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LP Presidential Convention in New York, Labor Day Weekend

The 1975 Libertarian Party National Convention will be held at the Statler Hilton Hotel in New York City. The convention dates are August 28 to September 1, with pre-convention activities beginning August 25.

The main business of the convention will be the selection of the LP candidates for president and vice-president for the 1976 election, the election of LP National Officers, and the adoption of a platform.

The pre-convention activities, which are now being planned, will consist of a variety of lectures, seminars, workshops, etc. The list of potential speakers includes Murray Rothbard, Robert Nozick, Edith Efron, John Hospers, and Thomas Szasz, among others.

The Libertarian Party of Michigan may send sixteen Delegates, and an unlimited

number of Alternate Delegates to the Convention.

Delegates will have full voting rights in all business coming before the Convention, and will have access to committee meetings, etc. Alternate Delegates will enjoy the same rights and privileges, except that they may not vote.

In the event that a Delegate is unable to attend the Convention, or must leave early, an Alternate will be promoted to take his place.

All members interested in attending the National Convention (even if there is only a remote possibility that they will actually be able to attend) are asked to send their names to the LP State Central Committee, P.O. Box 363, East Detroit, Michigan 48021.

Further information and Convention details will be sent upon request.

Rockefeller Ouster Overdue

By PETER E. McALPINE

In August of 1974 Edward Crane, National Chairman of the Libertarian Party, issued a press release condemning President Ford's nomination of Nelson Rockefeller, super-statist of the Eastern State-Capitalist Establishment, for Vice-President.

Crane attacked the Rockefeller record as one of "spend spend, tax tax." He also identified Rockefeller as "Mr. Big Government" and the politician who "personifies the attitude that government is better able to run the lives of the citizens of this country than the citizens themselves."

Simultaneously, Murray Rothbard, in his *Libertarian Forum*, drew attention to an obscure author, Emmanuel Josephson,

who in *Rockefeller Internationalist: Man Who Misrules the World* (1952) predicted that the Rockefellers would put Nelson into the White House by whatever means necessary (including national cataclysm) as part of their program of imposing what Josephson alleged to be a "communazi" world dictatorship. Whether or not world totalitarianism is part of the Rockefeller game plan, Rothbard warned that libertarians should be concerned when a dynasty, which has been committed to welfare-warfare statism for the whole of the 20th Century, is so rapidly consolidating the most awesome concentration of political and economic power the world has ever seen.

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Metro Detroit LP Growth Continues

Over forty libertarians were in attendance at the April meeting of the Metro-Detroit Libertarian Party.

Stewart Steinberger gave a talk on the rip-off of government medical services based on personal experiences in the medical clinic business. Patrick Heller followed with an explanation of how he is establishing a personal Church and the tax advantages that will proceed from his new "calling."

At the June 1st meeting Robert E. Delaney will speak on the importance of seizing the offensive in the battle of ideas. Larry Buch will follow with a topic to be announced at the meeting.

Also on the agenda is a discussion of possible libertarian candidates that the Party may want to nominate for the 1976 elections. Selecting candidates now is vital if we expect to generate the enthusiasm required to collect the 20,000 signatures required for state-wide ballot position.

All interested individuals will be welcome at the Metro-Detroit meeting to be held at the Bonanza Restaurant located at 11 Mile and Greenfield Road in Southfield, Sunday June 1st at 2:30 PM. \$1.00 donation optional.

Special thanks are due Randy Szabla who built and supplied a lectern and sound system for the last meeting.

This is the only notification you will receive for the June 1st meeting. The money saved is being used to make possible wider distribution of this issue of the Michigan Libertarian.

May State Central Meeting May 18

The May meeting of the LP - Michigan State Central Committee will be held Sunday, May 18 at 601 N. Fancher in Mt. Pleasant.

The meeting will begin at 2:00 p.m.

Hillsdale Schedules Summer Economic Conference

Hillsdale College, which has earned the respect of libertarians not only for its commitment to the ideas of the free society, but also for its refusal to either solicit or accept government funds is holding its Third Annual Summer Institute in Political Economy, July 20-26.

