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AN OPEN LETTER TO LIBERTARIANS

FROM STATE CHAIRMAN JOHN RAKO

I am sure that you share my pleasure in seeing the progress and cooperation our members have exhibited since the New York Convention. Particularly impressive are the efforts of Bob Lehman for the petition drive.

However, formidable tasks still await us. We are behind in the petition drive. We must prepare for the coming Ohio Convention and for a Constitutional Committee. The MacBride Campaign Committee informs me that Roger will be in our area in March of '76, so we must begin to prepare now. It will take several months of contacts with news media personnel before some productive appearances for Roger can be scheduled. So I urge all local groups to get the media used to the word Libertarian. We must have definite plans as soon as possible.

Also of immediate importance are the preparations that must be made for the expected influx of new members. Although it is our principles that will attract new members, we can expect that few will apply those principles consistently. In the making of a Libertarian, recruiting is the smallest increment.

There are many ways to inform and educate new members: the Newsletter, Position Papers, meetings, and so on. Of the many new members, perhaps some would like to be candidates. If so, it is mandatory that the person's ideas be both self-consistent and consistent with Libertarianism because (s)he will be our spokesman.

Anyone who would like to work with me in a membership drive/publicity campaign please contact me, Ross Black, or your local chairman.

AN EVENING OF FUN

Cleveland LP will hold a New Year's Eve party at Bob Lehman's, starting at 9:00 P.M.; \$8.00 per person or \$15.00 per couple, BYOB.

HELP RIP OFF BIG BROTHER

Send the LPO \$25 for the MacBride campaign before December 31, 1975, and take \$12.50 off the amount of your TAXES. See the November issue for details. Save even more by making a contribution after January 1, 1976, also. Send to Bob Lehman, 1701 East 12 St., Apt. 18J, Cleveland, Ohio 44114.

1975 - A GLANCE BACKWARD

The year 1975 can be divided into two segments for the LPO. The LP National Convention at the end of August was the event which separates Libertarian activities in Ohio. In the first eight months of 1975 several events occurred. In Cleveland, the LPO co-sponsored a tax protest April 12 at the federal building. The protest received excellent coverage. The state convention was held in Columbus in May. A flurry of activity occurred in August, as Kay Harroff campaigned unsuccessfully for the LP's presidential nomination.

Since September 1, an increase in activity has taken place as the tempo quickened in anticipation of the 1976 election. A strong local group organized in Cleveland. In Cincinnati a Libertarian Supper Club started. Individuals in Columbus, Dayton, and Toledo began to organize local groups. In October, presidential nominee Roger Lea MacBride addressed a state LPO conference in Columbus and then spent three days campaigning in Ohio. Petitions to place MacBride on the Ohio ballot are currently circulating throughout the state. 10,000 signatures of registered voters are needed to place MacBride's name on the ballot in Ohio.

Membership in the LPO increased over 40% since September 1. Over \$345 in funds were raised and over \$215 spent. A record number of consecutive issues of the "Ohio Libertarian" appeared; issues were published in September, October, November, and December.

If the LPO continues to grow next year as it did in the last four months of 1975, it may soon be able to play a significant role in Ohio politics. However, the LPO can only become as strong as the local Libertarian groups. Without active local groups a viable campaign for MacBride will have difficulty getting off the ground.

PETITIONING IS HARD WORK

BY JIM HIGGINS

Petitioning for the most part is sheer hard work. At the end of two hours you are really worn out, and the result will be about 25 signatures or one full petition sheet. It doesn't sound like very much, but two hours a week will produce 100 signatures a month, so they do accumulate. The Libertarian Party needs 5,000 valid signatures or roughly 10,000 petitioned signatures to get MacBride on the ballot in Ohio next year; that means 400 full petition sheets. If everyone pitches in it will not take very much effort, but if they don't a few people will be knocking themselves out.

The question is, why do it? The answer is of course to spread Libertarian ideas. LP candidates and their ideas are starting to get wide media coverage, and slowly but surely the public is getting doses of our philosophy. Attitudes of people are starting to change toward freedom, as evidenced by polls, letters to the editor, elections, etc. A presidential candidate must be on the ballot in at least the larger states before the news media or the public will pay serious attention to him, and now is the time for libertarians to get serious also.

I'm convinced that a libertarian society will be established. There is no question about that. But just when it happens will depend on what we do right now.

