



THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY

Watergate Office Building ♦ 2600 Virginia Avenue, NW, Suite 100 ♦ Washington, DC 20037

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
February 21, 1996

For additional information
Bill Winter, Director of Communications
(202) 333-0008

Prediction: Libertarian Party will emerge as eventual "winner" of New Hampshire primary

WASHINGTON, DC — Who was the *real* winner of the Republican presidential primary in New Hampshire?

"The Libertarian Party," is the surprising answer from Steve Dasbach, Chairman of America's third largest political party. "Bob Dole versus Pat Buchanan . . . no matter which one wins the Republican nomination, 1996 now looks like a great opportunity for Libertarians!" he said.

Buchanan's stunning upset of Dole in the primary on Tuesday means that "the two wings of big-government Republicanism are battling for supremacy," said Dasbach.

"It's the Republican Establishment wing versus the new Populist wing," he said. "But both advocate a big, expensive, meddlesome government. Come November, only the Libertarian Party presidential candidate will be on the ballot as the *genuine* candidate of smaller government."

And for the millions of Americans who favor less government, neither Dole nor Buchanan will be appealing, Dasbach predicted.

"Bob Dole is the Trillion Dollar Tax Man," he said. "He's voted for 16 tax increases in the last 14 years, totaling \$960 billion — just shy of a trillion dollars. He's funneled tens of billions in government farm support money to huge agribusinesses and stood by silently when President Clinton sent Americans to die in Bosnia.

"As for Buchanan, he no longer even pretends to be in favor of less government. Like other populists before him, he has been seduced by the lure of political power, and wants to use it to wage war on foreigners, large corporations, and his fellow Americans, if he doesn't approve of their lifestyle or culture."

By contrast, Dasbach said, "Only the Libertarian Party candidate will advocate taking power away from Washington — and returning it to individuals. And that message will be powerfully appealing to millions of voters."

The Libertarian Party will select a presidential candidate at its national convention, July 3-7, 1996, in Washington, DC. Active candidates for the nomination include Rick Tompkins, Doug Ohmen, Harry Browne, and Irwin Schiff.

#