

American Atheists Convention in New Jersey

DIVE RIGHT IN to the excitement of the 1986 Convention of American Atheists. An information-packed three days, this American Atheists convention is in Somerset, New Jersey on April 18, 19, 20 (that's Friday, Saturday, and Sunday). But there's an added delight to the lectures, discourses, exchanges, socials, banquets, debates, awards, presentations, and general whirlwind of an American Atheist Convention — this, the 16th Annual National Convention of American Atheists, is being held in honor of an Atheist pioneer: C. B. Reynolds, who was arrested in New Jersey more than one hundred years ago for the crime of blasphemy.



SHAKE HANDS with Atheists from the four corners of the United States — as well as a few from other countries. At this April meeting, you can meet the Atheist next door, around the corner, and from the other coast. But that's not all — you have the opportunity to chat with regional and national Atheist leaders. Chapter directors and officers from around the country and the National officers of American Atheists will be there. And you will be able to meet many of the authors of the controversial *American Atheist* magazine.



LISTEN TO AND QUESTION vigorous and unique lecturers. New directions in Atheist activism, separation of state and church case law, creationism, and the debunking of pseudo-science will be just a few of the topics under discussion. A foreign expert will inform you about the religious situation overseas. Madalyn O'Hair, known as "the woman who took prayer out of the public schools," will be on hand to present her views. Last, but far from least, the author of the best-selling *X-Rated Bible*, Ben Edward Akerley, has consented to make a special presentation for conventioners.



NOT THE CORNER SHOW — that's one of the things you will say about the special video presentations at the American Atheist Convention. The planners of this convention exclusively select hard-to-find films for your viewing pleasure — the type of hard-hitting exposes which you can expect not to see on commercial television or at your local theater.



READERS, BEWARE! You just might not escape the book and literature display of this convention without taking a little (or big) something home. One of the best features of this April meet is its "Book Room" — which is the largest sale of Atheist and freethought books and material on this continent. This isn't just a collection of the American Atheist Press's recent releases like the best-selling *X-Rated Bible*, or *Christianity Before Christ* (though they will be there too). No, you will be able to find out-of-print Atheist works such as Joseph Lewis's masterpieces and Haldeman-

Julius's famous "Big Blue Books." Also, literature published by the various chapters of American Atheists will be available, material that is usually only available to local chapter members. But that's not all — there will be bumperstickers, pins, Atheist jewelry, posters, audio cassettes, stickers, greeting cards, t-shirts, and more. Remember: all of this is only all together once a year, and some of it is never available by mail.



FOOD AND FUN will spice up this already hardy convention. The early reservation fee includes the Saturday luncheon, at which you can fill your tummy with the Somerset Hilton's yummy fare and your mind with the conversation of other Atheists. But there is also a Friday soiree and banquet for members of American Atheists at which Atheists sick of never having a chance to wear those "Sunday Go To Meeting" clothes will have a chance to dress up. There is another social hour on Saturday night which is open to all conventioners. There will be a final chance to fraternize on Sunday the 20th at a special convention buffet brunch.



TROPHIES AND ROSES — well, trophies at least — will be given out to 1985's award-winning Atheists. That's right, you can be present when the "Atheist of The Year" is announced and the "Most Hated Atheist of the Year" is unmasked.



LIGHT BULBS AND MORE can be seen on a special tour for conventioners of Edison's West Orange Laboratory. Two special tours of the famous Atheist's workshops have been arranged for the afternoon of Friday the 18th. But the U.S. Park Service says only one hundred individuals may participate in this activity — early reservations are a must!



BUT EXACTLY WHERE'S ALL THE EXCITEMENT? This one-of-a-kind meet will be held at the Somerset Hilton, 200 Atrium Drive, Somerset, New Jersey. And remember it is on the weekend of April 18-20.



A PLACE FOR YOUR CASE — your suitcase that is — is available from the Somerset Hilton (ph: 201-469-2600) for only \$60 a night plus tax. That special rate for a single or a double is for conventioners only. Your reservation must be received, however, by April 1. Registrants will receive a convenient room reservation card from American Atheists to mail to the Somerset Hilton.



BY THE SKIES: the Somerset Hilton is handy to Newark Airport but this convention is especially convenient for those flying since United Airlines has agreed to be the official carrier for the 1986 Convention. Information concerning the special rates on United will be made available to all registrants. Keep in mind also that Newark Airport is the home of People's Express airlines.



BY THE GROUND: Close to Manhattan, Somerset is only \$13 RT on public transportation — or only an hour's drive. The cost of transportation from Newark Airport to the convention site is only \$15. Hertz Car Rentals is offering a special rate for all American Atheist Conventioneers. Information concerning this will be sent to all registrants.



FEES: The individual early registration fee is \$50 (\$25 for elderly on fixed income and students). This price includes all non-restricted sessions of the convention and the Saturday luncheon. The deadline for early registration is April 1st, 1986.



THE CATCH is that if you wait until the last moment the registration fee is increased to \$60 per person (\$30 for elderly on fixed income and students) and it does not include the Saturday lunch. So maximize your enjoyment (and your savings) by registering early.



QUESTIONS? Just call or write the national office of American Atheists. Its telephone number is (512) 458-1244. The address is: Convention Registration, American Atheists, P.O. Box 2117, Austin, TX 78768-2117.

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THE DATES, again, are April 18, 19, and 20. The place is the Somerset Hilton, Somerset, NJ.

Make your plans to attend now — and send in your registration early!

- Yes, I would like to attend all three days of the 1986 American Atheists Convention for the early registration price of \$50 per person. I am returning this form by April 1, 1986.
- Yes, I plan to attend the Saturday Luncheon which is included in the convention fee.
- I missed the early registration deadline, but I would still like to attend all three days of the convention at the registration fee of \$60 per person, not including the Saturday Luncheon.
- I am enclosing a check or money order for \$_____

If you do not wish to attend all three days of the convention, there is a \$15 per session (four sessions total) per person fee payable at the door.

- Please charge \$_____ to my credit card:
 - Visa MasterCard

Credit Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____ Bank No./Letters _____

Signature: _____

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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