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Roger MacBride Declares For 1976 L.P. Presidential Candidacy

Roger Lea McBride, the Virginia elector that put the Libertarian Party into the history books, has announced his candidacy for the L. P. Presidential Nomination. Anticipating "the most glorious opportunity ever offered a generation of Americans," MacBride expressed hope for ballot position in 30 states, and promised a vigorous campaign if nominated. The announcement, rumored for several months, came at the featured evening banquet of the Libertarian Party of California's Third Annual convention in Santa Monica.

MacBride was elected to the Vermont legislature and ran a nearly-successful campaign for Governor of the state in the 1950's. In 1972, he was selected as a Republican elector for Nixon from the state of Virginia. After hearing of the Libertarian Party's candidates, he decided to cast his electoral ballot for Dr. John Hospers and Tonie Nathan - placing the L.P. candidates only 16 electoral votes behind George McGovern. Since then, he has attended dozens of Executive Committee meetings, State Conventions and the recent national convention in Dallas.

Addressing 200 delegates and observers at the Surf Rider Inn, MacBride called ballot status in California "of critical importance," in establishing a credible campaign. "For a group of this size to enroll 60,000 persons in the Libertarian Party," said MacBride, "is an enormous and challenging task - but not, I think, a



CANDIDATE - Roger Lea MacBride announces 1976 Presidential aspirations at the Libertarian Party convention in Santa Monica. "herculean one."

The following day, convention delegates approved a resolution calling on each region of the state party to "vigorously participate" in a statewide effort to achieve state ballot status."

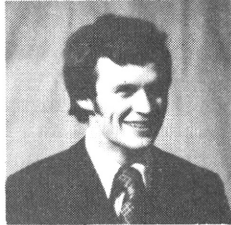
The presidential candidate compared the L.P. position with that of the Republican Party, which didn't exist in 1853, but ran a candidate in 1856. John C. Fremont lost, but demonstrated that the Party was there to stay - setting the stage for a successful election

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NEW CALIFORNIA OFFICERS ASSUME HEAVY RESPONSIBILITY

With a resolution to conduct a successful registration drive to put the L.P.C. on the ballot in '76, delegates elected a new slate of officers who'll be responsible for directing the effort.

Urging the drive as an "absolute necessity for the Party's future," Southern Vice Chairman, Bill Westmiller was elected as the new Chairman without opposition ("None of the Above" ran a distant last). Bill is presently the National L.P. Secretary, but he has announced that he will be resigning that position after the next National Executive meeting in Mary. The radio newscaster living in Lancaster indicates that he'll be moving to the greater Los Angeles area in the coming months, in order to facilitate contact with Party members and the media.



Bill Westmiller

Susan Love Brown, a past Chairperson of

the Kentucky Libertarian Party who has been serving as an L.P.C. Judicial Committee member, defeated Region 16 Chairman Carol Ann Moore for the position of Southern California Vice Chair. Sue has been very active with the Campus Studies Institute of San Diego, recently co-authoring a re-writing and publication of The Incredible Bread Machine. She has been very active in the San Diego L.P. and Libertarian Alternative - and recently spent an extended period on the island of Abaco working with schools.



Susan Love Brown

The new Northern Vice Chairman is Ray Cunningham, recently discharged from active duty in the armed forces. He and his wife, Carol, have arranged and hosted many libertarian activities in the San Francisco Bay area. Ray out-pollied John Harris, new Region 6 Chairman, in convention balloting. The top M.I.T. graduate



Ray Cunningham

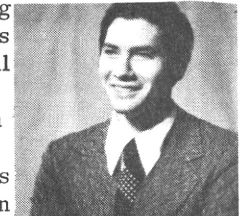
is presently working in computer software.



Edward Wolford

The Acting Secretary throughout the State Convention, Edward Wolford of Culver City, was given the office permanently by convention delegates. Ed has been the Membership Chairman of Region 16 during the past year, and reports that his wife, Cynthia, will be an equal partner to the work load.

With implications of dire threats on the State Party treasury (or was it a miser's chuckle?), former Caliber Editor Daniel Wiener accepted his election as the new Treasurer. Dan's \$600 HP60 calculator (employed with cunning at the convention) was elected after Region 11 Treasurer, Gordon Johnson, withdrew in its favor. The Los Angelino eliminates big computer bugs in his spare time away from Party activities.



Daniel Wiener

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NEW EDITOR GETS THE LAST WORD IN

This has been an issue for change. Having a new Editor (succeeding the newly elected State Treasurer, Dan Wiener), and a new format, suggestions or comments you might have regarding Caliber are welcome to this staff.