The seven-day seminar will feature in-depth treatment of three subject areas: "Perspectives on Hard Money and Trade Cycles," "The Roots of American Order" and "Competition, Monopoly and Public Policy."

Four distinguished educators comprise the Institute's faculty: Dr. Hans F. Sennholz, Professor of Economics and noted libertarian author; Dr. John A. Sparks, Professor of Economics and Business Administration at Hillsdale; Dr. Russell Kirk, Distinguished Visiting Professor of Humanities at Hillsdale and noted author and columnist; and Dr. John C. Moorhouse, Associate Professor of Economics at Wake Forest University.

Total cost for the Institute is \$200 which includes tuition, room and board. A number of full and partial scholarships are available, however.

As the deadline for registration is June 1, those interested should telephone Dr. John A. Sparks (517) 437-7341 ext. 262 without delay.

LP Canoe Trip Set For June 21, 22

The Ann Arbor Libertarian League and the Washtenaw County LP are co-sponsoring a canoe trip down the Pine River near Clare Saturday and Sunday, June 21 and 22.

Cost of \$8 covers canoe rental, reservations and cushions.

Reservation and payment must be received by May 29.

Write: Jim Hudler, 1005 Maiden Lane No. 2, Ann Arbor 48105.

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Dozens of columnists have used data supplied by the NTU to attack government spending. They have even had some success in stopping proposed Congressional appropriations.

NTU's Executive Director, James Dale Davidson, has recently had articles published in several major periodicals ranging from *Moneysworth* to *Penthouse*.

The best way to further the efforts of the NTU is to join. Annual memberships are \$12 and can be sent to them at 325 Pennsylvania Avenue S.E., Washington, D.C. 20003.

In addition to helping the information disseminating activities of NTU, members receive *Dollars and Sense* which is packed with information which exposes the follies of government spending.

2nd Annual Picnic June 29

The Second Annual Michigan LP Picnic will be held this year on Sunday, June 29.

Next to the state convention, the annual picnic is about the biggest local LP function of the year.

Be sure to mark this date on your calendar and watch the next issue of the Michigan Libertarian for information regarding time and place.



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Rockefeller Ouster

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Unfortunately, libertarian protests fell on deaf ears. Congress overwhelmingly approved Rockefeller's nomination even though their own investigation revealed that Rockefeller had committed grave breaches of ethics throughout his political career and had quite possibly violated the law in his buying of public officials as if they were Mid-East concessions of oil monopoly.

Henry Kissinger was revealed to be a long time Rockefeller employee who was given \$50,000 to keep him loyal when he joined Nixon's staff. Considering that Rockefeller's oil cartel (ARAMCO) profits handsomely during oil shortages induced by Mid-East war, Kissinger hardly seems to have been the logical man to pursue "peace" in that area of the world.

Now, however, there is evidence that liberal, conservative, and left-wing legislators are more willing to join with libertarians in opposing Rockefeller.

On the left many were shocked by Rockefeller's die-hard attempts to prolong the meaningless U.S. intervention in Southeast Asia. Some now claim that Shell has at last captured the oil exploration rights from their Standard Oil competitors!

Leftists and Rightists are concerned that Rockefeller is arranging a new intervention for the U.S. in the Mid-East. Others of the liberal-left intelligensia are

finally beginning to question Rockefeller's credentials as a "liberal welfare-stater." Many suspect that the Rockefellers see "social-democracy" as a cover for the absolute power they expect to exercise through their network of foundations, regulated mass media, kept publishing houses, think-tanks, controlled universities, bought government bureaucrats, and phoney "public" monopolies rather than the socialist utopia dreamed by sincere leftists.

Although the communist National Caucus of Labor Committees promotes a virulent socialism of their own, it is interesting to note that the NCLC has gone so far as to brand Rockefeller's goals "Fascism with a Democratic Face" and seems to be enjoying some success in promoting a Left-Right coalition to impeach Rockefeller.

