

LP Ticket Represents Top Ballot Alternative

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The likelihood that Roger MacBride's presidential candidacy will represent the only serious alternative to the two traditional parties this November improved dramatically in recent weeks. Estimates from MacBride's national headquarters here now indicate that he may be on the ballot in as many as 40 states - possibly 10 more than his nearest competitor in the bid to challenge the weakened two-party structure in the United States.

"It's becoming clear that in this year of disillusionment with the Democrats and Republicans, the Libertarian Party and the MacBride/Bergland ticket are going to be the only place for voters to turn to if they're in earnest about the need for change," said Edward H. Crane, National Chairman of the LP.

Crane said that he believed no other independent, new, or minor party will approach the present 40-state objective of the MacBride for President Committee. "Eugene McCarthy (independent candidate for president) will come closest," Crane said, "but I believe he'll be fortunate if he's on more than 30 states." The minor left-wing parties will be on about 25 state ballots, and the rapidly disintegrating fundamentalist-conservative American Party, which has nominated its chairman, Tom Anderson, for President, will probably be on the ballot in even fewer states.

Conservative attempts to put a coalition of minor right wing parties with ballot status together have been severely hampered by Ronald Reagan's continuing candidacy for the Republican nomination. This coalition is so desperate for a candidate that it is now hoping

to nominate New Hampshire Gov. Meldrim Thomson.

The failure of other new or old political movements to make a serious challenge this year has coincided with the LP's surprising ability to achieve ballot status in states where the party was not initially expected to be successful. The first such occasion was in Alabama and that was followed by what currently appear to be successful petition drives in Kansas and North Carolina. Ballot status in those three states was considered unlikely by MacBride campaign officials as recently as three months ago.

One of the most important states for the MacBride campaign is California, and prospects there look increasingly promising. State Chairman Ray Cunningham says he hopes to have 50 fulltime workers on the job during the July 5-Sept. 3 petitioning period. Other states where ballot status is now considered possible after previously having been considered unlikely are Oregon, Pennsylvania, Oklahoma, Nebraska, Wyoming, and South Carolina.

The MacBride/Bergland ticket has already obtained ballot status in Alabama, Idaho, Utah, Ohio, Kentucky, Louisiana, Hawaii, Michigan, New Jersey, and New Mexico for a total of 10 states. Filing within the very near future will be LPs in Alaska, Arizona, Nevada, Texas, Wisconsin, North Dakota, Colorado, Tennessee, and Mississippi. These states, combined with North Carolina and Kansas where the MacBride campaign is awaiting signature counts, should bring the total to 21 before the end of July. The remaining 19 states in which the LP hopes to be on the ballot have filing deadlines in August and September.

Local Candidates

As state LPs are gaining ballot status, candidates for state and local office are coming forth. In Idaho, Utah, and New

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Reagan's Rhodesia Plans Blasted

CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA - Ronald Reagan's proposal to send to Rhodesia an American 'occupation' army if necessary "is a frightening proposal of brinkmanship," said Roger L. MacBride in a news conference here at the Holiday Inn on June 4.

"To send American military forces to intervene in the civil quarrels of an African nation would be the very height of international irresponsibility," MacBride said. "According to yesterday's press releases, Mr. Reagan does not believe such an action would involve us in war in Rhodesia. But the actual risk of starting another Viet Nam style conflict would be so great as to disqualify Ronald Reagan from further consideration as a potential president of the United States." MacBride noted that in New



Roger L. MacBride

New 'Revolution' To Be Theme Of Convention

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Planning is underway for the 1976 National Convention of the Libertarian Party which will be held at the Statler-Hilton in Washington, D.C. The theme for the convention will be "The Second Libertarian Revolution," according to Linda Webb, convention coordinator and chairperson of the District of Columbia Libertarian Party, hosts for this year's event.

"Our objective is to continue the LP tradition of ever better conventions," said Webb, "although topping the job done by the FLP in New York last year won't be easy." The convention will run from Friday, Sept. 24 through Sunday, Sept. 26, with some informal activities scheduled on Thursday for early arrivals.

The constitution of the LP calls for annual conventions with those held on odd years conducting official party business and those held on even years, as this one is, being non-business gatherings. Because no official party business will take place, anyone who pays the registration fee is welcome to attend. There is, therefore, no requirement for selecting state delegations although seating on the convention floor will be by state.

Webb says that leading libertarians from around the world will be attending the convention and that at least ten Australians from the libertarian Workers Party have already notified of their plans to attend. In addition, Nobel Prize winning economist F. A. Hayek has been invited to address the convention. Libertarians representing a wide range of interests from within the movement have been invited to speak at the convention. The July-August issue of the LP NEWS will present a detailed schedule of speakers and events.

Demonstrations will be held on Thursday in front of two or three as-yet-to-be-selected federal agencies and formal notification of impending dissolution will be sent to several others. That evening a boat ride/cocktail reception will take LPers up the Potomac River. Another cocktail party is planned for Friday night and a banquet honoring Roger MacBride will be held Saturday evening.

In between the socializing will be a series of speeches, panel discussions, debates, and workshops. The convention will be designed to provide serious libertarians with everything from theoretical and empirical information in support of libertarian objectives to practical information for political activists.

Information and registration packets will be sent to the entire LP mailing list in early August. The convention committee is looking into the possibility of a charter flight for West Coast delegates.

CBS TO AIR TV SPOT

NEW YORK - The CBS Television Network has sold the MacBride for President Committee five minutes of air time immediately following the CBS Friday Night Movie July 16 at 10:55 p.m. The decision by CBS to sell the time is a major victory for the MacBride campaign and a recognition by the network of the major impact of Libertarian politics in this election year. MacBride supporters contributed over \$20,000 to purchase the time.

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'Sleeper' Bill Threatens Free Press

By Alan Block

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Concerted libertarian effort could stop a piece of "sleeper" legislation currently working its way through Congress. If libertarians work to stop this bill, the glory of such a victory would be ours alone for other political groups do not seem to be interested in the bill.

The legislation is S. 2849 in the Senate and HR 13737 in the House. Called the Investment Advisers Act Amendments of 1976, it would increase the power of the Securities and Exchange Commission to require licenses and registrations, including evidence of financial stability, from a larger range of investment advisers, including publishers of financial newsletters. Some of these folk are already required to register with the SEC, but this bill would give the SEC substantial new power and could be a big blow against freedom of the press.

The bill is working its way through both houses now. In the Senate, the Banking Committee has passed it, and it is awaiting action by the full Senate. In the House, the Consumer Protection and Finance Subcommittee of the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee has held hearings and is expected to have markup sessions in July with the bill cleared for the full committee by August. Letters to your Senators can be sent to: Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510. Letters to your Representatives may be addressed to House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515. The Chairman of the House Consumer Protection Subcommittee is John Murphy (D-N.Y.) while the ranking minority member is John Y. McCollister (R-Neb.) McCollister has made speeches in favor of some kind of regulatory reform in the past. The other members of the subcommittee are Stuckey (D-Ga.), Eckhardt (D-Tex.), Metcalfe (D-Ill.), Brodhead (D-Mich.), and Scheuer (D-N.Y.), as well as Rinaldo (R-N.J.). The Chairman of the full Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee is Harley Staggers of West Virginia. The ranking minority member is Samuel Devine of Ohio.

A group of newsletter publishers has formed a group to fight this legislation. It is called the Committee to Protect the Small Investor (8401 Connecticut Ave., Suite 606, Washington, DC 20015, Phone: 652-5522) Principals include Tom Phillips, publisher of the *Retirement Letter* and Bob Kephart of the *Inflation Survival Letter*. They will be happy to send information.

Libertarian Advocate is involved in the fight too. We presented a statement for the record to the Consumer Protection Subcommittee.

This legislation to extend the power of the SEC is an all-too-typical example of a government "solution" in search of a non-existent problem. There is no evidence of widespread or even oc-

casional consumer fraud in the investment newsletter business. Even if there were, should the taxpayers foot the bill to "protect" affluent investors from bad advice?

The SEC has had a mandate to study this area since 1963. They have done no studies, come up with no horror stories, provided no justification for this new area of regulation, which, being aimed at newsletter publishers, poses serious threats to the freedom of the press. If they had any reason to believe that an investigation or study would have turned up examples of consumer fraud, the study would have been made and publicized as widely as possible.

Ordinarily when bureaucrats want more power, they come to Congress with evidence of problems which regulation is supposed to solve. The SEC hasn't even done that in this instance. They've just come to Congress saying, in effect, there are people peripherally connected with the investment business who aren't being regulated. We'd like the power to regulate them, even though we haven't a scintilla of evidence that lack of regulation is causing problems. Unfortunately, for many Congressmen that is enough. This bill will very likely pass unless some strong opposition emerges. The libertarian movement may just be strong enough to be that effective opposition. But your letters would help.