Anyone wishing to submit stories for publication is most welcome. The deadline for stories is the third Saturday of the month. Stories may be edited to space requirements.

We would like to initiate a 'Letters to the Editor column', and we request that you send us letters regarding any subject relevant to libertarians.

The staff presently needs a photographer with black and white film developing and enlarging capability. Anyone willing to donate a few hours each month to assist with Caliber is urged to contact me.

...Ken Green



Without hard work, there is nothing to be gained.

That's the crux of the message delivered to Convention delegates by the two featured speakers, Rober MacBride and Murray Rothbard.

Those who work now at creating some assurance of survival in a totalitarian state have made their choice, and will reap the fruits: survival ... in a totalitarian state.

Those who chose to work for the satisfaction of the day will get the satisfaction today and the consequences tomorrow.

The rewards or organized efforts are only those that result from the division of labor. The goals we've set won't be accomplished by the Libertarian Party - they'll be earned by individuals who devote their major efforts toward liberty.

Each of us knows the job can be done. We need only accept the responsibility for our own future. The rewards will come.

Late Election Results

Dave Merrick won 4.8% of the vote for Santa Cruz City Council, running 9th of 12 with a vote of 1,813. School District candidates all polled less than 3.5% of the vote. Highest total of 4,582 for Saul Rackauskas in Ventura College Board Race.

REGIONAL REPORTS

ORANGE COUNTY

Almost 100 Orange members will be receiving a regular Regional newsletter which challenges the Santa Clara Regional for the distinction of 'Best in the State'.

The first issue of eight pages sets the Editor's (unidentified, but probably initialed D.B.) policy on content, includes several letters, poetry and an excellent article on statist deception by R.E. Porter, called "Circus Maximus."

SANTA CLARA

Bill White continues as Regional Chairman, with June Genis taking the position of Vice Chari, Caroline Gill is Secretary

and Dave Wolen is the region Treasurer.

Executive Committee meetings are being held each third Thursday at the Northern California Savings & Loan at Prospect Road and Saratoga Avenue in San Jose, starting at 8 p.m..

SAN FERNANDO

Members attending the next general meeting will be electing one - or two - new State Executive Committee members.

Karl Bray, prominent tax rebel, has been scheduled as a speaker for the April 15th meeting at the Eater's Digest in Encino.

SAN DIEGO

Amendment of the State Party Constitution will give Region 20 an additional Execom member. Watch for meeting notices in the Libertarian Alternative Newsletter.

SANTA CRUZ

The Regional Chairmanship has been assumed by David Merrick until the next Regional meeting. A full report on Dave's City Council campaign in the next Caliber.

Political Action a Necessity for Libertarians - Dr. Rothbard

"The impulse to avoid the responsibility and the burden of steady, persistent and long-term social and political activity toward libertarian goals... is a copout that won't work," says New York author and economist Dr. Murray Rothbard.

Addressing over 200 libertarians at the L.P.C. State Convention, Rothbard attacked those who rely only on the educational approach. "The Libertarian Party," he says, "is not only an educational device and a way of organizing libertarians, but also a way of eventual-



Dr. Murray Rothbard

ly dismantling the state apparatus."

"The key problem is to remain pure and consistent in principle, while at the same time attracting a lot of voters."

"It seems to me," said Rothbard, "that if the Party doesn't get votes, we're never going to be around long enough to educate anybody."

The author of "For A New Liberty" chided "those extreme optimists who are now the extreme pessimists" for advising against political action, instead urging us to hoard our canned goods in a cave, build up our Swiss bank accounts, buy gold coins, or to run off to some new island to ride out the holocaust.

"I would plead with libertarians to worry less about what to invest your capital in, on pouring over the latest news from the gold and silver markets, and to spend a little more time and energy to try to save our economy and our civilization."

"Only he who dares and risks can succeed at a task," concluded Rothbard, "including the glorious task of the victory of the libertarian ideal."



ENTER - Convention Scene in Santa Monica. MACBRIDE CANDIDACY Continued from Page 1 four years later.

The Libertarian Party Presidential Candidate will be selected at the next National Convention, scheduled for the Labor Day weekend in New York City. MacBride is the only announced candidate for the nomination.

Among academic works on constitutional law, MacBride edited the letters of Rose Wilder Lane and Jasper Crane into the book Lady and the Tycoon. He is the Executive Producer of the television program, "Little Home on the Prairie, based on Rose Wilder's memoirs. He reports several other series pending.

