.

That evening, many of the participants attended an open house in the Michigan State University Union. The affair was hosted by the MSU Libertarian Alternative.

In Grand Rapids, the Kent County LP, and the Committee for Tax Relief sponsored anti-tax activities, as well. These included literature distribution, and a hot-air balloon ascension at Calder Plaza. In addition, Dr. Edward Facey, economics professor at Hillsdale College, delivered a speech at the Pantlind Hotel.

Delegates Sought for National Convention

Delegates to the 1975 national convention of the LP will be selected at the June meeting of the State Central Committee.

This year's convention, to be held August 28 through September 1 at New York's Statler-Hilton Hotel, will nominate the LP's presidential and vice-presidential candidates for next year's election.

If you think you might be interested in attending (even if you aren't sure at this time you'll be able to make it), contact Bill Krebaum at 800 Phillips Building, Detroit 48226. All those interested in going can be included in the delegation at least as an alternate.

Metro Detroit Attendance Soars

Thirty-seven people attended the March 23 meeting of the Metro Detroit (Wayne, Oakland & Macomb counties) LP.

To put this in perspective, consider that when the first area (Wayne Co. only) meeting was held back in October, there were only seven people in attendance. Since that time, the turn-out has steadily increased.

The program of the next meeting features a talk by Pat Heller on the utility of churches for tax purposes and one by Bob Delaney on the importance of our seizing the offensive in the battle of ideas.

If you live anywhere in the tri-county area, come to the Bonanza Restaurant located at 11 Mile and Greenfield Road in Southfield, Sunday April 27 at 1:30 pm.

Murphy New Speakers Bureau Chairman

State Chairman Bill Krebaum has announced the appointment of Mike Murphy to head the LP Speakers Bureau filling the vacancy created by the resignation of Dennis Starner.

In this capacity, Murphy, who is also secretary of the Wayne County LP, will attempt to seek out qualified persons to represent the party as well as opportunities for them to do so.

If you are interested in speaking on behalf of the LP or obtaining a representative to speak to a school or civic group, etc., write Mike at 885 Covington, Detroit 48203.

Hillsdale SIL

Hillsdale College's Society for Individual Liberty chapter will be distributing the SIL position paper, "A Right to Medical Care? - At Whose Expense?" at the Hillsdale College Center for Constructive Alternatives sessions on medical care, April 14 through 18.

CMU Students Of Objectivism

Central Michigan University Students of Objectivism met Sunday, April 6, for a discussion followed by the Nathaniel Branden recording, "Justice vs. Mercy." CMU S.O. chairman Bill Spiers plans to hold similar sessions on a regular basis for the remainder of the semester. Those in the Central Michigan area interested in attending may contact Bill at (517) 774-4685.

A² LPers Plan Canoe Trip

The Ann Arbor Libertarian League and the Washtenaw County LP are co-sponsoring a June canoe trip down the Pine River near Clare. Anyone interested in the one-day affair should contact Jim Hudler at (313) 665-4343 by May 8.

The final "Basic Principles of Objectivism" recording for the term, "Romanticism and the Novels of Ayn Rand - Part 2," will be played at 1015 E. University in Ann Arbor at 8:00 pm Friday, April 18.

Please Note

The Michigan Libertarian welcomes any news of interest to libertarians. *Short* articles are also welcome.

Rent Control Beaten In Ann Arbor Vote

Due, at least in part, to a well organized LP educational campaign, Ann Arbor voters overwhelmingly turned down a rent control proposal in the recent city-wide election.

The misnamed Human Rights Party had placed a charter amendment on the ballot for the April 7 election. Had it passed, the proposal would have established a five member Rent Control Commission having the absolute power to determine rental housing prices in the city.

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The campaign against the proposal was fought on two fronts, with the apartment building owners concentrating their efforts in the predominantly non-student wards while the LP set out to influence the student vote.

The Ann Arbor Libertarian League and Washtenaw County LP chose, as their theme, the threat of City Hall becoming "Big Brother," with the power to determine where and with whom one would live.

The libertarians met with much

success, considering the traditional left-wing nature of the U. of M. campus.

In the 1974 referendum on rent control, the predominantly student wards voted only 10% against a similar proposal.

This time, however, after a vigorous educational effort led by a determined team of hard-working libertarians, over 34% of the student vote went counter to the proposal.

The LP has taken a giant step in establishing itself as a prominent political-educational fixture in Ann Arbor.

Facey Speaks To Rotarians

Dr. Edward Facey, Hillsdale College economics professor, spoke Monday, April 7, to the Litchfield Rotary Club. Dr. Facey discussed current economic problems and the role of government in the creation of those problems.