Far from being given more power, the SEC should be investigated. It has been a quiet scandal until now just how pervasive is their abuse of power. Monroe Freedman, Dean of Hofstra University School of Law wrote a law review journal article (reprinted in *Reason* in February, 1975) which alleges that the SEC systematically subverts the independence of the bar, uses threats and intimidation, and indulges in plainly unconstitutional spying and wiretapping. If you want horror stories, they are in Freedman's article. The American Institute Counselors,

Inc. (Great Barrington, Mas. 01230) has reprints available of Freedman's article.

AEI Publications

The American Enterprise Institute (1120 - 17th Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20036) has some recent publications of interest. **Reducing Unemployment** is an analysis of the Humphrey-Hawkins and Kemp-McClure proposals now pending before Congress. This is not a consistently libertarian analysis, but it will give you a pretty clear picture of what the two bills would do. Also **Government Regulation: What Kind of Reform?** is a transcript of a colloquy among Hubert Humphrey, Ronald Reagan, Hendrik Houthakker, and Ralph Nader. Not a libertarian among them, but it shows how

far we've come in having the subject of regulation discussed in the establishment. Even Humphrey has some general criticisms of regulation, though he's almost always with the bureaucrats when it gets to specifics.

Also of interest is **Central Economic Planning: The Visible Hand** by G. Warren Nutter. This is a fine dissection of the arguments of the planners, though it leans a bit toward the empirical rather than the idealistic or fundamental objections to planning for my taste.

Drug Regulation Reform

Rep. Steve Symms (R-Ida.) is introducing some interesting legislation designed to reduce a bit of meddling by the
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Party Line LP Campaign Happenings

The next issue of the **LP NEWS** will feature profiles of the most active campaigns being run by LP candidates across the nation plus a complete run-down on all state and local candidates.... The 1976 LP Platform and the blue-and-white "Libertarian Party" bumperstickers are out of stock and will not be available until August because most national funds are now committed to LP ballot drives around the country....

There are several easy to do things you can do to increase your impact on the 1976 campaign: Place a MacBride bumpersticker on your car; wear a MacBride or LP button and carry your "give away" cards; systematically write letters to the editor discussing the LP point of view and mentioning MacBride and/or state LP candidates; be sure to register Libertarian.... Roger MacBride will appear on William F. Buckley's *Firing Line* show on PBS in early July. Check with your

local PBS station for the date and time....

MFPC Chairman Bob Meier is back at national headquarters after *three months* on the road organizing petition drives.... **LP NEWS** Editor Bill Evers is working at the Washington, D.C. national headquarters as Research Director for the MFPC.... Now available are tape discussions with Roger MacBride. **Tape 1 is MacBride on the LP platform, Tape 2 is MacBride answering questions by a conservative. A tape with MacBride answering questions from a liberal is in the works....** Remember to make out separate checks when ordering LP and MacBride literature.... National LP is offering 10 to 15 cents per signature (depending on the difficulty of collecting them in a given state) to fulltime petition gatherers. Call national headquarters (202-232-2003) for further details....

Two Newspapers Praise MacBride

(Editor's Note: The following editorial endorsement of MacBride for President appeared in June 2 *Sunnyvale (Calif.) Scribe* (circ., 22,000). It was written by *Scribe* editorial staffer Joanne Jacobs. *Sunnyvale* is a community of 95,000 in the Santa Clara Valley, just north of San Jose.)

Faced with the prospect of voting for one of the current crop of presidential candidates, many of us have longed for the option "none of the above." We are sick of big government in all its manifestations, both big welfare bureaucracies (beloved by liberals) and big military bureaucracies (beloved by conservatives) — what Nicholas von Hoffman calls the "welfare-warfare state."

We are ready not just for a new face,

but for a new political philosophy. We endorse a man who has never cultivated peanuts or politicians, who has never starred in movies or committee hearings, who has lower expectations than Jerry Brown, a man who wants to legalize freedom — Roger MacBride of the Libertarian party.

A graduate of Princeton and Harvard Law School, MacBride has been a lawyer, businessman, author, and television producer ("Little House on the Prairie") and member of the Vermont state legislature. He now lives in Virginia.

But his personal qualifications are not as important (we doubt he will actually end up in the Oval Office) as his platform. MacBride and the Libertarian party stand for abolition of state paternalism at home and interventionism abroad, for a free market and legalization of all "victimless" crimes. They think the government should be weak and the people strong.

We agree. It's about time to tell Big Brother to bug off and Roger MacBride is the man to do it.

It is heartening to find a candidate for President who wants to go it alone without so much as one federal cent to support his campaign.

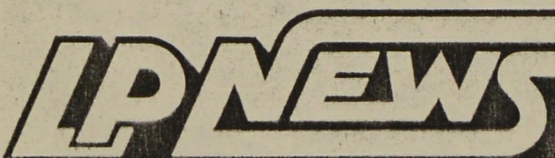
As might be expected, the candidate is not among the front runners. He is Roger L. MacBride, the Libertarian Party candidate.

MacBride says that he does not qualify for federal matching funds. But if he did, he said he would take out his cigarette lighter and burn up the check.

Three cheers for MacBride!
How long has it been since a candidate for president of any party showed such magnificent independence of Washington?

MacBride has some other programs that could take a little more doing. The lawyer and television producer from Charlottesville, Va., says he would get rid of federal taxes, Social Security, laws on drug usage, child-labor laws, welfare and public education. He says he believes that, freed of compulsion, the strong would take care of the weak, the rich would look after the poor, the well would nurture the sick and the young would take care of the old.

So far MacBride's candidacy has not caught on but he expects to be on the ballot in 33 states. Those who might like a whole lot less government, like hardly any at all, could find MacBride is their man.



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State LPs Pushing MacBride Ballot Drives

ALABAMA

The Alabama secretary of state ruled in late April that the LP had met the legal requirements for ballot status in the November general election. State chairman Harvey Crumhorn was interviewed on a Huntsville TV station's "wake-up" show in late June.

ALASKA

Alaska libertarians are scheduling an active campaign tour for Roger MacBride July 11 through July 19 that will take him to no less than 19 cities. This will be coordinated with a statewide airing of the MacBride Committee's five-minute television spot and will include extensive campaigning through Alaska's individualistic "bush" country as well as swings through the larger cities. Carl and Judy Whitson arranged the tour. The Alaska LP hopes to generate numerous local MacBride for President Committees (MFPCs) from this effort as well as a general awareness on the part of the voters of the libertarian alternative. The tour will include rallies, press conferences, whistle stopping, and a tour of the pipeline.

The state MFPC has submitted 4500 signatures to the office of the Lt. Governor. The requirement is 2857 signatures, so there appears to be a sufficient margin to guarantee against invalidations. Doug Cracraft and his fellow activists are to be congratulated for their good work. Sylvia Reed is organizing a YLA chapter at the University of Alaska.

ARIZONA

Members of the state MacBride for President Committee and the state LP participated in a rally of the Arizona Association of Concerned Motorcyclists at the state capitol in mid-April.

The focus of the rally was on Arizona's helmet laws. The Concerned Motorcyclists hope to repeal these laws or defeat those legislators who wish to retain them. The rally was chosen by the ALP as a good time to start off the petition drive to put the LP on the state ballot. Over 300 signatures were obtained on petitions and over 20 persons were registered to vote as LP members.

Speakers at the rally included Nat Stevens, founding chairman of the ALP, Emil Franz, state chairman of the MFPC, and State Sen. Stephen A. Davis (R-Tumacacori), who has said he will run as an independent in this year's election.

After rousing speeches by Stevens and Franz, Sen. Davis told the one thousand assembled motorcyclists: "I didn't know this was going to turn into a Libertarian Party rally today. But I probably ought to tell you that I am, or will become, a Libertarian."

Other occasions at which petition-gathering was quite successful

included a dance sponsored by a new gay-rights group at Arizona State University, a fund-raising event in Tempe held by the Arizona chapter of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws, gun shows, lines of persons turning in income tax payments, and rock concerts.

The 1976 ALP convention is scheduled for Aug. 8 in Scottsdale. It will be held in the First Federal Savings Community Room at Los Arcos Mall.

Dennis Davis, a founding member of the ALP, received four percent of the votes in the April election for Tempe City Council. Although the election is formally non-partisan, newspaper articles described Davis as the LP candidate.

The ALP newsletter has a feature that aids local organizing. The newsletter monitors local legislative activity, court decisions, and public controversy on issues of interest to libertarians. A recent newsletter reported on consumer protection laws governing the size of bread loaves, the state's marijuana laws, and a pornographic movie case.

Roger MacBride will be campaigning in Arizona on July 6-7 in conjunction with the closing days of the ballot drive. Meetings with news reporters and appearances on talk shows are planned. The MacBride television ad will be broadcast on several Arizona stations in early July. Persons interested in working with the state MFPC should write Emil Franz, Box 2198, Tucson, AZ 85702.

CALIFORNIA

A panel of three federal judges on June 7 ruled against a suit brought by the LP and other political parties that do not have ballot status in the state. The suit challenged the constitutionality of that portion of the state election code which determines which political parties are entitled to participate in primary elections.

