

A PLEA FOR PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT

The Pennsylvania LP is currently making plans to help the Kentucky LP with its petition drive to get Roger MacBride and David Bergland on the ballot there. Only one thousand signatures are needed for a position on the ballot, but it is generally a good idea to collect several times that number to assure against the usual invalidation process. Anyway, it would be a real tragedy if MacBride and Bergland are not on the Kentucky ballot for want of a few thousand signatures.

We will be driving to Villa Hills, Kentucky the weekend of March 5, heading back on Sunday, March 7th. Interested parties are urged to contact JoAnne Chernow, 12G Lark Circle, York, PA. 17404 for further details.

LAISSEZ FAIRE IN OUR TIME?

Wouldn't it be nice if there was an organization in today's marketplace offering attractive, functional merchandise at reasonable prices, and receiving no government help or subsidies? If you knew of such an organization, wouldn't you rush right out and buy up lots of stuff in order to encourage it to produce more? Good news! The Libertarian Party is producing some terrific literature that fulfills all of the above requirements. Even better news! You don't have to rush anywhere to get it—just drop your check in the mail. For those of you who havn't seen the new goodies, here's a brief rundown:

1. Position papers:

- #1. Libertarianism, prepared by R.A. Childs, Jr.
- #2. Inflation, Its Cause and Cure, prepared by Prof. Murray Rothbard.
- #3. Civil Liberties, prepared by Ralph Raico.
- #4. Arts and the State, prepared by Prof. John Hospers.

Each flyer is professionally written, attractively produced, and has the Statement of Principles on the back panel. 10¢ each.

- 2. The 1976 Platform, as adopted in convention, New York City, August 28-31, 1975. 20¢ each.
- 3. Introductory reading list. Free with order.
- 4. A NEW DAWN IN PRESIDENTIAL POLITICS.

"Little Blue Cards" with highlights of the LP position and bio of R. MacBride. 1¢ each.

Campaign Flyer. 10¢ each

- 5. Bumper stickers (you don't want to be caught without a bumper sticker in an election year!)

MacBride bumper sticker (dynamic bright green lettering on dark background... terrific St. Patrick's Day present for your favorite Irish person). 40¢ each.

Libertarian Party bumper sticker (blue and white). 40¢ each.

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Declare your independence

6. Campaign Buttons (MacBride). 25¢ each.
7. Liberty Against Power: An Introduction to the Tradition and Promise of Libertarianism, by Roy Childs. Good pamphlet for college recruiting. 10¢ each.
8. Libertarianism, A Political Philosophy Whose Time Has Come, by Prof. John Hospers. Special Autographed editions. \$4.00 each (paperback).
9. The Incredible Bread Machine, by Susan Love Brown, et al. Don't wait for the Movie! Cleverly done, easy to understand. Excellent for students. \$1.25 (paperback).
10. We still have copies of the last 2 issues of LP News, free for the asking.

All of the pamphlets and brochures are handy to include in those letters to the media you've been writing (you have been writting, haven't you?), and for introducing prospective sympathizers to different aspects of the libertarian philosophy. They all present a very attractive image for the LP. Prices listed are for small quantities from State Headquarters (12G Lark Circle, York, Pa. 17404). For bulk quantities from National Headquarters, see the last issue of LP News.

—JoAnne Chernow

A NIGHT AT THE MOVIES (WITH S.I.L.)

Sunday, March 14 (7 PM). FILM NIGHT FEATURING SIL'S NEW FILM "We Won't Be Fooled Again" and Campus Studies Institute's "The Incredible Bread Machine". Don Ernsberger of SIL will also be on hand to answer questions about current and planned national SIL activities.

"We Won't Be Fooled Again" is a comparison of present American governmental injustices with those prevalent at the time of the American Revolution. (30 minutes)

CSI'S "The Incredible Bread Machine" is a dramatic examination of fundamental libertarian economic and political issues, including: the role of government, victimless crime laws, rights, urban renewal, minimum wage, social security, advertising, multinational corporations, and monopolies. This film comes with 11 study guides with questions which will be thrown open to the floor for discussion. (Full color, sound, 32 minutes.)

