

# Committee to Nominate MacBride

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Dear Delegate:

We wrote you recently to ask your support in nominating Roger MacBride who is, we believe, "The Candidate They Can't Ignore." For those of you who have not yet made a decision, we think some further information about Roger's life and achievements will be helpful.

Roger was born on August 6, 1929. He was active in debating in high school and won an award for giving a speech by Leonard Read entitled "Pattern for Revolt."

About this time, Roger met the great libertarian philosopher Rose Wilder Lane. It was a profound experience for him and Rose Lane became the most important formative influence in his life. Through her Roger became familiar with the writings of Albert J. Nock, H. L. Mencken, Ayn Rand and other libertarian thinkers.

Roger attended Princeton, graduating with an AB degree in Political Science in 1951. At Princeton he created a furor in the Economics Department when an article he wrote refuting the Keynesian theory appeared in The Educational Reviewer. His senior thesis was later published with modification as his first book, THE AMERICAN ELECTORAL COLLEGE.

From Princeton, Roger went to Harvard Law School, graduating in 1954. This time his thesis concerned the controversial Bricker Amendment to the U. S. Constitution. As you know, the Bricker Amendment would have prohibited the President from signing foreign treaties without Congressional approval. Roger's thesis was published as TREATIES VERSUS THE CONSTITUTION, ultimately selling over 100,000 copies, a remarkable achievement for such a scholarly work. Upon graduation, Roger was awarded a Fullbright scholarship to study comparative constitutional law.

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