But the court asked the LP and the other parties to return with a new argument concerning another portion of the election code. If this other portion were found unconstitutional, candidates who petitioned directly to get on the general election ballot and who were members of parties without ballot status, would no longer be restricted to the designation "independent." Instead, such candidates could ask to be designated by their party affiliation, such as Libertarian, Socialist Workers, or Communist. A decision on this new argument is possible before the November election.

Meanwhile, the state MFPC's effort to get MacBride and Bergland on the state ballot as independents is proceeding through the initial stages of mailings and telethons to obtain money and signature pledges. LP member David Keyston has donated office space to the LP for a



IN THE VANGUARD—LP Presidential nominee Roger L. MacBride stands in front of the campaign van in Connecticut, speaking to voters. In right foreground is state LP chairman Robert Loomis.

headquarters for the ballot drive, for the state MFPC, and for Lynn Kinsky's write-in campaign for the U.S. Senate. The office is at 1299 Bayshore Highway in Burlingame.

On Apr. 23, Karl Bray was released from Terminal Island prison after serving a six-month sentence for possession of an IRS seizure sticker. Bray is now an area coordinator for the state ballot drive.

At least 18 newspapers with a total circulation of 1.4 million carried articles summarizing the "Libertarian Ratings of California Legislators" compiled by LPer Bill Stanley. This report is available from him for one dollar from 3067 E. Sierra Drive, Westlake Village, CA 91360.

Mike Martin, the central Los Angeles LP membership chairman, is running for the state assembly as an independent. His campaign can be reached by writing P.O. Box 624, Griffith Station, Los Angeles, CA 90039.

In the San Francisco Bay Area, libertarian activist Leon Steinhart is building a campaign organization in order to run as an independent candidate for an assembly seat representing a section of the East Bay. His campaign can be reached by writing 3103 Eastman Ave., Oakland, CA 94619.

Roger MacBride will make a campaign visit to the state during the first seven days of August.

COLORADO

The state LP is endeavoring to raise money by such ingenious methods as staging an auction and holding a party with a Bavarian Illuminati theme. Some LPers are working with a new organization in Denver called the Society to Advance Individual Rights, a group concerned with the rights of persons who are not married. In mid-May, the CLP had a booth at the annual People's Fair, an important counter-culture event. July 17 is the date for this year's Colorado Libertarian Conference. If you want to help the petition drive for ballot status, call Dave Nolan at (303) 755-6100.

CONNECTICUT

The activities of the state LP are now centered on the ballot drive which must gather 13,000 signatures and turn them in by Aug. 30. New Englanders who can help should call Bob Loomis at (203) 653-3939 or 688-6426. MacBride's campaign visit in early May included a cocktail party in Westport, speeches at the University of Bridgeport and the Hartford Kiwanis Club and radio and newspaper interviews.

DELAWARE

The LPD has space under the grandstand for the state fair in Harrington, July 23-31. It plans a major effort to acquaint the public with libertarian ideas and LP candidates. A YLA chapter was

formally organized at the University of Delaware on Apr. 27 and officers were chosen. The state convention on May 8 was addressed by economist David Friedman, who teaches at the University of Pennsylvania, discussed various ways in which libertarianism could be advanced in the world.

On May 12, MacBride visited Wilmington. He held a press conference that was covered by local TV, radio, and the Philadelphia *Bulletin*. That evening MacBride spoke at the University of Delaware to a meeting sponsored by the YLA. Write to the LPD at P.O. Box 9014, Wilmington, DE 19802.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

The DCLP and the national headquarters hosted a reception for newly arrived Texas Congressman Ron Paul on June 23 with approximately 100 people in attendance. Pledges were gathered at the event for the DC ballot drive. DCLP members plan to distribute flyers on July 4 at various rallies, marches, picnics, and other events.

FLORIDA

The visit of LP Vice Presidential nominee David Bergland to Florida in late May generated stories in the *Clearwater Sun*, the *Orlando Sentinel-Star*, and other news media. The LPF ballot drive is behind schedule, but workers are hoping to catch up in July.

The LPF state convention in Gainesville elected Thomas Nay (Box 1727, Orlando, FL 32802, 305/849-0111) as their new state chairman. The LPF has started a program of urging Florida libertarians to write or call their state legislators on various issues chosen as important by the state LP leadership. The LP of Southern Florida has sponsored several successful meetings lately at which new persons have been recruited. It is holding its third annual meeting on Saturday, July 17. Ray Pastor is in charge of the event (305/581-1384). The LPSF is also purchasing a copy of *The Incredible Bread Machine* film for recruiting purposes.

GEORGIA

The annual Southern Libertarian Conference was again co-sponsored by the GLP. State Chairman Jim Clarkson coordinated the event which was held in Atlanta. Featured speakers included national LP Chairman Ed Crane and SIL founders Dave Walters and Don Ernsberger. Walters and Ernsberger both complimented the LP on its record of never having compromised libertarian principles in its four-year history. Clarkson says the GLP will lobby to reduce that state's ridiculously difficult ballot requirement. Revival of the GLP state newsletter is slated for this summer.



TAXATION IS THEFT—Los Angeles LPers demonstrated in April in front of the downtown federal building.

MacBride Campaigns Across Country. . .

GUAM

The LP on Guam has found itself in a Catch-22 situation vis-a-vis the election laws. In order to qualify the LP for the ballot, an independent candidate for the Guam senate must receive more votes than could exist in Guam for the post. The LPG plans to challenge this impossible requirement in court and has high hopes of changing it to one which can be met.

The LPG is engaging in a membership drive, a two-year educational plan (to prepare for the important 1978 Guam elections) and a campaign among the island's military personnel for absentee votes for the MacBride/Bergland ticket.

Chairman James Joyner reports that the recent catastrophic typhoon on Guam has hampered LP efforts. However, the incredibly ineffective and bungling manner in which the government is "helping recovery" has outraged islanders. Stated Joyner, "Not only are the government disaster programs a giant rip-off of the American taxpayer, the programs actually encourage people to want a disaster and discourage them from preparing for similar catastrophes."

HAWAII

The requirement of 3057 valid signatures was narrowly met to give the Libertarian Party full ballot-status in Hawaii. Amelia Fritts, Mike Anzis, Al Pennington and Bruce Anderson were primarily responsible for achieving ballot status. LPH founder Don Smith is waging a hard-hitting campaign for congress on the LP ticket in the second district (rural Oahu and other islands). One local issue his campaign is giving attention to is the "land question." His brochure calls for returning all idle, unoccupied "government" lands (including Kahoolawe) to the native Hawaiians from whom they were confiscated.

IDAHO

The ILP has achieved ballot status and plans to run at least 20 candidates for office this year. Kathy Trotter of Utah and ILP leaders Allen Dalton and Larry Fulmer worked overtime to make the ballot drive a success. Dalton continues to receive good coverage from the important Boise *Idaho Statesman* in which he recently had published an excellent argument in favor of a totally private educational system.

The Associated Press sent out an article that appeared throughout the state which featured Bannock County LP Chairman Larry Fullmer's criticism of Republican congressman George Hansen and the two Democrats seeking his seat. Fullmer pointed to their weak civil liberties positions and charged that voters "are left with no meaningful choice." It is expected that an LP candidate for Hansen's congressional seat will be nominated at the July 10 state convention in Pocatello. Roger MacBride is scheduled to speak at the convention. Telephone Allen Dalton at (208)344-9697.

ILLINOIS

The project of prime importance for the LPI at this time continues to be the petition drive. State Chairperson Rich Suter estimated at the end of June that 19,000 signatures had been collected. The petitioning load has been spread out over 18 local organizations. In addition, full-time workers will be employed during the last month of the drive. Once the qualifying signatures are filed on Aug. 4, the Party's attention will shift to campaign activities for its nearly full slate of candidates. Among the activities planned is a statewide series of coffee klatches, to give the public a chance to meet the candidates personally.

The recent issues of the *Illinois Libertarian* contain detailed coverage of the activities of LPI local organizations. There is news of regularly held petitioning ventures, YLA chapters, and participation in public debates on

controversial issues. The July issue of the newsletter will feature essays contributed by the membership on the theme "The Bicentennial—A Libertarian View."

Suter also reports that in late June a highly successful presentation from a libertarian perspective on the right to bear arms was made to the Illinois Rifle Association.

Roger MacBride's Illinois visit on May 25 and 26 included "whistle stop" campaigning in the important medium-sized population centers of Moline and Bloomington/Normal. In Chicago, MacBride appeared on the *Pinpoint Show* on WLS radio, a clear-channel station. Traveling with MacBride in Illinois was a reporter from *The Reader*, a newspaper with a 100,000 circulation on the north side of Chicago; the result was a four-page feature on MacBride and the LP. Anyone desiring to become involved in the Illinois petition drive should telephone Rich Suter at LPI headquarters (312)736-9734).