Earl, Shirley Gottlieb Named Libertarians of the Year

Earl and Shirley Gottlieb were honored in a resolution unanimously adopted at the convention in Santa Monica.

The resolution read as follows:

"Whereas, they have endured, above and beyond the call of duty, multitudinous telephone calls at all hours of the day and night and,

"Whereas, they have personally sorted, stuffed, packed and mailed thousands of pieces of literature for the Party and its respective candidates, and

"Whereas, they have always volunteered the use of their home on uncountable occasions, and

"Whereas, they have always volunteered for every type of chore, and done a superb job on everything,

"Therefore, be it resolved that Earl and Shirley Gottlieb be named Libertarians of the year."

Shirley and Earl are charter members of the L.P.C. who have answered the Party phone for almost a year, served as the

communication center for Party officers, hosted Region 11 Executive Committee meetings and served in various capacities in the Party, all without monetary compensation.



Shirley and Earl Gottlieb

Earl presently serves as Region 11 Chairman; Shirley was elected Executive Secretary by the State Excom immediately after the Convention.

Their contacts with interested callers and the media have been an invaluable asset to the Party.

Judicial Group Debates Endorsement

The Judicial Committee of the LPC was forced into session (during the recent convention) to determine the propriety of maintaining the Party's original Statement of Principles following the national party's amended version.

In doubt was an LPC Constitutional provision that required the party to "endorse and implement" the National Statement of Principles. In order to obtain affiliate status with the National L.P., a state organization must endorse the National Statement. When California was affiliated, the original Statement - written by Dr. John Hospers - was adopted by the LPC.

At the last National Convention, delegates in Dallas, Texas amended the original wording to eliminate references to "laissez faire capitalism" and, "the sole purpose of government."

After lengthy deliberation, the Judicial Committee ruled that the LPC must endorse the National Statement, in order to comply with its own constitution, but that the original Statement could be maintained - if identified as such. The endorsement of the National Statement came in the form of a resolution, which also required a California designation on the original Statement.

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Legislative Log

"NONE OF THE ABOVE" INTRODUCED

Assemblyman William Campbell has proposed a bill that would put a "None of the Above is Acceptable" line on all California ballots.

The move came at the urging of KFI Radio (Los Angeles) talk show host Hilly Rose, who received tens of thousands of postcards supporting the idea. The call for response came after the appearance of Sy Leon, Chairman of the League of Non-Voters, on the Rose program.

The Campbell bill would have no effect or bearing on the outcome of an election - even if "None" got a majority. Rose says the bill is intended only as a first step, which would be followed up with a state-wide ballot initiative, particularly if the legislators fail to act.

The bill caused some ferment at the L.A. Times, which expressed distress at the assault on the democratic tradition. The following day, every Letter-to-the-Editor (printed on a formula ratio) expressed support for the idea.

SCHOOL BOND VOTE REQUIREMENT TO BE CONSIDERED IN 1976 PRIMARY

One legislative proposal that will probably be on the June, 1976 ballot is a measure that would reduce the votes needed for approval of local school bond issues from two-thirds to a simple majority of votes.

Another Sacramento proposal for the June ballot, being pushed by Democrats, would amend the California Constitution to allow the legislature to increase business taxes by a majority vote of the Assembly, rather than the present two-thirds.

TAX FINANCING OF CAMPAIGNS PROPOSED FOR CALIFORNIA

State Senator Beilenson has introduced a bill that would match two tax dollars for every dollar spent by candidates in the '76 California elections. Fortunately, two similar bills have died in Committee after taxpayers got wind of the scheme.

Another "election reform" bill introduced by Lawrence Kapiloff would pay legislators expenses for weekly round-trips to home during a campaign.

RENT CONTROLS RISE AGAIN

State Senator David Roberti must never have heard of New York City - or its present efforts to phase-out rent controls - because the L.A. Democrat has proposed beginning a state-wide rent control scheme in California.

Los Angeles Councilmen Joel Wachs and David Cunningham have expressed support for the plan, which would put a "ceiling" on rent profits at the June, 1974 level. Legislative hearings on the bill have been scheduled for March 11th in Sacramento.

BEDFELLOWS AFTER THE FIGHT

One Edmund Brown, Jr., proposed heir to the Kennedy myth and rising star of California liberals, has been getting compliments lately from the Legislature's most prominent Conservatives.

Brown, Jr. has been uttering profound principles of efficient government, like: "We shouldn't go seeking Federal money that isn't there," and even suggesting that he was being honest about his promises of no new taxes this year!

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