"In a mature society, "civil servant" is semantically equal to "civil master."

... Lazarus Long

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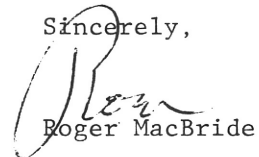
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The Ohio Libertarian
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Dear Editor

Congratulations on the progress you're making on the petition drive. It looks as though you're percentage of signatures is just about the same as the percentage of time elapsed. Keep up the splendid work!

Sincerely,



Roger MacBride

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Never drink to excess; you might shoot a tax collector — and miss!

An Elephant: A mouse built to government specifications.

"Never appeal to a man's "better nature." He may not have one. Invoking his self-interest gives you more leverage."

...Lazarus Long

Uncle Sam -- not a big brother but an over-protective mother.

Party offers liberal, conservative planks

By Jack Fogle

Roger MacBride, Libertarian Party presidential candidate, was in Columbus Sunday to attend the Ohio Libertarian Party Convention.

The convention attended by about 30 to 40 persons, began the party's petition drive to get MacBride on the ballot in 1976.

MacBride said the party offers a "new dawn" for the United States, which will be reached by "a dose of individual freedom in the social, economic and national realms."

THE PARTY'S platform would end all victimless crimes laws. "If a person wants to smoke marijuana or sleep with another consenting adult, he should have the right to do so," MacBride said.

It would also greatly reduce the size and power of government, end taxes, subsidies and all government controls. There would be no foreign policy or foreign involvement, leaving foreign aid to voluntary private contributions.

The party appeals to the idealist and the intellectual, MacBride said. However, it will also eventually draw from the Republican and Democratic parties.

MACBRIDE SAID the Libertarian Party could be labeled a "lib-con" party, because its platform is liberal and conservative.

To get him on the 1976 ballot as the Libertarian candidate will require 40,000 signatures from registered Ohioans, said John Rako, chairman of the Ohio Libertarian Party. MacBride needs 5,000 signatures to run as an independent candidate, he added.

RAKO SAID the party expects MacBride to get about 200,000 votes in Ohio. Kay Harroff, the party's 1974 senatorial candidate received about 80,000 votes.

In the 1976 presidential campaign, the party hopes to at least accomplish mass support and recognition which will get other parties to discuss Libertarian issues, and help in future campaigns.



Lantern Photo by Janet K. Scheren

Roger MacBride

"Democracy is based on the assumption that a million men are wiser than one man. How's that again? I missed something.

"Autocracy is based on the assumption that one man is wiser than a million men. Let's play that one over again, too. Who decides?"

...Lazarus Long



ROGER MacBRIDE

Libertarian just wants to get his message out

BY BILL FURLOW

As presidential candidates go, Roger MacBride does not have the most charisma, the biggest campaign or the best chance of being elected.

What he may have is the most interesting philosophy, a belief in "across the board human freedom."

MacBride, a 46-year-old lawyer turned television producer and farmer, is the candidate of the Libertarian party.

What MacBride believes essentially is that government has no business telling a person what he can or cannot do as long as that person is not infringing on the rights of someone else.

In an interview yesterday during a campaign stop in Cincinnati, MacBride outlined some of the things he would like to do if he were to become president.

His foreign policy would include recognizing and having friendly relations with every country in the world, be they democracies, communist states or right-wing dictatorships.

HE WOULD WITHDRAW all American military troops from foreign countries, but would maintain a strong defense, probably relying upon a "foolproof second strike capability" as a deterrent from foreign attack.

MacBride would abolish the draft and would not even reinstate in times of war.

"It wouldn't be necessary," he said, "because the only war a Libertarian president would let the country be in would be a defensive war, and I think most people would want to defend what they have."

In the area of domestic policy, MacBride would want to end all government regulation and intervention in business.

He would also want to replace the Social Security system with one founded by a consortium of private businesses.

THESE THINGS would take time, he said, "because we're a humanitarian party. We recognize that if we tried to junk all this intervention in one day, we would create a crisis worse than the intervention."

He also favors abolishing "victimless crimes" and would like to see the laws regulating narcotics repealed.

MacBride is a graduate of Princeton University and Harvard Law School. He now lives on a farm south of Charlottesville, Va.

He and a partner produce the television series "Little House on the Prairie."