INDIANA

The full attention of the ILP is now focused on its petition drive. This will require the filing of 8600 valid signatures by Sept 1. The petition form has been officially approved and early fundraising efforts have put enough money in the party coffers to properly finance the first part of the drive. To obtain further financial support, a specially-prepared mailing has gone out to the new, updated Indiana mailing list and already about 20 ILP members have made personal commitments to work on the drive. Fortunately, petition signatures can be submitted for approval as they are collected, an approach which eliminates virtually all unnecessary petitioning activity. ILP Chairman Paul Hyatt expects to have over 6000 signatures by Aug. 1.

For more information on the ILP petition drive, get in touch with Paul Hyatt, RR2, Box 94, Zionsville 46077, (317) 873-2165.

ICWA

The Iowa Libertarian Party is holding its convention July 10 in Marshalltown. Iowa libertarians should contact Bill Bockoven, 8407 Horton St., Des Moines, IA 50322, (515)243-6245. A New LP group has been organized in Iowa City and is holding meetings.

Roger MacBride campaigned in Iowa on June 3 and 4, receiving favorable coverage on WHO-TV, three radio stations, and in several newspapers. Prior to the visit, the Iowa LP ran ads in the *Des Moines Register and Tribune* which brought in a number of new members and queries from interested persons. When Bergland campaigned in the state recently, he spoke to over 350 students and generated eight articles in the media.

KANSAS

On June 25, the Kansas Libertarian Party submitted over 2900 signatures to meet that state's ballot requirement. The drive had gotten off to a late start, but thanks to the efforts of Jim Ward, Charles Burris, Porter Davis, Jan Prince, and other local activists the deadline was met. Ward is still waiting on the results of the signature count from the Secretary of State's office.

The drive was kicked off in late May when Ed Crane spoke at a Wichita organizational meeting and was later helped by a visit to Wichita and Topeka by Roger MacBride. MacBride appeared at press conferences (garnering printed and broadcast coverage) and a fundraising dinner. State chairman Jim Ward says that once the signature count is official, Kansas LPers will formulate plans for the upcoming campaign.

KENTUCKY

At its latest state convention, the Libertarian Party of Kentucky reelected Bobbi Jahn as state chairperson and elected Bob Harper as vice chairman, Joe Major as secretary, and Paul Thiel as treasurer. The Party has designed several leaflets for use in Kentucky and is canvassing neighborhoods and areas in northern Kentucky. If the activities are successful, the state LP will raise the necessary funds and engage in canvassing in other areas of the state.

LOUISIANA

Its ballot drive completed, the LP is on the ballot. A state MFPC has been established, gaining publicity in the process. State Chairman Jerry Millet appeared on KSMB radio for a brief interview and has been organizing a fundraising drive to finance the MacBride campaign and other libertarian activities. The Baton Rouge LP hopes to have a booth at the state fair (over 200,000 attendees). The state LP also plans to run ads for the campaign in newspapers and on radio stations. The MacBride TV ad will be aired in New Orleans on July 7.

MASSACHUSETTS

After a valiant effort, the LPM has decided to close down its statewide petition drive and, instead, qualify its local candidates for the ballot. So far, Lee Webber, David Long, and Peter Hadley have announced themselves as LP candidates for state senate seats representing different parts of Boston. Lee Nason still plans an active campaign (now as a write-in candidate) for the U.S. Senate seat of Teddy Kennedy.

The LPM elected a new slate of officers at its recent state convention. The new chairperson is Nathan Curland while Steve Trinward, Craig Franklin, and Lee Webber are vice chair, secretary, and treasurer, respectively. The First Annual Henry David Thoreau Road Rally and Picnic was held July 5 at the Walden Pond area. Telephone Nathan Curland

(617)332-3184) or Don Hunt (617)864-6497) if you would like to attend local meetings or just help out.

MICHIGAN

The MLP has qualified for the ballot by filing almost 25,000 signatures against a requirement of 18,000 valid signatures. The MLP petition drive spanned a 10-month period and involved numerous activists. The signatures were filed on May 3 with a huge sigh of relief and a compliment from the Election Board on the orderliness of the filing.

All seemed in order, and everyone expected that May 17 (the last day for the state or an individual to file a challenge) would arrive without a problem—but such was not the case. There is heavy new party activity in the state, and some observers were claiming that the state would be forced to use paper ballots rather than machines. As a result, the validity of the signatures was arbitrarily challenged by Michael Kerwin, County Clerk of Wayne County, ostensibly acting as "private citizen."

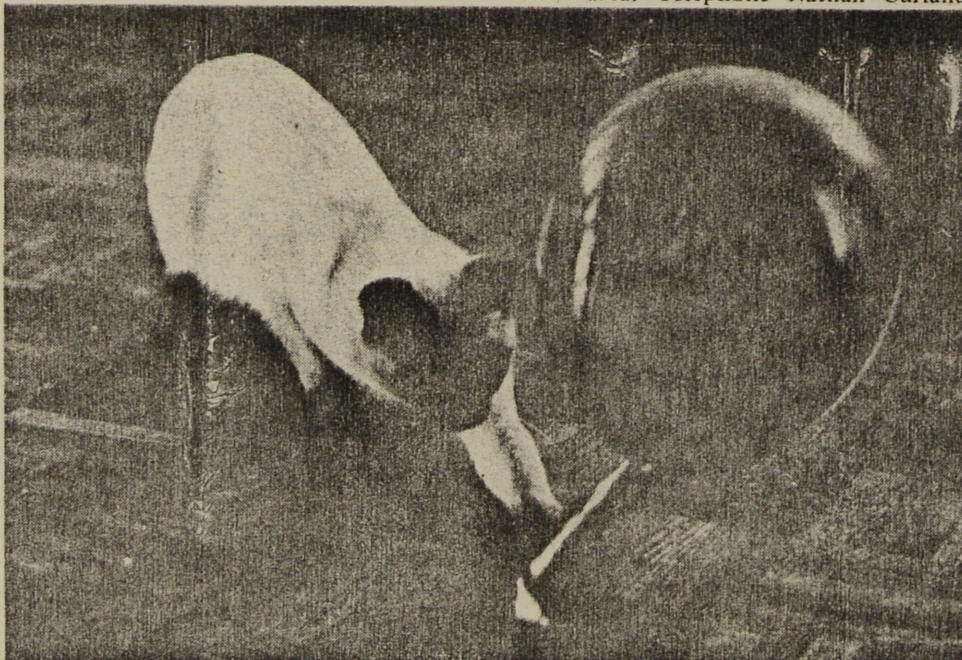
A hearing was held, at which the MLP was ably represented by MLP Chairman Jim Hudler and counsel, and Kerwin failed to produce evidence at the hearing to back up his challenge. The LP was immediately certified for a ballot position. Hudler's subsequent statement to the press summed the whole affair up well—"This proves that Kerwin was merely on a 'fishing expedition.' Kerwin's claim that he was acting as a private citizen is a transparent ruse. Kerwin was, in effect, acting in his capacity as a county clerk, applying the power of government against the rising tide of minor parties. As a partisan politician, Kerwin jumped at the chance to harass the LP, putting voting machine convenience ahead of the integrity of the democratic process."

However, the MLP's problems are still not over. A law was recently passed in the state requiring minor parties to receive three-tenths of one percent of the vote in the August primary in order to qualify for a ballot position in the November election. Many new party petition drives, including the MLP's, had been in progress for several months before the law was passed.

On June 9, immediately after the law was passed, the MLP's attorney, Richard Durant, filed suit in U.S. District Court. The MLP's suit, filed jointly with the U.S. Labor Party, charges that the law violates First Amendment guarantees and is an *ex post facto* law. A final hearing on the suit will be held on July 2. If the suit fails, the MLP has prepared for intensive campaigning prior to the Aug. 4 primary election.

Although many MLP members invested a great deal of time and money in the drive, some individuals deserve particular mention: Jim Hudler, who directed the drive, along with Brenda Manning, Michael Freese, Bob Barber, Gerry Wolke, and Jim Greenshields, all of whom worked steadily throughout the ten-month period. Others who made important contributions to the drive were: Ron Johnson, Beth Stireman, Ruth Bradford, Pete Spagnuolo, Mike Stein, Jan Harwell, Alan Short, John Gilbert, Greg Clark, Cheryl Bristol, Bill Krebaum, Pat Delaney, Gail Shantaram, Ben Hoffman, Judy Steinberger, Marshall Moser, Anne Bilinski, Bob Thatcher, and Cassandra Helmus. Sam and Barb Hancock provided the logistical support for processing the thousands of signatures.

On May 29, the MLP held its official nominating convention at the new Hyatt Regency hotel in Detroit. Presidential electors were selected, and 86 candidates were nominated to run in November including Dr. Bette Erwin, a practicing psychologist, who will be running for the U.S. Senate. The convention featured a speech by Roger MacBride and a fundraising banquet. MacBride's



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...86 LPers Run In Michigan

convention appearance was part of a three-day campaign tour that included Grand Rapids.