The Libertarian Party Platform objectives of a non-interventionist foreign policy and a rolling back of big government oppression depend in large measure on the defeat of the Rockefeller dynasty which, many decades ago, deserted the paths of honest capitalistic competition in favor of preferential government "regulation" and war profiteering.

This would seem to be a strategic moment for libertarians to pressure their elected representatives to re-open the investigation of Rockefeller and his puppet Gerald Ford.

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NEW Libertarian Education Strategy Promoted

Most libertarians have experienced, on occasion, the difficulty of demonstrating the practicality of a laissez-faire society to potential converts. Even those sympathetic to our ideal of a voluntaristic society in which only the initiation of force and fraud is banned, find libertarianism difficult to accept as a practical solution and doubt its desirability in the "real" world. Their state sponsored education has conditioned them to see an "inevitable" or "indispensible" role for statist bureaucrats in practically all spheres of life, regardless of "how much we might wish it were otherwise."

The potential convert besieges the libertarian proselytizer with objections:

"What about the robber barons? Don't we need anti-trust laws? Who would care for the poor? Don't we need the FDA, ICC, FCC, CIA, HEW, etc, etc? Wouldn't laissez-faire lead to chaos? Didn't the 19th Century prove that laissez-faire doesn't work? What about the roads? Who would protect the ecology? What about inflation and depressions?"

Unless you have lucid answers on the tip of your tongue for every question, libertarianism won't seem credible to your potential convert. Even a fully articulate libertarian will have difficulty building a impromptu, but coherent defense of laissez-faire while reeling under a barrage of disconnected, contradictory, and scatter-brained objections.

Rather than being forced into such a defensive and even floundering position, Alpine Enterprises suggests that the libertarian should take the offensive by contrasting our ideal of liberty, progress, and justice with the tyranny, looting, and stagnation with which statism is engulfing the world.

The potential convert's objections should be met by giving, loaning, or, preferably, selling him a copy of **The Incredible Bread Machine**.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **MAY 18** - LP State Central Committee Meeting, 2:00 p.m., 601 N. Fancher, Mt. Pleasant.
- **MAY 20** - Nathaniel Branden: "Government and the Individual" (taped lecture), 7:00 p.m., 277 Student Center Building, Wayne State University, Detroit.
- **MAY 23** - Barbara Branden: "Language as Tools of Cognition" (taped lecture), 8:00 p.m., 1015 E. University, Ann Arbor.
- **MAY 27** - Nathaniel Branden: "The Economics of a Free Society" (taped lecture), 7:00 p.m., 277 Student Center Building, Wayne State University, Detroit.
- **MAY 30** - Barbara Branden: "Common Aberrations in Thinking, and Consequent Mental Habits" (taped lecture), 8:00 p.m., 1015 E. University, Ann Arbor.
- **JUNE 1** - Metro Detroit LP General Meeting, 2:30 p.m., Bonanza Restaurant, 11 Mile and Greenfield, in Southfield.
- **JUNE 6** - Nathaniel Branden: "The Fallacy of the Stolen Concept" (taped lecture), 8:00 p.m., 1015 E. University, Ann Arbor.
- **JUNE 13** - Barbara Branden: "Psychological Causes of Inefficient Thinking" (taped lecture), 8:00 p.m., 1015 E. University, Ann Arbor.
- **JUNE 20** - Alan Harris: "Russian Musical Romanticism" (lecture), 8:00 p.m., 1015 E. University, Ann Arbor.
- **JUNE 21 & 22** - Libertarian Canoe Trip, Pine River (contact Jim Hudler, (313) 665-4343).
- **JUNE 22** - LP State Central Committee Meeting, 4:30 p.m., Oakland Center, Oakland University, Rochester.
- **JUNE 29** - 2nd Annual LP Picnic (site to be determined).

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Plan Now for National Convention!

The National Convention, to be held in New York City next Labor Day Weekend, promises to be the most important and exciting event in the young life of the Libertarian Party.

You Can Attend as a Delegate, or Alternate Delegate

Delegates and Alternate Delegates will be appointed at the State Central Committee's June meeting. If you are interested in attending the Convention, send your name and address to the Committee as soon as possible. You will receive full details by return mail.

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