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LPO CHAIRMAN CONGRATULATES CAMPAIGN WORKERS

Congratulations to all campaign workers and contributors! I'm sure each of you feels, as I do, that the effort we poured into the MacBride-Bergland campaign has been well worth it. Most Americans now have been exposed to libertarianism, through the TV and radio ads, appearances on Today, Firing Line, Meet the Press, Good Morning America, PBS specials, nationally syndicated columns, plus pages of write-ups in national magazines, plus hundreds of local radio and TV talk show appearances, plus local press, radio and TV coverage wherever Roger and Dave went, and they went everywhere. Not only have most Americans been exposed to libertarianism, but millions of them have been exposed to it three, four or more times, which is when it starts to make a permanent impression.

Virtually every major TV and radio news department and newspaper editorial staff in the country knows about us now. Sure, a few news departments, located mainly in large cities, still treat us as a novelty item, but this attitude is offset by many areas of the country where the Libertarian Party is already the major opposition to the Democrats. As the Republican Party continues to decline in the next few years, they will have to pull out of more and more races in order to concentrate their shrinking funds into races where they still have a chance of winning. Republican politicians, concerned with their electability, will defect to the Democratic Party in droves, leaving the door wide open for the Libertarian Party to become the number two party in more and more areas of the country. Eventually, even the big city newsmen will begin to wake up and take us seriously.

But it won't happen automatically! It's going to take lots of hard work and money in the next three years, running local campaigns; making personal contact with, and activating, new libertarians who, up to now, have been reached only via the news media; continuing to build up our grass roots organization, expanding into more counties, townships, wards, and precincts.

We already have a better grass-roots organization than any other minor party, including Eugene McCarthy, but the only way the media (and thus the public) will find out about it is if Libertarian candidates start popping up all over the country, including Ohio.

Everyone has had a nice rest from campaigning since November 2. Now is the time for every activist to begin campaigning for your local city council or mayor's seat. It's too early to announce your candidacy, but it's not too early to start laying the groundwork. For the next couple of months, this means making yourself known in your community. Write letters to the editor. Get on TV editorial reply programs. Give speeches. Join your local Jaycees, Rotary, or Kiwanis. Get to meet the leaders and activists in your community. In addition to the civic organizations, get involved with issue groups like NORML, ABATE, NCW, and the ACLU. Don't just go to meetings. Volunteer for work. Become known to their leaders as an activist. Most of your support in a local election will come not from LPO members in other

parts of the state but from people in your own community who know you personally.

Another facet of campaigning that you can begin right now is research. Find out results of past elections. Get a copy of your city's budget. Study your local ordinances for points to attack. Attend council meetings and find out where the incumbent stands on issues. Listen to your new friends at the Jaycees or Rotary to find out what issues you may be able to exploit. Go to your library and read books on local campaigning strategy, especially Steven Shaddegg's "How to Win an Election." Find out residency requirements and requirements and requirements for circulating petitions.

As Shaddegg points out, because most people are indifferent about local elections, an election can be won by a small group of active campaigners who will ring every doorbell and, as a neighbor, ask their neighbors to vote for you. Your task now is to attract that small band of supporters by getting involved in your community.

--Bob Lehman

THE SECOND LIBERTARIAN REVOLUTION
A Report on the 1976 LP Convention
by Everett DeJager

Imagine an event is taking place that will lead to the creation of a world without war, without poverty, without the curse of bad government. And you are there. You are a participant in the launching of a movement that will be written up by future historians as the Second Libertarian Revolution.

That was the theme of the 1976 convention at the Statler Hilton in Washington, D.C.

This exhilarating event got off to a slow start. Several of us hit town Thursday morning at about 9. Our hotel rooms were not ready and we found that the Thursday events had been cancelled except for the boat ride. This gave us time, however, to stroll around town and stop in at the National LP headquarters in P Street. There we found several busy people making up convention folders and cleaning up last-minute details. There we met Linda Webb, convention coordinator. She was answering the phone, and answering it, and answering it. Throughout the convention I never saw Linda except in swift motion.

The boat ride took us a few miles up and down the Potomac. Beautiful. When the top deck got too cold, we went downstairs and listened to the dixieland jazz combo.

Friday morning began the serious events, a hard-driving sequence of speeches and panels that always finished late. There was never a free time for lunch because there was always something going on.

The quality of speakers was really impressive. There is no shortage of college degrees and just plain smarts in the Libertarian Party. Some of them don't know just how to handle a microphone, but they certainly know their facts, their history, and their philosophy. I was amazed at the number of philosophical questions and problems involved in libertarianism.

Describing the high spots is like trying to find the best notes in a Beethoven symphony, but let me try. Friday evening there was a reception for David Bergland. Since everybody was standing, David stood on a chair so he could be seen, and briefly addressed the group. Roger MacBride was there, and so were some TV people. With their camera and lights and microphone on a long stick, they following him around while he made small talk.