To handle the increased workload resulting from obtaining ballot status and to coordinate all the upcoming campaigns, the MLP has opened a permanent office at 308½ State Street, Ann Arbor, MI 48108, (313)665-4343.

MINNESOTA

The LPM held a very successful, working state convention on May 22 and 23 in St. Paul. The long list of convention activities included the movie *The Incredible Bread Machine*, and a fundraising banquet featuring Roger MacBride. National ExComm member Dale Hemming was elected as new Chairman and candidates were nominated for the November election. They are: Robin Miller (former LPM Chairman) for the U.S. Senate; Dr. Franklin Haws, Thomas F. Piotrowski, Stanley Carlson for the U.S. House; and Steven Pederson, Alice Larson, George Hardenbergh, Dale Hemming, and Terry Thomas for the state legislature.

Roger MacBride's appearance at the Minnesota convention was in conjunction with a two-day campaign tour of the state. His activities included two major press conferences and visits to Alexandria and Rochester in addition to the Twin Cities.

As part of their campaign activities, the LPM has instituted the practice of holding candidate-training sessions. For more information, make contact with LPM Chairman Dale Hemming, P.O. Box 774, Minneapolis 55440 (612)561-1234.

MISSOURI

The MLP, while not at this time able to qualify the LP national candidates, is running at least one congressional candidate, Tony Haenni of St. Louis (Box A, Grover, MO 63040). The recently founded MLP has established local organizations and is forging ahead in a state where there was previously little libertarian activity. Chairman Keith Coolidge has been directing the group in its organizational stage.

The MLP has sponsored a tax protest, local meetings, and a debate between spokesmen for the YLA and the Trotskyist Socialist Worker's Party at the University of Missouri at Columbia. They also showed the film, *The Incredible Bread Machine*, on campus.

The MLP is publishing a tabloid newspaper called *Show Me Freedom* which serves as an informative "in house" newsletter and recruiting piece. The paper is edited by Keith Coolidge and Pamela Elliot and is published at 1407 Anthony Street, Columbia, MO 65201, (314)642-7272.

Globe-Democrat carried a very favorable

editorial about Roger MacBride and the Libertarian Party.

MONTANA

The Montana Libertarian Party has been officially affiliated with the national LP. The MLP adopted a constitution and by-laws and submitted the requisite signatures. Montana has a very difficult ballot requirement but MLP members are circulating petitions.

NEBRASKA

The LPN hosted 1972 LP presidential candidate John Hospers at a dinner in May. In light of the Kansas Attorney General's decision to allow independent status of Presidential candidates in that state, the LPN (which is faced with a situation similar to Kansas) has decided to go ahead with a petition drive and bring suit against the state. Burton Jay, Promotion Director for the party is heading the drive. Presidential electors for MacBride are Guy Curtis, Dan Haak, Gale Arch, Elizabeth Arch and Jay.

NEVADA

The hardworking and scattered members of the state LP have so far gathered 8000 signatures in their ballot drive which ends in mid-July. They have received some aid from California LPers and now in the closing days of the Nevada ballot drive, persons who had been working on the Texas ballot drive are coming to Nevada to help.

The LP received an advisory opinion from the state attorney general stating, in line with a 1975 Nevada supreme court decision, that although Nevada statutes say that no person may be a candidate for a party's nomination if he has just recently changed his party affiliation, this does not apply to "new" parties like the LP in the year they get on the ballot. State headquarters is at 234 West St. Louis, No. 4, Las Vegas, Nevada 89102. The LPN telephone number is (702)385-7895.

NEW JERSEY

Roger MacBride campaigned in New Jersey May 13 and 14. MacBride held a Trenton press conference, a speech at Kean College in Union, and a rally in Hasbrook Heights. This trip generated coverage by several television stations and New Jersey papers. The rally in Hasbrook Heights was held jointly with Hal Cundari, the outspoken NJLP Senatorial candidate. Cundari is also head of the Bergen County Taxpayers Association where he has fought government intrusion and regulation for some time.

For those interested in participating in NJLP activities or campaigning for the numerous local candidates (as well as Cundari and the MacBride/Bergland ticket), get in touch with Kathy McAdam at (201)482-3471.

NEW MEXICO

The LP state convention elected Robert Foster state chairman (9213 Cherokee, NE, Albuquerque, NM 87111, 505/296-8262) and Ed Carlson vice chairman. Its U.S. Senatorial candidate is former chairman Paul Henrickson of Santa Fe, while Bill Lyne was chosen as the LP candidate for Congress in the First District. LP State School Board candidates are Bill Koehler, Bob White, and Elke Mikallian. The LPNM has received certification of ballot status from the Secretary of State.

NEW YORK

The Free Libertarian Party of New York is running a slate of candidates for the November general elections and gearing up for the ballot drive that begins on Aug. 17 and ends on Sept. 13. They have to gather 40,000 signatures during this time to qualify. New candidates are: Cheryl Blanchette, state assembly, Poughkeepsie; P. Jean Carroll, state assembly, Clinton; Andrew Sugar, State Senate, La Grange; Michael Wagner, U.S. House, Middleton (the preceding candidates are running on the Mid-Hudson FLP slate, Box 523,



VP Nominee David Bergland

Poughkeepsie, NY 12602); Dick Savadel, state senate, Nassau (450 Oakland Ave., Cedarhurst, NY 11516); Dennis Burton, U.S. House (121 W. 72nd St., Suite 15B, New York, NY 10023); Martin E. Nixon, U.S. Senate (15 W. 38th St., Suite 201, New York, NY 10018).

Martin Nixon has kept busy with campaign swings through the state, making media appearances, campaigning at county fairs, speaking before local FLP affiliates, and testifying before regulatory bodies. He has prepared a series of articulate libertarian analyses of political issues (Social Security, marijuana, taxation, S.I. and mass transit), as well as reprints of national issue papers.

NORTH CAROLINA

Although not initially considered as a state where ballot status could be obtained, the fledgling party began its petition drive for 10,000 names with a conscientious effort that soon improved the odds. As the June 15 deadline approached, poor weather plagued the state for almost three weeks. But even during this difficult time workers stuck at it, even though at times as few as 25 signatures a day could be gathered. The end result was that well over 15,000 signatures were filed on June 15. All the petitions were hand-delivered to the county seats in order to work in an extra day of petitioning. The local county seats are still processing the signatures, but the chances for ballot status are now excellent, according to NCLP Chairperson Bert Weiner. Some of the activists in the drive who deserve particular commendations include: Bert Weiner, Arlan Andrews, Bill and Shirley Johnson, Craig Springer, and Tim Spong.

The now well-organized party not only has its petition drive behind it but also a brand-new newsletter *The Tarheel Libertarian*, by Tom Ball.

The NCLP is planning a two-day state convention for June 24-25 in Raleigh. For further information on the convention and other NCLP activities, make contact with Bert Weiner, 1412 Park Dr., Apt. 4, Charlotte 28204, (704)376-3221 (afternoons only).

NORTH DAKOTA

NDLP members were disappointed when Roger MacBride's scheduled June visit had to be cancelled because of a minor accident to the campaign plane. The Grand Forks *Herald* carried a

major article on the LP and its drive to gain ballot status. It is expected that ballot status will be achieved in early July. Lowell Anderson of Grafton is heading the MacBride campaign in North Dakota. At a recent state convention it was determined that opposition to "the whole concept of land-use planning" should be the NDLP's major issue in 1976.

OHIO

National Chairman Ed Crane was the featured speaker at the recent OLP convention in Cincinnati. State Chairman John Rako gave a presentation on political advertising in newspapers and magazines in preparation for the soon-to-be launched statewide OLP MacBride campaign. Because the OLP submitted nearly twice the needed number of signatures, they are virtually assured of ballot status.

Dave Bergland, LP Vice Presidential candidate, made a successful two-day campaign swing through Ohio in mid-June. Bergland's visit netted, among other things, a lengthy, favorable article in the *Akron Beacon-Journal* and 12 minutes on a PBS political talk show that is aired in every major city in Ohio. Karl Peterjohn, John DeJager, and Bill MacReynolds helped coordinate the trip. Petition circulator *par excellence*, Bob Lehman, plans on working on eastern states' petition drives this summer.

OKLAHOMA

OLP Chairman Porter Davis and activist Charles Burris have participated in several ballot drives, most recently the drive in Kansas. Oklahoma LP activist John Vernon was recently elected to the national Executive Committee, filling a vacancy. After a setback on the petition drive, party officials have stated that they plan a suit to place the LP candidates on the ballot. They plan to pay the fees to quality LP presidential electors for the ballot and then lodge a suit to require the state to place the candidate's names on the ballot.

OREGON

The OLP is planning a convention on Aug. 21 to place the LP candidates on the ballot. 1000 registered voters must be present in order for the names of Roger MacBride and David Bergland to be placed on the ballot. Richard Gray, OLP chairman, stated that they are searching

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Senate Candidate Martin Nixon

State Parties Spread The Word

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for several celebrities to increase attendance and urged all libertarians in Oregon to attend with as many friends as possible. Gray can be reached at the new state office, (503) 928-5271.