MacBride said he became converted to the libertarian philosophy as a teenager and adhered to those beliefs through many years of work in the Republican party.

But he became convinced that as a Republican, "The chances of getting principles across was next to zero."

IN 1972, MacBride was a Virginia Republican elector in the presidential election. But rather than cast his vote in the Electoral College for Richard Nixon, he voted for the Libertarian party candidate.

That began the involvement that led to his being chosen this past Labor Day as the party's presidential candidate. He hopes to be on the ballot in about 35 states.

MacBride said he realizes his chances of becoming president are "highly improbable," but he also believes the Republican party is "as dead as a chicken with its head cut off."

His goal is that the Libertarian party will become the third major party by the end of 1976 and by 1980 will have replaced the Republicans as the chief opponents of the Democrats.

DO IT TODAY !

TOMORROW IT MAY BE TAXED OR ILLEGAL.

LPO MEMBER SPEAKS OUT ON TV

On November 25, 1975, the following guest editorial was used on WKRC-TV, Channel 12, Cincinnati. It was aired four times on TV and four times (I think) on WKRC radio. The TV picture started off with EVERETT DEJAGER REPRESENTING LIBERTARIAN PARTY printed across my chest. Shortly the letters changed to GUEST EDITORIAL.

A recent editorial lamented the defeat of Governor Rhodes' Jobs and Progress issues. I congratulate the voters and suggest a different solution.

Three of the proposals were based on the worn-out theory that government can create prosperity by borrowing a lot and spending it on worthy causes. This has been tried by hundreds of governments, and it has never worked.

Prosperity depends upon a lot of businessmen who produce things and sell them at a profit. To succeed they must be free to use their ingenuity and their money.

Government cannot help the businessman solve his problems, but it can certainly add to his problems. Taxes drain away the capital he could use to improve his plant. Regulations never reduce his costs, only increase them.

If Mr. Rhodes seriously wants to improve Ohio's business climate, he should try liberty. Repeal a hundred laws that interfere with the businessman. Free enterprise works. Let's try it.

A surprising number of people have told me they saw me; some said they agreed enthusiastically with what I said. This type of exposure can't hurt the cause. Also, it is free.

The way it was arranged: I wrote requesting reply time to one of their editorials, outlining my views. The letter was on party letterhead. The news director phoned me, the thing was put on tape November 21. The only flaw was they promised to use it on Friday November 28, and used it on Tuesday November 25 instead.

FROM THE EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

The new year is a time to reflect on ones accomplishments of the past year and hopes for next. This past year since September we published four issues of the newsletter and all but the November issue were out on time. The November issue was 1½ weeks late due to illness. Special word of thanks to the staff: Sharon Cook who typesets and corrects the copy (Sharon has been ill--that's why there were so many errors in the November issue); Karl Peterjohn who has written many of the unsigned articles and put up with my red pen, in addition to helping with licking stamps; Roy McCarthy who has been our chief GoFor and label licker; Bob Lehman for the use of his place and his writing (and putting up with my red pen) in addition to folding newsletters; Stu Simpkins who is the king of the staplers; and to Goldie Black, my right-hand person. I couldn't have done it without you, gang.

Next year we plan to put out at least six issues (more if money is there). We will open the pages of the Ohio Libertarian to members on a space-available basis for their ideas and opinions on the structure and directions of the party. We will also open the pages to LPO members who wish to stand for party office.

We still need help for the newsletter, either in writing or doing things like folding or licking stamps. We really need writers, particularly to do short articles on the issues. Please contact the editor. Also ALL local and regional leaders please keep us informed of ALL local activities including results of meetings, etc.

