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## OFF & RUNNING...

For those of you who haven't already heard, on March 22 the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in favor of minor parties in the *Salera vs Tucker* suit, allowing the LPP and other minor parties in Pennsylvania until August 21 to file petitions. We immediately began planning for what will be the first major political endeavor by Pennsylvania libertarians, as well as one of the most ambitious petition drives in the country. Petitions are being printed this week, and we should be ready to start action state-wide by April 17.

A lot of work has already gone into this: Frank Bubb of Swarthmore has researched the election code, prepared instructions for circulators, and travelled to Harrisburg to tie up loose ends with the Election Commission. Olga Chauncey prepared an extensive mailing list which was used for our initial convention and petition-drive mailing. Bill Lewis has spent a considerable amount of time helping with all aspects of the petition drive, as well as working on the upcoming state convention, producing the newsletter, and managing the treasury. And twenty-seven people have helped by letting us put their names on the petition as Presidential Electors.

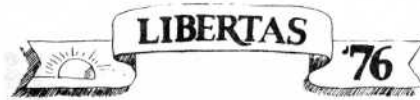
So what can you do? By now, you should have received our letter explaining what needs to be done. To expand on that: 1. Petitioning. We are organizing petitioning groups in several parts of the state to begin work as soon as possible. (You must be a registered voter to circulate petitions.) If you can't or won't register, we can also use volunteers for telephoning, delivering petitions (the mails can't be trusted), working on mailings that will be going out from time to time, and helping with the reams of correspondence that something of this magnitude creates. And, if anyone knows a sympathetic notary who would notarize 500-600 petitions for a nominal fee, we could save a bundle of money. 2. Contributing money. In order to reach our goal, we are going to have to hire full-time workers for part of the summer. But before we can proceed with that, we must pay a filing fee (\$50), notary fees, and printing and postage expenses for more letters soliciting help and money. So if you haven't contributed because you didn't know where the money would be going, you need a new excuse. 3. Providing contacts. You can do this by sending us the names of anyone you know who might be interested in helping with any of the above. Or, start organizing a group of friends to help you petition—just make sure that everyone follows the instructions that will be provided to petitioners.

The response so far has been very good—we've received offers of help as well as contributions from people we don't even know—with your help, we'll be able to contact more of these "closet libertarians" across the state. If you haven't already done so, fill out the form that you received with the convention flyer, and return it today, so we can make ballot status for Roger and Dave a reality in Pennsylvania.

*Jo Cherman*

## pa MacBride for president committee formed

Pennsylvania is the latest state to form a MacBride-for-President Committee at the state level. Frank Bubb, 97 Dartmouth Avenue, Swarthmore, will head the PA Committee. Campaign contributions and offers of assistance can be directed to him.



Libertas '76, the convention of the Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania, is shaping up to be a biggie in every respect. In addition to the already-announced speakers, films, and workshops, the recent developments on the petition drive front have led to the inclusion of learn-by-doing workshop on petitioning (to be conducted by MacBride for President Committee Chairperson Robert Meier). The Allegheny County LP has done a superb job of planning a full schedule of events, so if you haven't returned your convention registration form yet, do it now and join us on May 8.



## MEDIA

The Libertarian Party campaign of Roger MacBride and David Bergland has been receiving wide media coverage across the country. In addition to extensive publicity from campaign appearances, Roger has been featured in *People* magazine (March 29), *Easyriders* (!), *Point Blank* and on the PBS television series *USA: People and Politics*. Typical newspaper coverage consists of several columns of favorable reporting, large headlines, and pictures of Roger and/or his plane with "Libertarian Presidential Campaign" on the side.

Other Libertarian Party activists in the news include tax rebel Karl Bray, feature in an April *Playboy* article "Punch Out the IRS", and Arizona freedom fighter Rene' Baxter, mentioned in the same article.

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# liberdates

\*May 8: Libertas '76, Convention of the Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania. (See other side for more details.)  
\*August 21: filing date for signatures for PA ballot status.

\*September 24-26: National LP Convention at the Statler-Hilton in Washington, DC. This will be the biggest LP happening ever; a well-publicized, media attracting extravaganza, so don't miss it!

 **Declare your independence**

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## gulag: American style

"All [that government] can see in an original idea is change, and hence an invasion of its prerogatives. The most dangerous man, to any government, is the man who is able to think things out for himself, without regard to the prevailing superstitions and taboos. Almost inevitably he comes to the conclusion that the government he lives under is dishonest, insane and intolerable, and so, if he is romantic, he tries to change it. And even if he is not romantic personally he is very apt to spread discontent among those who are."

—H.L. Mencken

reprisals due to Jim Davidson's article ("Funch Out the IRS!", p. 82,) in the April Playboy. 2. The revocation of bail for willful failure to file conviction appeal is overturned. 3. The government doesn't decide to keep Karl off the streets until after April 15. Assuming that none of the above listed reprisals take place, Karl will speak on, "The Gulag Archipelago, American Style." Karl has paid his dues in the LP movement by putting his freedom on the line. He deserves the support and a hearty "WELL DONE" from all of us.

An April 24 "Welcome home Karl" celebration is planned by the California LP provided: 1. The IRS takes no re-