ADMISSION: SIL members, \$2.00; non-members, \$2.50; first-time visitors, \$1.00.

PLACE: Doris Gordon's house, Silver Spring, Md.

DIRECTIONS: Take 495 to Georgia Avenue exit north (toward Wheaton). Go through Wheaton and turn right on Layhill Road (which is just past Randolph Road and by a Grand Union Shopping Center). Go about 1 mile on Layhill and turn left at the Park Bel Pre sign (Hathaway Road). 13424 is the first house on the right.

RESERVATIONS: 780-7605

EXECOM MEETING

The great libersign debate of last month's issue has been successfully resolved at the EXECOM Meeting in New Orleans last month. They decided that the LP will have no official logo. They almost decided not to have a National LP Convention this year too. Almost, but not quite! Although we don't have a definite date as yet, it will be held in Washington, D.C. toward the end of August. I'll let you know if Kathy McAdam (Execom member for Region 7) has anything further to report.

MORE ON S.1

SENATE BILL ONE (S.1), touted as a major revision to the U.S. Criminal Code, is now pending in Congress. Sponsored by ten Senators, including Pennsylvania's Hugh Scott, who even refuses to discuss the measure, and backed by President Ford, S.1 would allow the government to: 1. jail reporters, editors, or printers for revealing such activities (or scandals) as the government may see fit to undertake, and punish the media with \$100,000 fines for investigative reporting; 2. dismiss charges against its own officials who ordered or executed warrantless burglaries if they plead they believed their actions were "authorized" or "required"; 3. tap phones of suspicious persons and bug their bedrooms.

This giant (799 pages) broadly worded bill greatly expands the government's powers of wiretapping and bugging, allowing the President to order eavesdropping without a warrant on the pretext of "national security". Landlords, phone company personnel, and others could be directed and paid to cooperate with the eavesdropping.

S.1 would allow the arrest of almost any demonstrators, no matter how peaceful, on vaguely worded charges such as, say, filling up available parking spaces in Washington. Found guilty, the defendant could be sentenced to jail for one year and fined \$10,000.

Under S.1, if you were arrested, you could be denied your immediate right to counsel, thus violating your sixth amendment rights, as well as your fifth amendment rights with regard to self-incrimination. Strikers could be jailed on charges of "impairing military effectiveness", a major felony. For example, after a three month steel strike the government could charge union workers with "sabotage" defined as "delaying or obstructing the production, manufacture, construction, repair or delivery of any property...used...in the national defense". Even a strike of paper clip makers could qualify.

If you'd like to read a copy of S.1, don't hold your breath waiting for the government to fill your order. Pennsylvania Senator Richard Schweiker (who branded the wiretap provisions "the tactics of repression") reports his office has a backlog of 100 requests for copies of the bill, which, for some strange reason, is not as available as copies of other bills have been.

What we have here is another package deal. Buried inside the bill's thick confines, are vaguely (read: cleverly) worded provisions that will help to lay the foundations for a police state. Readers who have not all ready done so are asked to write Senator Schweiker and their representative urging them to defeat this oppressive bill.

(Note: this article was prepared from material presented in a six-part series in the Pittsburgh Press the week of February first, and is believed to be factual. The writer accepts responsibility for his value judgements.)

—Charles R. Rakowski

S.1 ADDENDUM

Senator Hugh Scott's office has informed us that the supply of copies of S.1 allotted to him by the Senate Document Room has been depleted. Copies are available (@ \$7.95) from:

Superintendent of Documents
Government Printing Office
Washington, D.C. 20401

Make your check payable to the Superintendent of Documents.

It's probably futile to express your dissatisfaction to Senator Scott. As a co-sponsor of S.1 and a lame duck, I'm sure your letter would receive somewhat less than the attention it deserves. However, I hope you will write Senator Schweiker if you have not yet done so.