On Saturday Earl Ravenal discussed a non-interventionist foreign policy. Would you believe that our involvement in South Korea will cost us five billion dollars next year?

Then there was a four-man panel on victimless crimes. This is an issue that Libertarians can really get hot on. They did. Then came Nathaniel Branden, who really had not taken the Libertarian Party too seriously until he attended the convention. He does now.

Late Saturday came the Grand Banquet honoring Roger MacBride. After Roger's speech there was a solicitation for funds to run more TV commercials. To the strains of soft piano music the pledges kept rolling in, and about \$17,000 was contributed by the 500 or so delegates attending.

The highest point of the evening for me was the feeling I got from Roger's speech—he convinced me I could dare to believe it could actually happen, the Second Libertarian Revolution.

Sunday was expected to be a let-down, but it didn't work out that way. Defending the undefendables (Walter Block) was the breakfast theme, and stimulated a lot of strange ideas. Then came a panel on Austrian Economics, which should be dull, but was not. Then Peter Breggin went deeply into psychological motivation, touching what may be the core of the whole problem. He attempted to develop an answer to the question, "when a human being has the opportunity to take a step and become free, why does he not take that step?"

The real let-down was a return to the real world, in which Libertarians are only a tiny minority, where your neighbors are willing to hire gunmen to put pornographers in jail, where unions still erect picket lines around factories, and hold them for ransom, and people still don't understand that the government they run to for support or protection is placing a noose around their neck.

SAY NOT THE STRUGGLE NOUGHT AVAILETH

Say not the struggle nought availeth,
The labour and the wounds are vain,
The enemy faints not, nor faileth,
And as things have been they remain.

If hopes were dupes, fears may be liars;
It may be, in yon smoke concealed,
Your comrades chase e'en now the fliers,
And, but for you, possess the field.

For while the tired waves, vainly breaking,
Seem here no painful inch to gain,
Far back, through creeks and inlets making,
Comes silent, flooding in, the main,

And not by eastern windows only,
When daylight comes, comes in the light,
In front, the sun climbs slow, how slowly,
But westward, look, the land is bright.

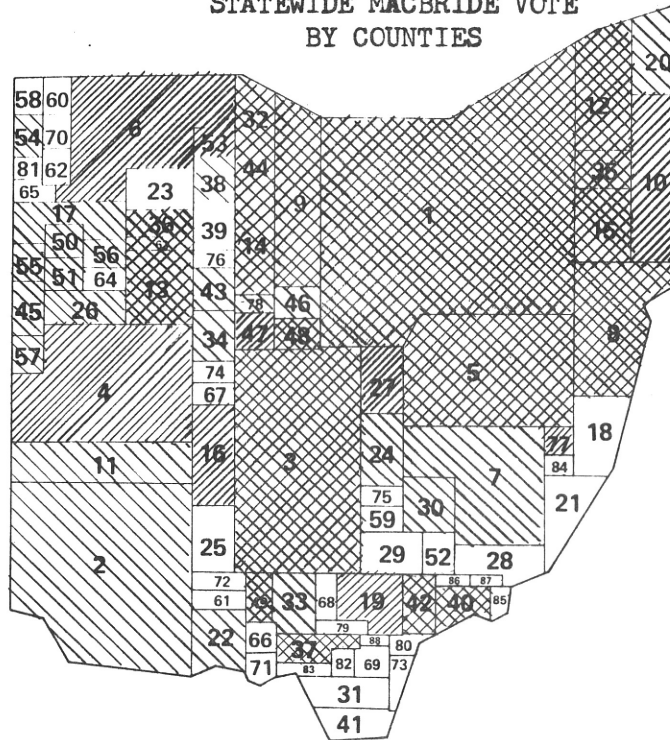
—Arthur Hugh Clough

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STATEWIDE MACBRIDE VOTE BY COUNTIES

- 1 - Cuyahoga
- 2 - Hamilton
- 3 - Franklin
- 4 - Montgomery
- 5 - Summit
- 6 - Lucas
- 7 - Stark
- 8 - Mahoning
- 9 - Lorain
- 10 - Trumbull
- 11 - Butler
- 12 - Lake
- 13 - Clark
- 14 - Richland
- 15 - Portage
- 16 - Greene
- 17 - Allen
- 18 - Columbiana
- 19 - Licking
- 20 - Ashtabula
- 21 - Jefferson
- 22 - Clermont
- 23 - Wood
- 24 - Wayne
- 25 - Warren
- 26 - Miami
- 27 - Medina
- 28 - Belmont
- 29 - Muskingum
- 30 - Tuscarawas
- 31 - Scioto
- 32 - Erie
- 33 - Fairfield
- 34 - Marion
- 35 - Geauga
- 36 - Hancock
- 37 - Ross
- 38 - Sandusky
- 39 - Seneca
- 40 - Washington
- 41 - Lawrence
- 42 - Athens
- 43 - Crawford
- 44 - Huron



