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MACBRIDE TO VISIT OHIO

The Libertarian Party's presidential campaign will roll into Columbus Ohio on Sunday, October 19. The featured speaker at the Libertarian Party of Ohio's Columbus conference will be Roger Lea MacBride. MacBride is making his first campaign visit to Ohio as part of the drive to place the MacBride-Bergland ticket on the ballot of 30 states for the 1976 election. The LPO conference will begin at noon October 19, at the Westbury Village Club House (see map on page 4).

MacBride will address the Ohio conclave on the major issues he plans to emphasize in the campaign and what Ohio can do to help spread libertarian principles. In response to a letter from Ohio Libertarian Editor R. Black, MacBride stated that, "We Libertarians have a great opportunity in 1976. For the first time in 120 years a new party just might rise to a position of major and permanent influence on the American political scene. The times and the tides are with us; it remains only for us to do our damndest. I'm looking forward to seeing personally each Ohio LP member at the October convention." MacBride's participation in the Columbus conference is part of the reorganization effort going on in the LPO since the national convention.

Interest in the LPO has increased substantially since the nomination of the MacBride-Bergland ticket. Many libertarians realize that it will make the task of spreading libertarian ideas much easier if we are able to place libertarian candidates on the ballot. This increased interest has been shown in several different areas; local groups in Cincinnati, Columbus, and Cleveland are once again becoming active. Membership in the LPO is rising. Subscriptions to the OHIO LIBERTARIAN are once again arriving, while donations and dues are providing the funds to begin a petition drive (although not enough to get us out of debt).

To place the Libertarian Party's presidential candidate on the Ohio ballot as an independent candidate (no party label) will take 5000 valid signatures of registered voters. To achieve ballot status in Ohio for the Libertarian Party would mean the collection of just under 30,000 valid signatures.

With the revival of interest in state and local libertarian groups, the possibility of having local libertarians running for office is certainly enhanced. The skills acquired in petitioning for MacBride will prove to be useful in collecting signatures for local candidates. Libertarians interested in running for office should be sure to attend this converage, since campaign strategy and tactics will be discussed.

A large variety of books, including several libertarian classics, will be on sale at substantial discounts. Proceeds go to the LPO.

PETITIONING CAN BE FUN

by Bob Lehman

Until two years ago I had never circulated a petition. When Howard Saunders asked me to help circulate petitions, I thought I might be able to fill one (25 signatures) by circulating it among my friends at work. But Howard wanted me to join a group of petitioners that would be going door-to-door. I had nothing better to do, so I decided to give it a try. It wasn't as difficult as I had imagined. I got 15 signatures in 1½ hours that first night, and after a couple more outings I was averaging 15 per hour.

Ringin' that first doorbell represents quite a hurdle for the novice. You don't know who is going to answer, what kind of mood he is in, whether he'll agree with you or not. If the first 3 or 4 people turn you down, you can start to get discouraged.

To help the novice get over that hurdle, I'd like to have him begin by observing an experienced petitioner for a while. They could then work together, taking turns, until the novice decides he's ready to go across the street and try it alone.

I realize that appeals to "duty" or "party loyalty" are ineffective in motivating libertarians. We are individualists, right? Our motivation is self-interest. Then why would anyone want to circulate petitions? BECAUSE IT'S FUN! You meet all kinds of people. You can practice expounding the philosophy, if you want to. You can get into debates, or practice avoiding them. And occasionally you'll uncover a closet libertarian! Even people who don't agree with you WILL sign your petition, sometimes, because they admire your enthusiasm. Then there is that great feeling of accomplishment when you complete your first petition.

So when your zone captain asks you to spend an evening circulating petitions with him, go along once. You don't have to commit yourself to go on a regular basis. Just try it — you might like it.

PETITIONING CAN BE FUN!

JOIN THE NEW AMERICAN REVOLUTION! VOTE MAC BRIDE !

LOCAL NOTES

At the Region #3 meeting on September 20, 1975, John Chipka agreed to host Greater Cleveland LP meetings. John announced the first would be on October 26. Richard Curtis joined the LPO, Roy McCarthy re-joined, and Stewart Simpkins asked to help with both the newsletter and the petition drive.

In Columbus, Jim Higgins and the gang are getting ready for the conference.

Randy Cesco held a Greater Cincinnati meeting on October 1 — no report yet. They are very busy making contacts with the media for MacBride.

Akron is still trying to get off the ground.

We're still waiting to hear from Toledo.


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THE LPO IS ON THE GROW!