Tonie Nathan is running an active campaign for Congress. She can place her name on the ballot by petition as an independent and/or hold a convention of only 250 registered voters to qualify as an LP candidate. Ms. Nathan has made a number of campaign appearances in her district as well as a good deal of pressing the flesh. Unfortunately, many voters may be confused by an independent candidacy where it is often difficult to make it clear that the candidate is a libertarian. The possibility of LP ballot status for Nathan, it is hoped, will clear this problem up. Contributions should be sent to the Nathan Congressional Campaign Committee, P.O. Box 1235, Springfield, OR 97477.

The OLP is planning a fall libertarian conference and hopes to attract 200 - 300 people. The state office at 106 W. First St., Albany, OR 97321 has further details. Medford libertarians, under the leadership of Robert Baures, have started a Medford Tax Forum which meets weekly and regularly attracts several dozen Medford taxpayers. They had an IRS spokesman appear on June 8 and have also heard from several state legislators.

PENNSYLVANIA

The good news continues from the PLP. An ambitious petition drive to file 30,584 valid signatures by Aug. 21 is now completely organized, and a growing cadre of Pennsylvania activists are petitioning daily. Success for the drive is still far from an absolute certainty but already the PLP effort has profited substantially from the petitioning experience of other state parties.

Once ballot status is obtained much of the Party's energies will be shifting to the Congressional candidacy of Bob Graham in the 8th District (Bucks County, near Philadelphia). Graham is a long standing critic of government intervention and is well-known throughout the Philadelphia area for his 50,000-watt radio show *The Money Talks* which recently hosted Dr. Murray Rothbard. Neither of Graham's opponents in this election are incumbents. Contributions to this important Congressional race should be made payable to "Graham for Congress" and sent to Richboro Professional Center, Richboro, PA 18954.

For more information on how to become involved in the PLP petition drive make contact with State Chairperson JoAnne Chernow, 12G Lark Circle, York, PA 17404, (717) 792-1750 or Pennsylvania MFPC Chairperson Frank Bubbs, 97 Dartmouth Ave., Swarthmore, PA 19081, (215) 544-1866.

SOUTH CAROLINA

South Carolina libertarians are on the road to reaching their ballot drive goal of 10,000 valid signatures. Several SCLP members helped in the North Carolina ballot drive in areas of South Carolina which had large numbers of voters from both states such as border cities and South Carolina beaches. State Chairman Charles Blackwell is continuing his campaign against Democratic incumbent Ken Holland (Blackwell for Congress, Box 732, York, SC 29745). Blackwell is doing research on Holland's record of voting for big spending bills. Blackwell's candidacy was the occasion for an article in the South Carolina *Evening Herald* entitled, "Could the U.S. Survive True Freedom?", urging conservatives and liberals both to vote Democratic because the only alternative was the Libertarian Party. This prompted a worried response from the GOP chairman stating that the

GOP offered a "means of political expression" as well. In many areas of the country the LP is the only alternative to one of the larger parties, particularly in the South.

SOUTH DAKOTA

Barry Nelson of Vermillion (605-624-3186) is coordinating the statewide ballot drive that should place Roger MacBride and Dave Bergland on the ballot this November. Nelson is aiming for 5000 gross signatures by the Aug. 30 deadline. He is being assisted by longtime libertarian activist Dave Ellis of Rapid City (605-348-5107). Bill Anderson of De Smet scheduled an excellent day of campaigning for Roger MacBride in June which unfortunately had to be cancelled due to a minor accident to MacBride's campaign plane.

TENNESSEE

The Tennessee LP is qualifying independent electors for the MacBride/Bergland ticket while challenging the law that precludes statewide LP ballot status in court. Four LP activists are running for Congress in Tennessee: Mary S. Joyner in the First District; Wendell Hill in the Third District; William McGlamery in the Fourth District; and Roger Bissell in the Fifth District. The MacBride campaign is being coordinated out of Nashville (Box 60347, Nashville, TN 37206).

TEXAS

An unfortunate set of circumstances has prevented the TLP from qualifying for the ballot this year. Among the obstacles were a mandatory Spanish translation of the petition, restrictions of those qualified to sign the LP petition to those who hadn't voted in the primary (Texas had a very heavy turnout), mandatory gathering of voter registration numbers as well as signatures on the petitions, and a requirement that all petition-circulators be notaries. As a result, the drive got off to a late start.

Now the TLP faces the challenge of continuing to build the party around the state. This will probably include creating an active speakers bureau, reaching out to interest groups, and the building, in the major population centers of the state, of political organizations that can exist independently, raise funds, and elect Libertarians in their areas. The long distances between points in Texas is perhaps the most serious obstacle to effective organizing in the state.

The Texas State convention was held on June 12 and featured Roger MacBride and LP National Chairman Ed Crane. Bill Howell was elected the new state chairman. His address is 7111 Fair Oaks, Apt. 354, Dallas, TX 75231.

UTAH

The highly professional campaign of U.S. Senatorial candidate Steve Trotter seems to be a regular feature on the Utah UPI wire. On May 5, Trotter told the Salt Lake City Junior Chamber of Commerce that "the revelations of the Senate Intelligence Committee which describe CIA domestic spying activities and foreign assassination attempts are full and sufficient reason to abolish the agency." He said reforms proposed by President Ford are "mere cosmetic palliatives and do not go far enough."

Trotter has made a campaign issue out of incumbent Democrat Frank E. Moss's sponsorship of S. 1. In general, Trotter has done an excellent job of stressing the interconnection of economic freedom and civil liberties. Contributions should be sent to the Trotter for Senator Committee, P.O. Box 9164, South Ogden, UT 84403.

The state LP issued a press release immediately following the arrest of Congressman Alan Howe for solicitation of a police decoy for prostitution. The release described the law which ensnared Howe

as "particularly odious" and called for the repeal of all victimless crime laws.

In 1974, the state LP ran two candidates for public office. This year the party will run 21 candidates for office. Seventeen are running for state representative and one for state senator. ULP candidates for the state house are Don Lawson in Brigham City; Chuck Thacher, Orem; Julie Johnson, North Salt Lake; Bill Husbands, Bountiful; Barry Kimbrough, Jim Curran, Sharon Campbell, Kathy Trotter, all in Ogden. ULP candidates in Salt Lake County are: Bob Searls, Jim Schutz, Bruce Douglass, Mark Gustavson, Joseph Butterfield, Marge Chapman, Gerry Wise, Brent Richards, Pame Chapman, and Jim Russell.

VERMONT

Roger MacBride toured the state in late April. He delivered speeches and gave interviews from Brattleboro to Johnson. One newspaper described him as "the first Presidential candidate ever to give a speech at Johnson State College." In general, the local media devoted some attention to MacBride's membership in the Vermont legislature in 1963 and 1964 and his participation in the 1964 Republican gubernatorial primary, as well as covering his stands on the issues in the 1976 Presidential race.

VIRGINIA

On June 19, organizational meetings for the VLP ballot drive were held in Annandale and Richmond. The Annandale meeting was hosted by Jim Lawson, who has taken on the responsibility of coordinating the state ballot drive. The Richmond meeting was not as successful, but LP activist Ed Cabaniss was appointed southern Virginia coordinator. The VLP is determined to meet the requirement of 9000 signatures by Sept. 3. Interested Virginians should contact Jim Lawson: (703) 385-9549 (home), 281-4555 (work) or Ed Cabaniss (703) 774-4887.

Several YLA groups are planning on drives for the fall and are at present helping with the summer ballot drive.

WASHINGTON

LP Vice Presidential candidate David Bergland campaigned in Seattle recently, speaking at a banquet for LP members. Interviews with Bergland appeared in the *Seattle Times* and *Post-Intelligencer*. The LPW is guaranteed a ballot line in November. Richard Kenney, the LPW chairperson, can be reached at Box 2096, Seattle, WA 98111 (206) 232-5221.

WEST VIRGINIA

An article on the LP and the possibility of the establishment of a more extensive party organization in the state appeared in May 15 *Charleston Gazette*. State Chairperson Dr. Harold E. Harvey can be reached by writing 214 Professional Bldg., Beckley, WV 25801.

WISCONSIN

Roger MacBride was the major speaker at a rally of 14,000 "bikers" held on June 27 by the Wisconsin Better Bikers Association to protest compulsory helmet laws. The rally, held at the entrance to the state capitol, was a great success, netting petition signatures and publicity for the MacBride campaign and the WLP. The event was the largest of its kind in the U.S. and is expected to be covered in many national motorcycle magazines.

