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Tax Protest Day — April 12

April 12 is National Tax Protest Day. Day-long demonstration activities are being planned in Lansing and Grand Rapids by L. P. organizations.

The Lansing activities are planned around three points: 1. To create the idea of a mass movement, preferably with a large mass of people. 2. To publicize our need for ballot position to be taken seriously. 3. Good media coverage to get the first two points across. The agenda begins at 10 am in the downtown business district with leaflet distribution to attract people to the rally which begins at 1 pm on the steps of the Capitol Building. The steps of the Capitol Building will serve as a central meeting and distribution point for the leaflet drive during the morning. The Rally is scheduled to last from 1 to 3 pm complete with speakers and cheers and jeers. An Open House has been scheduled from 5 to 9 pm with announcement of the location taking place at the Rally. Parking is available for \$.25 at Civic Center Parking. Coordinator for the Lansing activity is Tim Oren, 124 Cedar, No. 10, E. Lansing 48823. Available rides and riders seeking transportation to Lansing are being matched by the Transportation Coordinators. If you can offer a ride or need a ride to the Lansing activities, please contact either Randy Szabla, 71 W. Hancock, Detroit (313)

Rent Control Foes to hold A² Bash

The Ann Arbor Libertarian League and Washtenaw County L.P. are sponsoring a party on Saturday, March 22 to generate interest in and raise money for their upcoming anti-rent control battle with Ann Arbor's statist.

The groups invite all interested in helping them get their effort off to a good start to attend. The party begins at 8:00 p.m. in Apartment 19-K, University Towers located at 536 S. Forest at S. University in Ann Arbor.

Beverages will be provided and a contribution is requested.

833-4165 or Jim Hudler, 1005 Maiden Lane, No. 2, Ann Arbor (313) 665-4343.

In Grand Rapids, the Kent County L.P. has planned a demonstration at the County Building at the Calder Plaza. Dr. Edward Facey of the Hillsdale County L.P. and Professor of Economics at Hillsdale College will address the gathering. Funds are being raised to finance a giant balloon to be flown over the city for publicity. Coordinator for the Grand Rapids event is Tom Smith, 1115 Turner, S.W., Grand Rapids.

Whether or not you can attend one of the demonstrations, everyone is urged to write the Editor of your local paper to promote both the demonstrations and the ideas behind them.

LPer's Zap Reds on Radio

LP Chairman, Bill Krebaum, and State Central Committee member Bob Delaney represented the Party on WMUZ's late-night talk show 'Viewpoint,' last February 27th.

The pair argued the merits of the free market economy vs. socialism, with two representatives of the International Socialist Association. The three-hour program was moderated by host Ken Kerr.

Questions and comments were phoned in by many listeners. The program served as a first introduction to the LP for many people.

Conspiracy Theory — Decide for Yourself

The "Conspiracy Theory" has been around for years, though only mentioned seriously by members of the John Birch Society. However, recent, more thorough documentation coupled with the appointment of socialist conspirator Nelson Rockefeller as Vice President, has had a sobering effect on many skeptics. Edward Bomber will speak on the "Conspiracy Theory of Current Events", March 20 in Ann Arbor. Attend the 7:30 pm lecture and decide for yourself. The lecture is sponsored by the Ann Arbor Libertarian League.

Metro Detroit LP Groups Meet

Three speakers will be featured at the next meeting of the joint Wayne, Oakland, and Macomb County L. P. groups. This will be a dinner meeting on March 23 at 5:30 pm at the Bonanza Restaurant on the northwest corner of 11 Mile Road and Greenfield, in Southfield.

An overflow crowd at last month's meeting enjoyed a cafeteria-style meal with no tips, no hassle, no confusing joint tabs. This month's meeting has the added feature of a speaker's workshop program. The "Party of Principle" needs polished speakers. Join us this month and see what it's all about.

WSU Group Schedules Rand, Branden Lectures

The Wayne State Libertarian League is currently featuring recordings of several of Ayn Rand's Ford Hall Forum addresses at its Tuesday evening sessions. The meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. in Room 277 of the Student Center Building located at Merrick and Old Second Avenue on the Wayne State campus in Detroit.

Beginning April 8, Nathaniel Branden's "Basic Principles of Objectivism" lectures eight through fourteen will be offered.

Branden Series at Oakland

Nathaniel Branden's "Basic Principles of Objectivism" lectures may be heard on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. in Room 125 of the Oakland Center on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester. The series is sponsored by the Oakland University Libertarian League.



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Ballot Status Essential to LP Future

Most libertarians consider the problem of reversing the collectivist trends in our society to be one of education. This is almost certainly the case. For if a majority (or at least a sizeable minority) of the populace does not lend its support, the State will not be rolled back.

We, in the Libertarian Party, have correctly concluded that political activity offers the best means available to reach large numbers of people with the ideas of liberty. This is due to the fact that the mass communications media have demonstrated a very high propensity to give exposure to 'political' activities, and a very low propensity to give exposure to 'educational' or 'philosophical' activities. Since it is essential to introduce our ideas to a maximum number of people in a minimum amount of time, we need the help of the mass media.

But, happily for us, there exists no conflict between education and political action. As a matter of fact, the evidence indicates that both of these functions are best served when they are combined. Take, for example, the case of Kay Haroff, the Ohio libertarian who ran for the U. S. Senate as an independent, in 1974. Ms. Haroff conducted an excellent campaign based firmly and explicitly on libertarian principles, and avoided the use of gimmicks and publicity stunts. She received a great deal of press coverage, and received a whopping 80,000 votes.

Before we can expect establishment politicians, the news media, or the public at large to take us seriously, we must achieve a position on the ballot. There is no question on this point: the LP will go nowhere fast, if it cannot run candidates on the LP label.

The petition drive to place the LP on the Michigan ballot for the 1976 Fall elections will begin this coming July 4th. We must gather at least 18,000 signatures over a six-month period. The attainment of this goal will entail a considerable amount of work, but it is well within our grasp. It is encouraging to note the success of two libertarians in their petition circulating efforts to put the Free Libertarian Party on the ballot in New York. In just five weeks the pair collected 12,000 signatures!

The efforts we make in the next several months will determine the course of the Libertarian Party for years to come. It is hoped that every sincere advocate of liberty will invest at least one hour per week in the petition drive. If each individual reading these words will collect just one signature per day, we will be on the ballot in 1976.

— Bill Krebaum



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