—The Editor

SUPREME COURT DECISION

In a suit against the Federal Election Commission (Eugene McCarthy, James Buckley, the Libertarian Party, et al., plaintiffs) the Supreme Court of the United States up-held most of the provisions of the controversial law, while striking down others. The campaign reporting practices, the \$1,000 maximum contribution, matching Federal Funds (read: people's hard-earned money), and certain other features have been up-held. The Court ruled that no limits could be placed on how much of his own money a candidate may spend, and further ruled that the President must appoint the members of the Commission—NOT THE CONGRESS.

Although things are a bit better than before, the decision was clearly a compromise between pragmatism and constitutionality. Notable for the ideas expressed rather than for its effect on the FEC is Chief Justice Warren Burger dissenting opinion, which is rather more libertarian than we have come to expect.

Kings are not born: they are made by universal hallucination.

—George Bernard Shaw

Individuality is the aim of political liberty. By leaving to the citizen as much freedom of action and of being as comports with order and the rights of others, the institutions render him truly a free man. He is left to pursue his means of happiness in his own manner.

—James Fenimore Cooper

Nothing is at last sacred but the integrity of your own mind. Absolve you to yourself, and you shall have the suffrage of the world.

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

A PREVIEW OF COMING ATTRACTIONS

- March 5th-March 7th -a trip to Kentucky to help the LNK with their petition drive. Please let us know if you can go along!
- May 8, LIBERTAS 76---speakers, workshops, movies, etc.
- Late August, LP National Convention, Washington, D.C.

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COMMITTEE FOR AN

ECONOMIC BILL OF RIGHTS

To the Constitution of the United States

Box 1776

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SECTION 1. The Right to Trade

Congress shall make no law restricting the freedom of wages and prices nor authorizing commodity allocations. The right of citizens to make contracts and to trade freely among themselves shall not be abridged.

SECTION 2. The Right to a Strong Currency

It shall be the policy of the Treasury of the United States to stabilize the supply of cash notes and Federal credit in circulation, and thereby to preserve and increase the purchasing power of the currency of the United States.

SECTION 3. The Right to Local Control of Taxes

On the fourth day of July in the year following the year of ratification of this article, the sixteenth article of amendment to the Constitution of the United States shall be repealed. A levy of taxation sufficient to discharge the financial obligations of the Federal government shall be apportioned among the several States by Congress annually as the first act of each session, but the power of direct taxation shall be reserved to the several States. Congress shall not impose any tax on the property or income of citizens of the United States, nor shall any internal revenue service be maintained.

SECTION 4. The Right to Business Competition

The Government of the United States, or of any State, shall not, through any law or administrative action, prevent or forbid any person or corporation from offering for legitimate sale or from lowering the sale price of whatever goods or services may be commercially traded.

IF YOU SUPPORT THIS PROPOSAL SEND YOUR NAME TO THE COMMITTEE

The proposed Economic Bill of Rights is consistent with present law:

"The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people."

— UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION, BILL OF RIGHTS, ARTICLE 9 (1791).

The Economic Bill of Rights is a serious proposal for structural reform of the American economic and legal regulatory system.

A fundamental issue of human welfare is at stake.

WE BELIEVE — Any political system of liberal or conservative democracy must **necessarily** be founded on an economic basis of decentralized authority, free choices, and freedom of economic opportunity.

Any "centrally managed economy" must **necessarily** be organized and compulsory, bureaucratic, and unfree. Remarkably, also, any system of political control and administration is inefficient and non-rational.

Recent history and recent events have indicated that government price and regulatory controls have failed in every case to benefit the general public; credit expansion has caused inflation.

WE REJECT the theory which says that central government economic control is beneficial or necessary. The facts prove otherwise. Government policy engenders taxes, cartels, and rising prices.

The purpose of the Economic Bill of Rights shall be solely to codify the four principles of economic policy which we regard as fundamental to the United States.

THE RIGHT TO ECONOMIC FREEDOM

THE RIGHT TO A STRONG CURRENCY

THE RIGHT TO LOCAL CONTROL OF TAXES

THE RIGHT TO BUSINESS COMPETITION