The new chairperson of the WLP is Patricia Dorman, 661 Mendota Ct., Apt. 901, Madison, WI 53703. Dorman, as well as a slate of state officers, was elected at the state convention held Apr. 24 and 25 in Milwaukee. Wisconsin MFPC chairman Dennis Satola is directing a direct-mail fundraising campaign for the

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The Second Libertarian Revolution



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Free Press Threatened By Congress

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Food and Drug Administration in the development and marketing of new drugs. Symms' bill, HR 12573, would remove from the FDA the power to rule on the efficacy of new drugs. Under laws passed in 1962, the FDA must now decide not only that proposed new drugs are safe, but that they are also efficacious, that they will do the job. This is often quite subjective, and it has led to a "drug lag" of around four years at the minimum. Drugs which have been used safely and with good effect are still not approved for use in the United States. Laetrile, or Vitamin B-17 the apricot pit extract which many think has some value in cancer therapy, but which the FDA and the AMA continue to denounce, is the most widely publicized example of patients denied freedom of choice, but it is only one of thousands of drugs still banned from the medical market-place for no good reason.

The interesting thing about Symms' legislation is that Richard Ottinger, a liberal from New York, is co-sponsoring the legislation and co-signing a letter seeking additional support. Some years ago, when the FDA wanted to ban or regulate high-potency vitamin formulations, an unlikely coalition of right-wingers and health food enthusiasts put enough pressure on Congress to keep that power out of the FDA's hands. Symms and Ottinger are apparently trying to put that coalition together again.

The Symms-Ottinger bill will first be considered by the Health Subcommittee of the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee. The Chairman of that subcommittee is Paul G. Rogers (D-Fla.), who can be expected to keep it bottled up unless pressure is applied. The ranking minority member is Tim Lee Carter (R-

Kentucky), a medical doctor. Harley Staggers, chairman of the full Commerce Committee has expressed a personal interest in the laetrile controversy and may even be inclined to support this legislation. Send your cards and letters, folks.

A Sympathetic Congressman?

The other day I talked with Congressman Ron Paul, recently elected as a Republican to Congress from Texas' 22nd district. My impression is that he is a man who is less likely than most Congressmen to compromise on principles or worry himself too much about re-election. He has actually read *Human Action*, is very well informed on economics, and his chief impression so far is that the conservatives are much less consistent on economic and spending issues than he had hoped.

Being elected to Congress can be a dangerous proposition. The atmosphere of compromise is pervasive, and the federal government has reached such a level of intrusiveness that almost every Congressional district has a number of powerful vested interests with important stakes in federal programs. It's so easy to believe that you're doing more good in office, where you are able to make principled statements and take stands on some issues, than you would be if you didn't make a compromise here and there to ensure your re-election.

One example is federal revenue-sharing. This was a typical Nixonian program, which was presented with the rhetoric of decentralization yet led to increased central control of local governments. Many small cities have become quite dependent on their revenue-sharing money, and almost all small-town mayors are for continuation of the program, though they'd like to see some of the strings removed. Many of these small-town governments are otherwise quite conservative, and most conservatives support the program, though some of them have to admit that they are gritting their teeth when they do so. Ron Paul, when I was in the office, was preparing his first floor speech, against federal revenue sharing.

It is helpful that although Ron Paul does not particularly think of himself as part of the libertarian movement, he does think of himself more as a libertarian than a conservative. He has a staff which includes several self-conscious libertarians, and he has vowed not to indulge in

the compromises and legislative game-playing which could lead to betrayal of principle. I, for one, think he will be a helpful addition to Congress and wish him luck.

CIA Denouement Fizzles

The Senate investigation into illegal activities by the CIA, begun with such bravado more than a year ago, seems to be ending with an ineffectual whimper. The Ford Administration has proposed some minor revisions in the CIA's operating methods. There are counter-proposals from the Senate CIA Committee, but none of them goes very far.

The most "radical" proposal which is discussed among "responsible" folk on Capitol Hill is to eliminate so-called covert operations from the CIA's list of permitted activities. This would not eliminate covert espionage activities designed primarily to gather information through clandestine means, but would forbid activities ranging from minor disruptions in foreign countries through assassination attempts. The elimination of covert operations is supported by such luminaries of the foreign affairs establishment as George Ball and Averell Harriman and Sen. Frank Church, the chairman of the Senate's Select Intelligence Committee.

There is not only little likelihood that the CIA will be eliminated or even seriously curtailed, it is even unlikely that the CIA's budget, so long concealed in other appropriations requests, will ever be made public.

In this observer's opinion the elimination of covert "operations" while maintaining covert "espionage" and essential secrecy of most aspects of the CIA's budget and operating methods constitutes a distinction without a difference. If any kinds of covert activities are to be condoned, and a veil of secrecy is maintained, the temptation to slip over from "espionage" to "operations" (a thin and ill-defined line even among intelligence specialists) will always be present. Legalists might take some comfort in knowing that such lapses will be technically against the law, but within a few years there will be little difference between the CIA of the past and the new reformed and purified CIA.

It should be understood that covert operations are the very essence of the CIA's charter, its *raison d'être*. In addition to gathering intelligence, the CIA

grew out of the OSS of World War II and has a heritage of operational activity. The excuse for the CIA is to find means short of war to frustrate the plans and actions of enemies or potential adversaries. You can find all kinds of humanitarian justifications. Isn't it better to thwart the Commies through judicious support of foreign politicians or by cutting communications or frustrating one of their operations than to risk an all-out war? As long as the CIA exists it will have the capacity for such covert operations and the ability to rationalize them.

One reason the CIA is unlikely to be abolished is that there are so many information-junkies in Washington, and the CIA is a good source not only of information, but of information about which there is the thrill of something slightly forbidden or clandestine.

Why does Washington have so many information junkies? One reason is that politics and government service are ultimately unsatisfying to most decent people. People go into government often with lofty notions of serving the people and accomplishing deeds of beneficence for mankind. They soon discover, whether they acknowledge it or not, that they are unable to do much good for mankind via government. So they turn to other means of achieving satisfaction. For some it is bureaucratic empire-building and inter-agency warfare; for some it is sex. For a great many of the best and the brightest it becomes addiction to information. Gathering information seems constructive and requires some effort. Few information junkies have the judgment to put new information into any perspective; the collection of new information becomes an end in itself.

It isn't just politicians and bureaucrats who get the information habit. Many journalists depend on the CIA for information about foreign countries and politics overseas. Even the fact that some of the information might be collected by disreputable means, or might be associated with illegal activities, simply adds to the titillation.

Thus it's unlikely that there will be a strong move in Washington to disband the CIA until a lot of politicians and bureaucrats get into some honest line of work in the private sector.

Pending Legislation

H.R. 50, the Humphrey-Hawkins bill, that monument to economic ignorance, (Please turn to page 8)

Local Units Reach Public

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WMFPC and plans to travel to 15 cities in June and July to organize local committees and establish contact with the local media.

The Milwaukee LP has been active in the area of media relations. Several LP members have made TV and radio appearances lately. They also sponsored a booth at the Brady Street Fair. Over 50,000 people attended the fair at which 6000 LP brochures were distributed, numerous contacts made and petitions circulated. Edith Schreiber of Wannakee is running for state assembly as an independent with a libertarian platform.

The May 30-31 MacBride tour received extensive media coverage. Reports or interviews were carried on four radio stations, three TV stations, and in the Milwaukee *Sentinel* and Milwaukee *Journal*.

WYOMING

Roger MacBride's successful tour of the state has generated considerable enthusiasm among Wyoming libertarians. Wyoming is one of a handful of states not yet affiliated with the national LP and it is hoped that the situation will be changed by early fall. Ballot drive coordinator is Gary Roberts (307-638-3077) of Cheyenne and he is being assisted by Francis J. Thompson of Buffalo (307-683-7195). MacBride's tour was coordinated by Kathy Trotter of Utah who did a superlative job of arranging news conferences throughout the state. Ralph McMullin of Sheridan arranged a successful dinner at which MacBride spoke to about 30 local businessmen.

Libertarian Ticket Offers Alternative

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Jersey, each state party will be running over twenty ballot-qualified candidates. In Michigan, no less than 86 candidates will appear under the LP banner. Nationwide some 500-600 candidates are expected to run for office as Libertarians.

The first paid, national television advertisement in the history of the Libertarian Party will be shown on July 16 at 10:55 p.m. immediately following the CBS *Friday Night Movie*. That event is all the more significant because CBS, after originally agreeing to sell the time to the MacBride for President Committee, changed its mind and refused to sell the time. A massive letter writing campaign by LP members may well have been at least partially responsible for CBS's decision to reconsider and sell MacBride the time.

Other developments of national significance to the campaign include MacBride's appearance on William F. Buckley's *Firing Line* PBS television show in early July. (Check with your local PBS affiliate for the date and time.) Also, lengthy articles on MacBride appeared in the Washington *Star* (front

page) and the Chicago *Daily News*, the latter article being nationally syndicated.

Non-Stop Campaigning

Roger MacBride continued his almost non-stop campaigning during May and June. In May, he visited eight states in his DC-3 and received excellent media coverage wherever he went. His campaign tour took him to Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York, Delaware, New Jersey, Wisconsin, Illinois, and Michigan. He spoke to state LP conventions in Massachusetts and Michigan.

