



## 1975 LIBERTARIAN PARTY NATIONAL CONVENTION

1st Edition

**WE'RE GOING TO SHAKE THIS TOWN TO ITS CORE!**

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This is the first of a series of Convention Newsletters to provide you with information about this exciting week. The second edition will be published in June, and the Final in August.

### STATLER HILTON IS CONVENTION HOTEL

CONVENTION DATES 28 AUGUST TO 1 SEPTEMBER  
PRE-CONVENTION ACTIVITIES BEGIN ON MONDAY, 25 AUGUST

After literally months of negotiations and innumerable free lunches (yes, free lunches!), the convention committee finally selected the STATLER HILTON HOTEL in Manhattan, located at 32nd Street and 7th Avenue. The Statler is one of six hotels in New York with adequate banquet and convention facilities to handle this convention. For starters, we looked only at hotels that could provide at least TWO major rooms large enough to hold the entire assemblage; one to be used only for official convention business and another for banquets, theatricals and other functions. We looked for an exhibit hall that was large, accessible, and convenient for both exhibitors and conventioners. We needed a hotel that could provide several break-out rooms, for committee meetings and related convention affairs, also conveniently located. We looked at the actual guest rooms. We wanted comfort but at a reasonable price. We wanted assurance of cooperation from the hotel regarding services (seating, platforms, audio, etc.) with a minimum of labor problems. And we wanted an exciting hotel...and exciting location, the best possible setting for the convention.

The main reason for the delay in announcing the Statler was room price. Another hotel, the Biltmore, had quoted the lowest rates -- \$26.00 for doubles, but lacked adequate facilities for convention activities. The Statler was holding out for \$28.00 for doubles. Finally, on the 15th of March, the Statler agreed to a \$26.00 rate for doubles. In all other respects the Statler was our choice -- so we agreed. The final rate structure is as follows:

Singles & Doubles - \$26	One'or two in a room. Separate beds if requested.
Triples - \$36 (\$12 each)	3 in a room but a larger room than a double.
Quads - \$40 (\$10 each)	4 in a room. A very large room. Not overcrowded.

Add to the above \$1 per day city hotel TAX and 8% city/state SALES TAX.

Because we realize N.Y. can be an expensive place to visit, if you are spending the week, you may want lower priced accommodations for the first 4 or 5 days, then shift to the Statler for the big weekend.

## PRESIDENTIAL CONVENTION FEATURES

The Grand Ballroom will be the site of the official convention business, including the NOMINATION OF THE '76 LP PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE. A professional sound system will be used, both for lectern mikes and numerous mikes on the floor. CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION COVERAGE OF THE CONVENTION WILL BE PIPED TO EXHIBIT AREAS AND OTHER KEY SPOTS (including the press room). Signs will designate locations of State Delegations. Seating for delegates will be "classroom" style, with tables and chairs. Spectators will be seated auditorium style. SPECIAL PRESS SECTIONS WILL BE DESIGNATED FOR REPRESENTATIVES OF PRINT MEDIA. Television camera locations will also be provided, as well as television lighting on the lectern area. Multimedia presentations will appear throughout the convention, including specially produced "theme" presentations plus SIMULTANEOUS PROJECTIONS of motions on the floor, voting results, upcoming events, nominations and so on. The last note bears some explaining: As a motion is made, it will appear in large letters on the screen behind the head table. Amendments, splits, etc. will also be projected as they occur. Voting results will be tabulated and projected as they occur. The idea is to eliminate wasted time due to misunderstandings as to what is being discussed or voted upon. This should be especially helpful when discussing or voting upon amendments to a main motion, or a motion split into two or more questions. At the moment it is expected that there will be 5 screen areas for this purpose.

The Grand Ballroom will hold over 1,000 people, not counting the balcony (which will be used for media and electric control, projections, and overflow spectator seats, as well as camera positions for television and film). A professional stage manager will operate the technical aspects of the convention. The KEYNOTE SESSION and the session at which the presidential candidate will be nominated will be HEAVILY PROMOTED TO BOTH THE PRESS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC. We hope to fill the spectator seats on both these occasions.

In general, we WILL BE WORKING OVERTIME to make this a comfortable, workable convention for the purposes of doing business. We will make sure coffee, rolls and beverages are available for convenient purchase adjacent to the convention floor at all hours during which the convention is in session. A headquarters, information center, lounge and get-away-from-it-all room will be open as well, at the entrance to the ballroom. Press Headquarters will also be located adjacent to the floor. Much of this is possible due to the excellent layout of the Statler's convention center.

A room has been designated for each of the standing committees. These rooms will be held for this purpose for as long as needed (the Statler has over thirty meeting rooms in all, so space is not a problem). These rooms will be connected electronically to the main room. Additionally, rooms will be held open for caucuses or other purposes. Let us know in advance if you wish to reserve a room.