- 45 - Darke
- 46 - Ashland
- 47 - Delaware
- 48 - Knox
- 49 - Pickaway
- 50 - Auglaize
- 51 - Shelby
- 52 - Guernsey
- 53 - Ottawa
- 54 - Defiance
- 55 - Mercer
- 56 - Logan
- 57 - Preble
- 58 - Williams
- 59 - Coshocton
- 60 - Fulton
- 61 - Clinton
- 62 - Putnam
- 63 - Hardin
- 64 - Champaign
- 65 - Van Wert
- 66 - Highland
- 67 - Madison
- 68 - Perry
- 69 - Jackson
- 70 - Henry
- 71 - Brown
- 72 - Fayette
- 73 - Gallia
- 74 - Union
- 75 - Holmes
- 76 - Wyandot
- 77 - Carroll
- 78 - Morrow
- 79 - Hocking
- 80 - Meigs
- 81 - Paulding
- 82 - Pike
- 83 - Adams
- 84 - Harrison
- 85 - Monroe
- 86 - Morgan
- 87 - Noble
- 88 - Vinton



Final Ohio election returns show MacBride with 9,449 votes, or 0.23% of the total. This is a great disappointment to those who remember Kay Harroff's 79,000 in the 1974 senatorial race. It seems that the closeness of the election hurt us, as many marginal supporters may have felt that their votes would "do more good" with Ford or Carter. Those who voted for Ford may now reflect on their lost opportunity to cast a much more meaningful Libertarian vote.

The MacBride total was exceeded by McCarthy (1.4%) and Maddox (0.39%), but we outpolled the Communists and both Socialist parties. Also, our vote was more than the difference between Ford's and Carter's.

Nationwide, the returns are still not complete at press time. Preliminary results show at least 160,000 MacBride votes, or about 0.2%. This places us ahead of Maddox but behind McCarthy. We have a chance of about 6% in Alaska, which could be the best statewide return of any of the smaller parties.

The map above shows the proportion of MacBride votes in Ohio by counties. The map has been distorted so that each county's size is proportional to its population.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: WHAT NOW?

The LPO executive committee held its first post-election meeting in Columbus on November 21.

After comments on the campaign and the election returns, discussion turned to future plans. The committee decided to strengthen the regional organizations by returning a portion of membership dues to the regions. Although next year's campaigns will all be local ones, any local Libertarian candidates will receive full support from the rest of the state.

The committee endorsed the proposed Home Rule of School Districts amendment for the Ohio constitution to abolish the state Board of Education. This would eliminate state government control over primary and secondary schools, leaving school policies up to the school districts themselves.

Most of the committee members seemed optimistic about the LPO's future, despite disappointment in the MacBride vote this year. Plans were made for maintaining political activism between election campaigns, especially through non-party groups such as Citizens for Good Schools, ABATE, and the Libertarian Council, a "think tank" being set up by Bill MacReynolds.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Citizens for Good Schools Committee is attempting to place a School Home Rule amendment on the ballot. This amendment would end control over school districts by the State of Ohio, leaving each local district under the control only of the people in that district. This proposal is endorsed by the LPO. Over 300,000 signatures will be needed. Anyone interested in giving support should contact E. Dennis Barnes, 114 E. Wyandot Ave., Upper Sandusky, Ohio 43351.

The LPO needs people who are willing to run for local office next year. If you are interested, please contact your regional chairman or Bob Lehman.

The LPO is considering setting up a speakers bureau. This would consist of qualified speakers who can give presentations on Libertarianism to small groups, possibly in conjunction with the movie, "The Incredible Bread Machine." Anyone wishing to become a speaker, or anyone wishing to set up engagements, should contact his regional chairman.

The next Executive Committee meeting will be Sunday, February 20, in Columbus. Jim Higgins will again be host.

The Northeast Region will have a regional meeting at 1:00 p.m. Sunday, December 5, at the Brown Derby Motor Inn in Boston Heights, Route 8 at the Ohio Turnpike.

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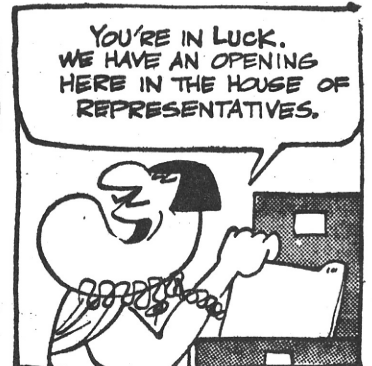
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