- 10-19-75 State Conference & Execom meeting, Columbus. MEET ROGER MACBRIDE!
See map on page 4 for location. Time: 12 Noon.
- 10-20-75 MacBride in Cleveland, on WEWS-TV (#5) "Morning Exchange", 8:00 A.M.
Visiting media the rest of the day.
- 10-21-75 MacBride in Cincinnati, on WCPO-TV (#9) "Speaking Frankly", 12 Noon
(taped). WLW-TV & AM (#5 & 700kHz) "Bob Braun Show", 12 Noon. More
not definite yet — see Randy Cesco.
- 10-26-75 Greater Cleveland Meeting and open discussion. 1:00 P.M. (See map
below.)
- 11-2-75 Region #3 Caucus, 1701 East 12th Street, Apt. 18J, 1:00 P.M. Elec-
tion of new Chairman and two Execom members. Open discussion will
follow.
- 11-5-75 DEADLINE, OHIO LIBERTARIAN
- 12-10-75 DEADLINE, OHIO LIBERTARIAN

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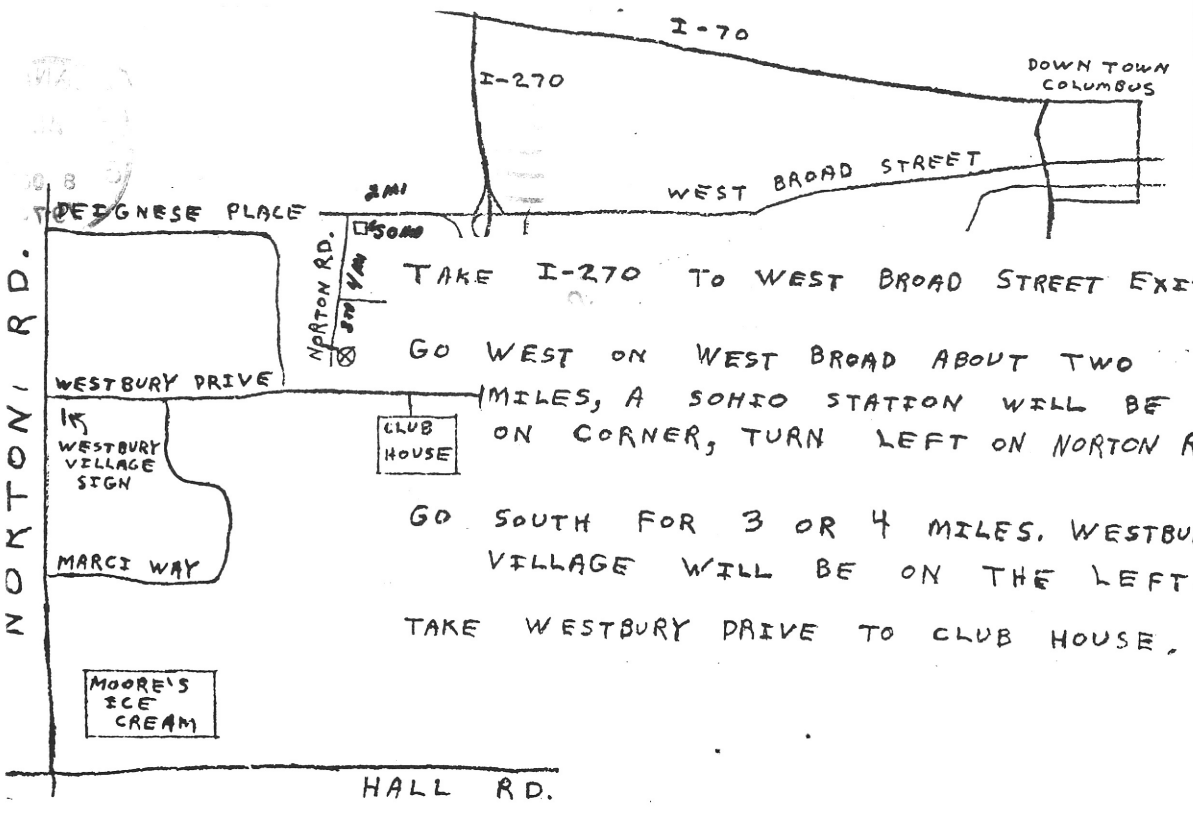


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 GO SOUTH FOR 3 OR 4 MILES, WESTBURY VILLAGE WILL BE ON THE LEFT
 TAKE WESTBURY DRIVE TO CLUB HOUSE.