He stressed the burden government places on businesses and the role it plays in preventing natural economic adjustments. As a solution, Dr. Facey called for a return to *laissez-faire*.

Discussion following the presentation indicated that the members were in agreement with the sentiments expressed by the speaker. They asked questions as to what could be done politically to solve these problems. Dr. Facey responded with a short discussion about the Libertarian Party and the Liberty Amendment Committee.

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BUCKLEY FLOORS FERENCY, BULLARD

Right Uppercut KO's Lefties In Ann Arbor Bout - April 4

By ALAN HARRIS

Though libertarians have frequently taken William F. Buckley, Jr. to task for his philosophical inconsistencies, this dissatisfaction was not evident on the evening of April 4th. It was then that Buckley, after delivering some prepared remarks, engaged in some exciting philosophic bantering with arch-leftists Zoltan Ferency and State Representative Perry Bullard (D-Ann Arbor) at Hill Auditorium in Ann Arbor.

Libertarians were genuinely enthusiastic about Buckley's speech, which treated the theme of the sanctity of the individual, and the suppression thereof in collectivist societies.

The best was yet to come, however, when Buckley engaged in some rather lively, informal debate with his antagonists. One of Buckley's most effective techniques, that of reducing his opponents bromideic arguments to their underlying principles, was clearly in evidence. In response to Perry Bullard's tirade against the alleged material extravagance in our society, Buckley replied, "If someone has some sort of 'kinky' desire to drive a Cadillac, you would forbid him from driving one. We would all be required to substitute the dictates of Perry Bullard for our own best judgement."

Buckley's mastery of the situation was so obvious that even Ann Arbor's liberal media organs were forced to acknowledge his victory.

Of special interest to libertarians: after the debate, a reporter inquired of

Buckley about the future prospects of achieving the free society. Buckley noted that, in just the last twenty years, every single tenet of socialism has been refuted. Considering this, Buckley held that, in a sense, prospects for the achievement of a libertarian society "have never been better."

Ned Hutchinson, National Director, Dies

Ned Hutchinson, who was just recently appointed LP National Director, died suddenly on March 30, 1975. He suffered a heart attack while playing tennis in Sacramento, California, at age 44.

Until his defection to the LP last January, Hutchinson had been a long-time Republican. He held the key post of appointments secretary in former California governor Ronald Reagan's administration.

As National Director, Mr. Hutchinson worked out of the LP National Headquarters in San Francisco. His responsibilities included coordinating the various state ballot drives, as well as general organizational work.

When he joined the LP, Hutchinson stated that he had "regretfully concluded that the Republican Party no longer adheres to those principles of limited government, individual liberty, and the free market. The only principle that now guides the Republicans (and the Democrats) is the principle of power and survival."

LIBERTARIAN REVEALS SOURCE OF MAJOR THREAT TO FREEDOM!

The chairman of the Wayne County LP, Pete McAlpine, has written a book entitled **The Occult Technology of Power**, which adumbrates his unique and challenging overview of the welfare-warfare, state-capitalist power structure which he believes is the primary enemy of liberty. Purchase a copy at the Metro Detroit meeting, April 27, or order from:

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Send your entry to: **Libertarian Party — Michigan State Central Committee, P.O. Box 363, East Detroit 48021.**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- FRIDAY, APRIL 18— Nathaniel Branden: "Romanticism, Naturalism, and the Novels of Ayn Rand, Part 2" (taped lecture). 8:00 p.m., 1015 E. University, Ann Arbor
- SUNDAY, APRIL 20— LP State Central Committee meeting. 12:00 noon, 2207 Michigan Union, Ann Arbor
- TUESDAY, APRIL 22— Nathaniel Branden: "Reason and Virtue" (taped lecture). 7:00 p.m., 277 Student Center Building, Wayne State University, Detroit
- FRIDAY, APRIL 25— Nathaniel Branden: "The Nature of Evil" (taped lecture). 8:00 p.m., 1015 E. University, Ann Arbor
- SUNDAY, APRIL 27— Metro Detroit LP general membership meeting. 1:30 p.m., Bonanza Restaurant, 11 Mile and Greenfield, in Southfield
- TUESDAY, APRIL 29— Nathaniel Branden: "Justice vs. Mercy" (taped lecture).
- TUESDAY, MAY 6— Nathaniel Branden: "The Evil of Sacrifice"
- TUESDAY, MAY 13— Nathaniel Branden: "Government and the Individual"
- TUESDAY, MAY 20— Nathaniel Branden: "Economics of a Free Society" 7:00 p.m., 277 Student Center Bldg., Wayne State University, Detroit.

If you have information on any events that would be of interest to libertarians, please send it to the Michigan Libertarian.



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