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ELECTION RESULTS

The Libertarian Party was greatly encouraged by its candidates showing in the presidential election. John Hospers and Tonie Nathan carried only one state less than the Democrats, and did so at considerably less expense and embarrassment. Also promising for libertarians was the lack of enthusiasm for either major party candidate, as people seemed to be looking for someplace to go politically.

NJLP has written to the New Jersey State Department to determine Hosper's vote total in the state. When (if) we receive the information, we'll pass it along. We do have the results of a mock election at South Plainfield High School, which included speeches by stand-ins for the candidates (David Barg represented Hospers). Results: Nixon - 240, McGovern - 78, Hospers - 51. After a single exposure, 14% of the young voters opted for the libertarian candidate!

Another hopeful sign; the transportation bond issue was decisively defeated. And this in a state which has a bad habit of regularly approving these economic obscenities. Perhaps after being bludgeoned about the pocketbook for many years, the taxpayer has had enough.

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Looking Ahead

Now that the '72 elections are over, it's time, right now, to start planning for the 1973 gubernatorial campaign. To get you thinking about the issues, a draft platform is included with this month's PREMISE, based largely on the platform of the national party (the Statement of Principles is copied verbatim). Comments on this document are welcomed, and will be passed along to the platform committee, when it is formed.

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

ISM-ISM, SON OF ISM-ISM, AND OTHER SORROWS

As a paraphrase of the old folk saying would have it: "Two libertarians, three opinions..." and there is more truth in it than we would care to admit.

We tend to be verbal people and, as such, love to niggle and hair-split. Fine for a parlor-diversion but disastrous as a political activity. If we ever want to be politically effective, that is.

The endless discussions of whether we should have an air-force or rent trained pigeons have got to be shelved for the duration. The duration of what?, you ask... The duration of the present majority view that each man is a kind of philosophical vampire living on the lives of others.

This is NOT to say that pragmatism must hold sway and that principle is expendable; it is only to urge us all to observe the McGovern campaign and learn from it. A Metropolitan Opera composed of all Callases never gets around to presenting a single public performance. ALL effort and time is spent in endless, futile questing after "Ultimate Meaning..." or some such.

Let's be sure that, in our search for a "correct" 2001, we don't forget about 1973.

- Rev. John A. Goodson

FROM REASON TO FREEDOM

"If a nation expects to be ignorant and free, in a state of civilization, it expects what never was and never shall be." So wrote Thomas Jefferson.

Today's honey-tongued politicians who promise something for nothing are successfully eroding the freedoms in our country. They destroy incentive and dignity from the top to the bottom of the economic scale.

We libertarians must undertake a huge job of education. We must show that Big Brother helps no one. All should realize that whenever somebody gets something for nothing, someone else has gotten nothing for something.

Redistribution of wealth, coercive economic legislation, government social experiments, and other such transgressions on life, liberty, and property must be stopped.

And how do we stop them? By reason, logic, common sense, and the electoral process!

To sum up our message, and explain the proper function of government, we tap Mr. Jefferson's wisdom once again:

"Still one thing more, fellow citizens- a wise and frugal government, which shall restrain men from injuring one another, which shall leave them otherwise free to regulate their own pursuits of industry and improvement, and shall not take from the mouth of labor the bread it has earned. This is the sum of good government."

- Robert Steiner

WHEN YOUR LIGHTS GO OUT,
GO WATCH THE OCEAN

The NJ Assembly on Nov 20 passed a measure that would prohibit construction of offshore nuclear power-plants, and create the "NJ Ocean Sanctuary". The area would then be "prevented from exploitation, development or activity that would substantially alter or otherwise endanger the ecology or appearance of the ocean, the seabed, or the sub-soil therein."

The ocean is thus to be preserved for people who think that man's needs are second to "natural beauty". Of course the boats will now have to be removed, as well as the transatlantic cable. We'll still have the communications satellites, but only until the "Strato-Sanctuary" bill is passed, prohibiting any "unnatural" material from passing in the sky within view of New Jerseyans. Etcetera ad nauseum.

Anyway, when your power goes off, remember the ocean will still be a lovely place- for fish.

NOTES....After only one month, NJLP has 20 members from various areas of the state....Only 100 signatures are required to get our gubernatorial candidate on the ballot (barring loopholes)....Anyone interested in running for state office in '73 on the NJLP ticket should write to the party....

6 senate seats and 14 assembly seats are up in "marginal" districts where libertarians could exert leverage.

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