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ROGER MacBRIDE FOR PRESIDENT

DAVE BERGLAND FOR VICE PRESIDENT

At the recent National LP Convention in NYC, Roger MacBride of Virginia and David Bergland of California were nominated as the Libertarian Party's candidates for President and Vice-President. In 1972, Roger MacBride was the presidential elector from Virginia who cast his electoral ballot for John Hospers and Tonie Nathan, the candidates of the Libertarian Party.

A lawyer with an AB degree in political science from Princeton and a graduate of Harvard Law School, MacBride has worked for a large NYC law firm specializing in banking law. During the 60's he held elected town offices and ran for the Republican gubernatorial primary in Vermont. He has authored THE AMERICAN ELECTORAL COLLEGE, TREATIES VERSUS THE CONSTITUTION, and has edited three other books. Currently he is responsible for the production of the "Little House on the Prairie" television series.

David Bergland, an attorney in private practice in California, is also a professor of law at Western State University College of Law in California. He has published articles in legal journals and in REASON magazine and has made many media and speaking appearances as a state candidate of the LP. Running for California's Attorney General in 1974 he received 986 write-in votes. Bergland has also been the prime mover behind the recently started initiative to add the line NONE OF THE ABOVE on the ballot in California.

Excerpts from MacBRIDE'S ACCEPTANCE SPEECH

Introduced as the man who should be the next President of the United States, Roger MacBride declared that his campaign would begin that very morning and that there will be no compromise of principles. He declared: "I have had enough and, in 1972, as you all know, I proved it. Now I'm the one standing in front of you, and I'm the one making the speech. . . there will be no difference between the promises and the results. We have all had enough - haven't we?"

MacBride commended the spirit and fortitude displayed by the convention delegates and promised a presidential campaign the likes of which this nation has never seen.

He continued: "Our libertarian ideas built this country and are deep in the heart of every American. . . Together, you and I, we will revitalize them. . . We will make understood our libertarian ideals, because to understand them can only be to agree with them. . ."

"Our ideas are as old as the 1776 revolution and as young as tomorrow morning. . ."

Attempts are made to disguise as campaign reform, the institutionalizing of the Republican and Democratic parties. The major parties can collect tax money to make up for the lack of private contributions. . . Libertarians and other new parties are not offered any tax funds (not that we would accept them if they were offered!); so it's immensely more difficult for us or any others to replace the dying major parties. . ."

"Censorship by intimidation must cease! If I have anything to say about it, America will not be crushed by this velvet vise. If I were elected, my first act would be to cease all governmental activity regulating printed or broadcast media. . . and immediately abolish all present functions of the FCC. . . Libertarians are against any form of government censorship. The time for reform is now. In a few years it may be too late. . ."

"It is essential to describe the brick by brick, step by step, procedure of how and where we can roll back big government at the fastest possible pace. . ."

"We, your Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidates, will therefore stress the ideal first and as inspiration, but we will also outline the transitional policies. I advocate rapid transition as opposed to chaotic change. . . We do not want to hurt people. . . Each step hastens the next step. . ."

"It's equally important that we launch local campaigns - that we run local candidates. . ."

"All libertarians must and will be united in this major effort. It's of personal concern to every last one of us. . . We must unite because I need you, and we need each other. We have many different backgrounds, and beliefs, but we are all united in the desire to be free to seek our individual life styles, to keep the products of our labors. We are united in our devotion to the libertarian cause. . ."

"We have an army of principles that can and will carry where an army of soldiers cannot. . . that army will succeed. There is no obstacle that can or will arrest its progress."

"This our army of principles will march upon the horizon of America and it will conquer."

Notes from BERGLAND'S ACCEPTANCE SPEECH

" . . . One of the things that it will be important to stress to the public is the type of people who are already in the LP, what we stand for, and how we handle ourselves - and that we welcome with open arms all other people. . ."

"A great many people are part libertarian already. All we have to do is wipe away the thin veneer of establishment, liberal, conservative clap trap that blocks most of their thinking. . ."

"We have the approaches, the solutions, the ways of dealing with political problems which are appealing because they are true and honest. They strike a chord within all people - the strong, vibrant desire of all people to take control of their own lives. . ."

"Let's look at situations - whether taxes, government regulations, victimless crimes - and ask not what kind of law can be passed but what kind of laws are already in existence that are causing people the problems that they have, and let's remove those bureaucratic interventions and let people get on about their lives according to their own values. . ."

"The Libertarian Party must take a strong stand in the area of victimless crimes - which so much involve personal preferences and life styles. . ."

"This is a tremendous opportunity for me first and also for you and for the Libertarian Party - a great opportunity for the American people in 1976 to make a choice which will reverberate through the remainder of the 20th century and I hope for centuries beyond."

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ASTROLOGY AND LIBERTARIANISM?!

At a meeting of the Southern Region of the Libertarian Party of Nevada on October 14, 1975, a presentation was given by Ms. Sally Larsen (affectionately known as the "Libertarian Witch"), a legal secretary by profession and an astrologer by avocation. She was ably assisted by Ms. Carla Mia McCaffrey.

In a logically developed talk, Ms. Larsen presented the natal (birth) horoscope of the United States and described the "American personality type". The audience was amazed at the general accuracy of her analysis. She also predicted grave difficulties for the upcoming Inaugural Day, January 20, 1977.

On a happier note, Ms. Larsen predicted a bright future for the Libertarian Party especially if (as this reporter interprets her observations) Libertarians concentrate their efforts in productive ways by concerning themselves with the real issues and not petty squabbles with each other.

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 * SOUTHERN REGION LIBERTARIAN MEETING *
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 * George Chapman, State Chairman of the Libertarian Party of *
 * Utah, will be the guest speaker at a meeting of the Southern Region *
 * Libertarian Party on Tuesday, October 28, 1975. The meeting will be *
 * held at Sambo's on the Strip, just south of the Aladdin, at 3737 Las *
 * Vegas Boulevard South, at 8:00 P.M. The public is cordially invited *
 * as is the membership, and I urge everyone to attend, of course! *
 * Bring a friend - or ten!!!! *
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Excerpts from "The Libertarians: Nothing If Not Consistent"


by James Jackson Kilpatrick, NATIONAL REVIEW, October 10, 1975.

" . . . Except for a handful of greybeards, among them Professor Murray Rothbard and Dr. John Hospers, the delegates were mostly from 25 to 35. Voting rights were so constructed that Nevada's delegation was larger than Iowa's. Among the Nevada delegates, incidentally, was a gentleman by the name of James Libertarian Burns."

" . . . The Libertarians suffer from an ailment rarely encountered among the organized parties of our body politic. Their trouble is not hypocrisy, nor ambiguity, nor opportunism, nor incompetence. It cannot be said that their platform is too narrow, for indeed the platform contains planks that are calculated, in some fashion, to repel almost everyone. Their trouble is purity. It is practically unbearable."

" . . . A handful of jaded correspondents, accustomed to the comic book literacy of the great national parties, found the Libertarians' library unsettling. The book stalls dealt in heavyweights only: von Mises, Hazlitt, Hayek, Rand; books on atheism, books on the Constitution, the annotated Federalist Papers. The pamphlets had come from the same refineries. This was high octane gas. One wondered, irreverently, what the Libertarian reads on the john. Dietze on Property, perhaps."

" . . . The Libertarians might surprise the experts. They've got a crazy coalition, but don't let anyone ever tell you politics is sane."

~~We are Free,~~

 James Libertarian Burns
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