In June, MacBride campaigned in Minnesota and Iowa in the first part of the month and then rested for a few days before taking off on the only tour to date which had to be partially cancelled. After speaking to the Texas LP state convention in Dallas, MacBride flew to Kansas for a day of press conferences and was about to take off for South Dakota where the tail of his plane was damaged while taxiing at the airport. This forced cancellations of the tours in South Dakota and North Dakota.

Repairs on the DC-3 were effected in time for it to move on to a highly successful tour of Wyoming where front page news articles were run in each city in which he campaigned. Unfortunately, a scheduled four-day tour of Idaho was also cancelled when it appeared that our ballot drive there was unsuccessful. Subsequently, it was discovered that the Secretary of State's office was not using updated computer lists to check the Idaho LP petitions, and the LP was given official ballot status. MacBride will speak to the Idaho LP state Convention in Pocatello on July 10.

LP Vice Presidential candidate Dave Bergland has recently campaigned in Washington State, Illinois, and Ohio. He will be campaigning throughout California in conjunction with the LPC ballot drive this summer. Bergland is tentatively scheduled to campaign in Michigan, Pennsylvania and Connecticut in July.

Roger MacBride is scheduled to campaign in Arizona (July 6-7), Utah (July 8-10), Alaska (July 11-19), Hawaii (July 20-22), and California (Aug. 1-7).

News Notes & Campaign Comments

TAXATION IS THEFT: The Talmud, which is the collected corpus of traditional Jewish civil and canonical law, groups together under a single occupational category all burglars, bandits, and tax collectors.

FOR WHOM THE BELLS TOLLS: Alexander Solzhenitsyn, darling of conservatives because of his Cold War rhetoric, appeared on government-run television in Spain and praised the regime of the late fascist dictator Francisco Franco. Solzhenitsyn also told the people of Spain not to press demands for freedom to strike because this would lead to establishment of a Communist dictatorship.

POLISH YOKE: Following the announcement of government-mandated increases in food prices in Poland, groups of railway workers tore up rails and hurled metal and wooden barriers across tracks, halting trains, including the Paris-Warsaw express. In Radom, demonstrators set fire to Communist Party headquarters. Such protests pressured the Polish government into retracting the increases.

TENURE: Uganda's policy-making defense council announced June 25 it had named Field Marshall Idi Amin president of Uganda for life.

FREEDOM OF CONTRACT: On June 25, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that private schools could not refuse to accept pupils because of the pupils' race. In his dissenting opinion Justice Byron White wrote:

"The right to make contracts...was...always a right to enter into binding agreements only with willing second parties. Since the (Civil Rights

Act of 1866) only gives Negroes the 'same rights' to contract as is enjoyed by whites, the language of the statute confers no right on Negroes to enter into a contract with an unwilling person no matter what that person's motivation for refusing to contract."

Because the Supreme Court majority now says that the Reconstruction Era laws prohibited private parties from refusing to enter into a contract with another person because of that person's race, private schools now join private employment agreements, public accommodations, and housing as areas in which freedom of contract has been drastically curtailed.

CHURCH AND STATE: On June 21, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that Maryland could subsidize some of the operations of church-related colleges. In response, the *Washington Post* editorialized: "With its ruling... the Supreme Court has continued to chip away at what once was called the 'wall of separation' between church and state. That wall--the word was used by Thomas Jefferson to describe the purpose of the relevant part of the First Amendment--is now so low that almost any church-related college or university, except a seminary, can constitutionally receive state or federal tax money to finance much of its program."

SELF-ABUSE WITHOUT ZONING: On June 24, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that it was constitutional for cities to use zoning ordinances, backed up by criminal penalties, to control adult-oriented bookstores, theaters, and other businesses. The majority opinion noted that few would take up arms to defend such adult-oriented commerce. But in his dissent, Justice Potter Stewart wrote:

"If the guarantees of the First Amend-

ment were reserved for expression that more than a 'few of us' would take up arms to defend, then the right of free expression would be defined and circumscribed by current popular opinion. The guarantees of the Bill of Rights were designed to protect against precisely such majoritarian limitations on individual liberty."

WORMY PLANKS: In mid-June a committee of the Democratic Party completed a draft of the party's 1976 platform. "The foreign policy plank could have been written in the Pentagon," said former Sen. Joseph Clark of Pennsylvania. Rep. Bella Abzug asked the committee to "take out some of that Cold War rhetoric." The interventionist supporters of Sen. Henry Jackson had written the first working version of that third of the platform devoted to foreign policy and the military. The ideas of the Jackson people were backed by Carter's people, and the Democratic platform speaks the language of Wilsonian interventionism.

On domestic policies, the Democratic platform calls for socialized medicine, a jobs program like that proposed in the Humphrey-Hawkins bill, federal aid to parochial schools, and a minimum income for those on welfare. Proposed planks on decriminalization of marijuana, gay rights, and amnesty for deserters were deliberately left out.

CARTER'S PROMISES: In a letter to a maritime union, Carter pledges that he would work to ensure American ships "a fair share" of cargoes. Carter has told the clothing unions that he would "keep a watchful eye" on imports that compete with domestically produced clothes. Textile businessmen have received word that Carter favors extending the nominally voluntary controls on imports.

Carter aides have told farm groups that Carter would do more to protect farmers from the discipline of the free market. Carter himself has asked mayors to help him draft a position on federal aid for mass transit. Such promises should be taken seriously because Carter doesn't lie.

GOOD NEWS: It appears that Rhodesia, now that the government is under attack by African guerrillas, may dismantle many aspects of the Land Tenure Act, which segregated land ownership in that country...The CIA claims it is phasing out the use of news reporters as agents...

CANCER DRUG FREEDOM: The state of Alaska has relaxed the ban on the use of the controversial cancer treatment, laetrile. The FDA prohibition on the drug applies only to interstate use, leaving state governments free to regulate the drugs use within their own borders as long as the drug has not moved in interstate commerce. The legislation leaves the door open, however, for the Alaska Medical Board to rule laetrile harmful and hence contraband. States Alaska Governor Hammond, "The main question in my mind is how far do you go in

protecting people from themselves." Let's hope other state governments take this step toward recognizing the right of free choice in medicine.

Meanwhile, the state of California recently raided the Liberty Bookstore of Mountain View on the grounds that the owner Doug Hoiles, was dealing in laetrile. The Department of Health and the Franchise Tax Board participated in the raid, seizing lists of customers and financial records. LPC member June Genis is heading up Hoiles' defense committee.

NOT A DIME'S WORTH OF DIFFERENCE: A recent study sponsored by the Brookings Institution found that government organizations over a 50-year period grew at the same rate during Democratic and Republican administrations.

ARMY'S NAVY: The U.S. Army has spent \$200 million for a fleet of new trucks especially designed for swimming through water. However, unless conditions are perfect, the trucks sink.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "Let's turn inflation over to the Postal Service. Maybe they can slow it down," said Morris Udall.

TAX REVOLT ENDS TOWN: The taxpayers of Gilbertsville, Kentucky have succeeded in disbanding their town government. Claiming that city government was not worth paying for, Hubert DeBoe, leader of the local tax revolt, characterized the municipal authorities as, "a little board that can't furnish us any facilities of any description and never would be able to."

HAZARDS MAIN CAUSE OF ACCIDENTS: \$500,000 worth of pamphlets have been prepared by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and distributed to farmers. Declaring, "hazards are one of the main causes of accidents," the booklets explain, "You can make your work area safe by find hazards and removing them." Cattle ranchers were advised that, "When floors are wet and slippery with manure, you can have a fad fall. You could also trip over junk or trash." One regularly expects such brilliant insights from Washington bureaucrats.

DOG EAT DOG COMPETITION: The International Trade Commission has begun investigating complaints of unfair import competition in the sale of crocheted baby booties.

TAXATION PSYCHOSIS: Om Mehta, India's state minister for home affairs, proudly says that the crackdown on smugglers, black marketeers, and tax-evaders under the current emergency laws has created a "psychosis of fear."

"The psychosis of fear we created after that--particularly in the minds of the business community, especially those indulging in all sorts of unhealthy practices--that psychosis of fear has been responsible for the disclosure of \$1.5 billion in taxes."

Free Press Is Threatened

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has passed the House Education and Labor Committee and is awaiting floor action. It probably won't be passed this year unless the Democrats feel that provoking a veto from Ford will work to their political advantage. They're really setting up to pass it next year, but it's not too soon to start our own campaign against it.

HR 11193, the Gun Control bill which passed the House Judiciary Committee is not as bad as what the gun-control zealots wanted. But it's bad enough.

There may be the votes to defeat it, but there's no predicting how irrational Congress can be.

S.3103, Increased Participation in the Asian Development Fund, just might have problems. Liberals could make it an occasion to denounce South Korea, while conservatives are becoming more isolationist.

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