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Flp Log

9/20-- Chairman Tom Frederick left the office on Tuesday, August 29, and has not communicated with us since. We--Wilbur Wong (treas.), Chuck Steber (vc: vc Bob Cassella moved to Arlington, VA, and resigned), and I (Fred Cookinham, sec.)--presume Tom to have resigned, and so Chuck Steber, of Schenectady, is Chairman pro-tem presumptive. Wilbur and I will see to the general supervision of activities in NYC..We need people to take responsibility for several year round jobs, and are seeking volunteers. The year-round jobs involve taking advantage of the excellent exposure of and public reaction to the Greenberg campaign (at least upstate), about which you will read in Grassroots. We need people to answer the phone, send literature to new prospects, write letters to editors (statewide, I mean--NYC's paper strike continues with no end in sight), make editorial replies, draw cartoons & make posters, make and distribute handouts, do research & develop a legislative program, look for possible future candidates, and develop ongoing, practical programs of some sort that will get our members out into the neighborhoods and give us a reputation of activism rather than ivory towerism. If we are trying to sell the idea that people can do anything government does, then we'll have to roll up our sleeves and demonstrate our willingness to do just that. For the exact nature of these projects, I'm open to suggestions. Call, write or drop in.

Ralph Raico is back in Buffalo after a lengthy sojourn in California. A hearty welcome is in order.

On Monday, September 18, our Albany people submitted our petition to the board of elections, with 28,617 signatures. FLP'ers from Rochester, Albany and NYC spent a working weekend at Mike and Barbara Kessler's house doing the final processing. About 35 FLP'ers collected signatures (about 1/10 of our membership), and they all deserve thanks, but I'd particularly point out Bob Flanzer, who underwent open heart surgery last spring, but who nevertheless filled a couple of petition sheets (although, since Bob is a dentist, it is said that he has a captive audience), Judith Olney, who filled a couple of sheets in the very small town of Russia, Herkimer Co., and Dave Hoesly, who organized the Rochester drive, netting 4,000 signatures, Dave himself getting over 1,000. By comparison, I got 2,500, working full time, while Dave got his in his spare time.

Another project for the next two years will be an attempt to get people to commit themselves to getting a certain number of signatures in the 1980 drive, so that the same 35 people won't have to carry all of this burden themselves. Don't wait to be asked. Volunteer!

We are getting new members. They aren't exactly breaking down the door, but they are trickling in at roughly one every couple of weeks. This, however, isn't really enough to make up for the loss of older members who move out of state or simply become inactive. I could see the exodus in the general population while petitioning. Every day at least one person would refuse to sign, saying, "I'm moving out of state next week anyway." The silver lining: here is an angle for advertising--government drives people out of the state. Any artists out there? Make a poster on that theme. Again, don't wait to be asked.

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FLP office. 11/19

New York County public meeting, October 3, 730 pm, 4 Bedford st., off of 6th ave. at Houston. Subway: West 4th st. station.

Irwin Schiff will give a free tax seminar here at the FLP office, on Thursday, October 5th, 730pm., and on the first Thursday of each month thereafter. Correction: Schiff can't make it-- tapes of his seminar will be played.

926-- No challenges have been received by this afternoon, so I am pretty safe in saying that we are on the ballot. WCBS-TV and WNYU-FM called today, asking for information on the Greenberg campaign.

FLP big bash- Williams Club
Oct. 28- contact Ann Jaakson
or office for details.

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(The state headquarters is open every Wednesday and Thursday night from 7PM to 9PM and is sometimes open on weekends).