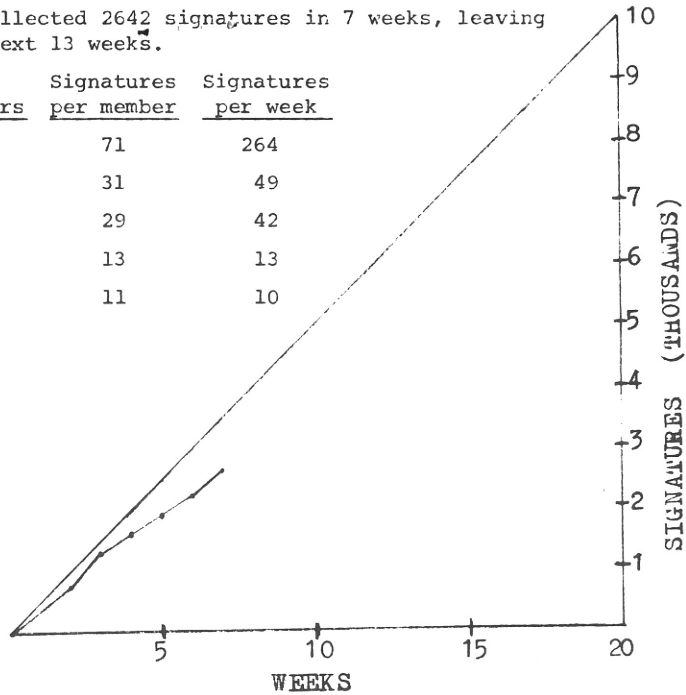
The deadline for the next issue is 1-31-76.

As of December 7th we have collected 2642 signatures in 7 weeks, leaving 7358 to be collected in the next 13 weeks.

Region	Signatures	Members	Signatures per member	Signatures per week
3 (Cleve.)	1,848	26	71	264
7 (Cin.)	343	11	31	49
5 (Col.)	293	10	29	42
4 (Dayton)	90	7	13	13
1 (Toledo)	68	6	11	10

Top Ten Circulators:

Bob Lehman	587
Fran Smith	443
Stu Simpkins	300
Jim Higgins	257
Karl Peterjohn	174
John DeJager	173
Linda Bunyan	138
Goldie Black	81
Randy Anderson	60
Everett DeJager	60



- - LOCAL NOTES - -

Welcome to new members GREGORY TOMARO, ALAN LONG, E. DENNIS BARNES and ARTHUR E. STEINMETZ, JR.

On December 7 at the GREATER CINCINNATI SUPPER CLUB, Everett DeJager delivered a talk on "What We're Up Against." About 20 people attended. The LPO of SOUTHWESTERN OHIO is holding a meeting at Phyllis Goetz/s, 9614 Kosta Dr., Cincinnati, on December 14, at 7:00 P.M.

TOLEDO LP is busy organizing a speakers bureau.

COLUMBUS LP will hold a meeting December 20, 1975, at Jim Higgins's, 908 Westbury Lane South, at 1:00 P.M.

CLEVELAND LP will hold a recruiting meetins at Jordan Holtz's, 1335 Lander Road, Mayfield Heights, at 8:00 P.M. on December 16. Cleveland will hold a general meeting January 11, 1976, at Stu Simpkins's, 22 Franklin, Bedford, at 1:00 P.M.

OFFICIAL NOTICE

The EXECOM of the LPO will meet on December 21, 1975, at Jim Higgins's (see address above) at 1:00 P.M. The meeting will plan 1976 activities including the June convention and the MacBride campaign.

Congratulations to subscriber Pete Couladis on his election to Athens, Ohio City Council. It's nice to know there's at least one elected official in Ohio who understands free market economics!

If this box is checked, your membership in the LPO expires on 12/31/75. RENEW TODAY! Send your renewal to:

Linda Bunyan, 77 Davenport Ave., Akron, O. 44312

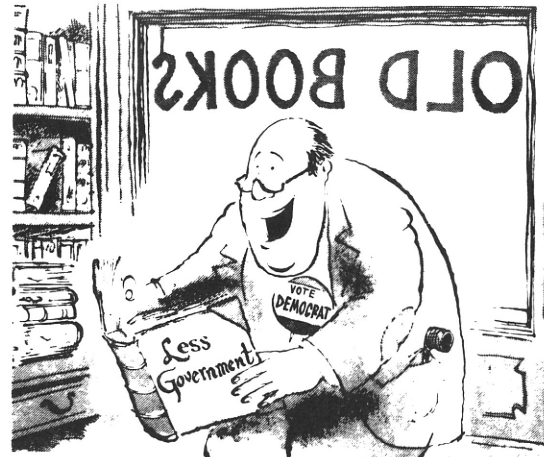
Membership classes:	Regular	\$ 6.00
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	Supporting	25.00
	Life	100.00

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'What a fantastic new idea!'

"First God made idiots, that was for practice. Then he made school Boards." ... Mark Twain

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