## GIANT EXHIBIT HALL

We will have available a large hall next to the main ballroom which is approximately 73' by 142' (about 20 times larger than Dallas). EACH EXHIBIT SPACE WILL MEASURE 15' x 20' and may be purchased singly or shared by two or more. Additionally, a limited number of ideal ISLAND DISPLAY AREAS will be available. The main features of the exhibit area will be as follows: ONE: Space. For comfort. Lounge areas. Traffic flow. TWO: EVERYONE going to or from the convention floor must PASS THROUGH the exhibit area on the way. Certain exhibit locations will benefit from EXTREMELY high traffic and will be priced accordingly. THREE: Services. Professional exhibit services will be available by reservation. Exhibit backings, signs, counter displays and special displays, projections, etc. are all available at reasonable prices. FOUR: SECURITY. 24 hour guard service will be provided. A minimum of two guards on duty at all times. This is necessary as the room is open for traffic 24 hours. EXHIBITORS MAY OPEN AND CLOSE AT ANY TIME. Booths start at \$12.50 per day. Use the response form for requesting additional information. If you're interested in sharing a booth, put a classified in the next issue of this newsletter.

## SPECIAL EVENTS AND ATTRACTIONS

Many special EVENTS are being planned. YOUR RESPONSE will help us determine what events will be most popular. Some of the proposals are:

NEW YORK TOUR AND BOAT RIDE - The tour will include famous spots such as ROCKEFELLER CENTER, the EMPIRE STATE BUILDING, the FINANCIAL DISTRICT, the LAISSEZ FAIRE BOOKSTORE, CHINATOWN, etc. etc. and the Boat ride is a moonlight cruise around the tip of Manhattan and out to the Statue of Liberty. The boat trip will include a party with a band, folk singing and square dancing, food and drink.

THEATRICAL REVUE - Featuring exclusively LIBERTARIAN SONGS AND MUSIC - plus exciting projections and multimedia magic. This will be a fund-raiser for the presidential campaign.

THE BANQUET - A feast and an evening of exciting speakers plus musical entertainment - and a dance band - till the wee hours. The location - the PENTHOUSE BALLROOM of the Statler, with an exciting view of the city as a backdrop.

## PRE-CONVENTION SERIES

Several series of lectures, seminars and workshops are being planned to begin on Monday, 25 August, the week of the convention. THE RESPONSE SHEET in this newsletter is for your input - WHAT KINDS OF EVENTS would YOU like to see happen? The next issue of this newsletter will start to detail the happenings that will kick off this most exciting LIBERTARIAN WEEK.

## PRICE INFORMATION

Certain events at this convention will be expensive. Rooms, although low by New York standards, will not be cheap. The New York convention planners are ACUTELY AWARE of this...and we are working hard to make this an AFFORDABLE convention. In the next newsletter we will feature a BUDGET COLUMN. In the meantime, we can report this...

We are working hard on transportation - Air Charters and Special Rates - airline/hotel combination rates, etc. We think we can save you up to 30-40% of your transportation costs. We are working on cheap ways to get you from the airports to the hotel.

Meals - CONTRARY TO POPULAR OPINION it is possible to eat (reasonably well) in N.Y. for under \$5-\$6 a day. People are working on a budget guide to N.Y. which will feature bargain eating within walking distance of the Hotel (there are over 100 restaurants, coffee shops, pizza stands, etc. within a two block radius of the Hotel). The main thing is - DON'T EAT IN THE HOTEL except for official functions such as the banquet, where there is something besides the meal to make paying the price worthwhile. (Note, I don't think we should send a copy of this newsletter to the Hotel...)

Exact prices for all convention events have not yet been fully compiled.

We do plan to hold the REGISTRATION FEE down to the lowest possible figure - \$7.50 per person, which is LESS than previous conventions. Depending on YOUR RESPONSE, we will be able to provide a more comprehensive price list for all individual events in the near future. The BANQUET will be provided AT COST. The THEATRICAL will be structured as a FUND RAISER, with multiple pricing, and structured so that the amount you pay will be a tax-deductable political contribution. The PRE-CONVENTION SERIES will be available as separate events, or in MINI-PACKAGES or as a total package. WE WILL HAVE A BIG-APPLE-I-DON'T-WANT-TO-MISS-ANYTHING-PACKAGE PRICE which will include registration, all special functions, moonlight cruises, theatricals and the pre-convention series...the price for this package will be under \$95.00.

There are 1001 FREE things to do or see in New York (usually "free" means we, the taxpayers of N.Y. have already paid for them so you might as well enjoy them.) We want you to come and bring your family. A suggestion - MAKE THIS YOUR VACATION. The convention schedule will be leisurely during the week, and Labor Day is a good time to see the city...most seasoned New Yorkers get the hell out of town on Labor Day.

