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ROGER MacBRIDE for PRESIDENT ! ! ! !

Saturday, August 30th, at the National Convention of the Libertarian Party held in New York City, Roger MacBride was elected on the first ballot as the Libertarian Party candidate for President of the United States. The following day, David Bergland was elected the Party's Vice-Presidential candidate.

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".

Roger attended Princeton, graduating with an AB degree in Political Science in 1951. At Princeton he wrote an article in opposition to the Keynesian theory which 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 senior thesis concerned the controversial Bricker Amendment which would have prevented provisions of foreign treaties from overriding the U. S. Constitution. 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 Fulbright scholarship to study comparative constitutional law.

After completing his studies Roger went to work for White & Case, a large New York City law firm and specialized in banking law. He was to become one of the recognized experts on bank holding companies in the U. S. During this period he developed a course in political technique for the Society for the Advancement of Management under a grant from the Richardson Foundation. He also created the structure for United Student Aid Funds, a private organization intended to be a free-market answer to government proposals to subsidize tuition costs.

Around 1957 Roger was asked to become a member of the Board of Directors of National Review. Roger accepted but resigned shortly thereafter. He made the decision almost twenty years ago that his libertarian outlook was not compatible with orthodox conservatism.

Around 1960 Roger moved to Vermont to practice law. He lived in Halifax and was elected to various town offices and then to the state

legislature. While there, he introduced numerous bills to remove fat and muscle from state government. He later entered the Republican gubernatorial primary in 1964 and received 25% of the vote in a three-man race.

In 1968, Roger moved to Virginia where he presently operates Esmont Farm, about 15 miles south of Charlottesville. In the last few years he has edited three books and is currently in partnership with Ed Friendly (creator of the TV show "Laugh-In") and is responsible for the production of the "Little House on the Prairie" TV series. He is also working on another show based on the life of Rose Wilder Lane.

In 1972, Roger was chosen as a presidential elector from Virginia. Instead of casting his ballot for Nixon and Agnew, Roger made a decision of conscience and cast it for John Hospers and Tonie Nathan, the candidates of the Libertarian Party. This act of principle insured the Libertarian Party a place in the history books.

Since casting his electoral vote he has traveled to 20 states to support Party activities. He was a featured speaker at the 1973 Libertarian Party National convention and spoke at the 1973 Massachusetts state convention. In 1974 he was the keynote speaker at the Libertarian Party National Convention in Dallas, and spoke at the state conventions of California, Illinois, Pennsylvania and Virginia. In addition, Roger toured several cities in California on behalf of the gubernatorial race of Dr. John Hospers. He also spent much time in New York campaigning throughout the state supporting the candidacy of Jerome Tuccille for Governor.

State convention appearances so far this year include Alaska, Idaho, New Jersey and Tennessee. This spring he was a featured speaker at the Atlanta Society for Individual Liberty Conference and was a banquet speaker at the 1975 Conference on International Liquidity and Monetary Reform where his talk on the Libertarian Party was heard by over one thousand investors, businessmen and members of the press.

Of course, there are many activities that could be added to the above listing if space allowed -- the hundreds of interviews he has given, the 30 plus television newscasts along with numerous radio shows he has been on. A more intangible credit he deserves is for his voluminous correspondence with activists around the country and his tireless advocacy of the Party in his personal and business relationships. Roger possesses the raw endurance, stability of goal orientation and dogged determination necessary to carry us through the coming presidential race -- a factor that may very well hold the key to our future success.

Roger is "The Candidate They Can't Ignore". He has the intellect, backlog of accomplishments and stature to command the respectful attention of the media and the public. As our candidate the Libertarian Party will have a luxury few third parties have ever had -- a fully qualified Presidential candidate. Roger MacBride should be President of the United States!

David Bergland (the Party's Vice-Presidential candidate) is an attorney who has, for many years, promoted the Libertarian cause in

California. In 1974, he ran as the LP candidate for Attorney General in California. He is the author of the wording of the referendum which would give "None of the Above" permanent ballot status in the State of California. He has lectured and given advice to "lower" and "middle" class on the techniques of "legal" tax avoidance. Mr. Bergland is an articulate spokesman for the Libertarian cause and will be an asset and a complement to Roger MacBride.

THE MAGIC WORLD by Howard S. Katz

From Monday, August 25 through Monday, September 1, courtesy of John Doswell, Inc., a special world was created in the mezzanine of the Statler Hilton Hotel, New York City. It was the 1975 Libertarian Party Convention.

At least it centered in the mezzanine. But it also flowed out into the surrounding streets and up into the hotel, and for those of us who live in New York and those who crashed with us, it extended in thin tentacles to our apartments.

In this world all the women were beautiful; all the men were dashing; and newspapers and the events of the outside were (with the exception of a few times when the convention itself made the news) mostly ignored. An aura of emotion made the most mundane events -- such as eating lunch -- enjoyable. We rubbed elbows with the people who command our real respect in the world. We became, for a time, special people to each other.

Now that world no longer exists. The Statler-Hilton is hosting a different convention, and all of us have gone back to our everyday jobs. We are ordinary people again.

What a drag.

What made that world so special was that it was a world devoted to liberty. Those in it had a radical commitment to liberty, and the purpose for which we had assembled was to take direct action toward advancing liberty. For a week we were living our deepest values.

All of us felt a let-down when that week was over, but here is an example of why the idealist is basically happier than the average person. Those of us whose primary life activity is connected with libertarianism felt less of a let-down than those who had to go back to ordinary jobs. For this first group some of that special aura of that magic world is retained in everything we do.

When Roger MacBride stomps the campaign trail, it will be a lot of work, but some of that special aura will lighten every task. If Karl Bray goes to jail, it will not be to him what jail is to others because he is doing it for liberty. If Guy Riggs had succeeded in making his contract with the Party, he would have received the same salary as he gets at IBM, but he would be having a lot more fun.

Harry Browne tells us that working for liberty is a sacrifice. He finds the specific tasks necessary for that goal boring and irksome, and he calls us altruists. He will never know what we feel.

We will leave him in his isolated mountain retreat with his gun and his canned goods and his hand against every man -- embittered and emotionally shriveled like an old prune. We are toward people. We are living our values. Our way is right, not only for the long range good of the world, but for our direct and immediate happiness as well.

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PETITION DRIVE TO START SOON

In order to achieve ballot status in the State of Nevada for the Libertarian Party (and for Roger MacBride and Dave Bergland) we must get 8,391.3 valid signatures of registered voters. To eliminate the possibility of a "legal" challenge, we should make our objective approximately twice the required amount, or 16,000.

The Nevada delegation to the National Convention attended lectures and seminars which described the techniques for efficient management and techniques for petition drives. Presently, the Southern Regional Executive Committee of the LPN is doing the necessary preparations to kick off our petition drive. The present intention is to start the petition drive early in November. In order to achieve our objective, we need your help!

We need money.

No amount of money is too small, no amount is too large. We also need your time and energy. No amount is too small, no amount is too large. For further information, contact the Petition Drive Committee at 385-7895 or write them at 234 West St. Louis Avenue, #4, Las Vegas, Nevada 89102. Do it NOW! (Please!)

BILLBOARDS

How would you like to see a Libertarian message on a billboard? Impossible you say? Not so, say I. Money is already being raised for this project, but we need MORE, much, much more. No amount is too small, no amount is too large. Send your millions to 234 West St. Louis Avenue, #4, Las Vegas, Nevada 89102.

Your editor is James Libertarian Burns, State Chairman, LPN. I assume full responsibility for content. Your comments, both good and bad, are solicited and would be appreciated.

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