

From the Chair

The response to the MacBride for President TV ads and Roger's TV appearances has been so phenomenal that we haven't been able to write to all of you individually, so this issue of the Libertarian Penn is being sent to a long list of people in the state who have expressed an interest as a result of our media coverage. In this issue is an application with a questionnaire on the back so that you can:

1. join the Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania, and/or
2. indicate what kind of activities you are interested in on a state and local level.

For those of you who are new to the LP scene:

LOCAL MEETINGS

In the past various areas have held organizational and supper-club meetings. Due to the mobility of the membership (more Libertarians seem to move out of PA than in!) some of these areas have been inactive. If there is interest expressed, we will

put you in touch with others in your area and make suggestions for activities and programs.

YLA

Young Libertarian Alliance is the LP campus Organization. If you have access to a college campus, or have contacts who may be interested, we will send you an organizing manual and literature to get started.

Let us hear from you today!



JoAnne Chernow
State Chair



Libertarian Party

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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TO: All LP Execom members, State Chairmen and
Libertarians everywhere

FROM: Bill Susel

On November 2nd at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, California, Roger MacBride and Dave Bergland, along with over 1000 other people, will be celebrating our 1976 campaign victory. For whatever the results of the election, we will be cheering a victory to two men who have campaigned their hearts out, and to thousands of libertarians and sympathizers who have given their sweat and tears to a campaign that has brought the libertarian philosophy to millions of people. You know the ideas, and you are seeing the results.

A few of you will make your way here for that special night, many more will not. But we want you here in another way and here's how to do it. Write a few lines or a short paragraph giving Roger, Dave and all libertarians everywhere a well done and thank you. And maybe a thought of encouragement for the future, too. Enclose the letter in an envelope with a \$5 check. No more, no less. Mail it to the above address.

Then, here's what's going to happen. On election night, in a special section of the ballroom, there

will be a pile of unopened letters next to a microphone. Each person in the room will be asked to go over, open one envelope and read the person's name and message to the audience. The names will continue to be read throughout the evening. In this symbolic way perhaps we can let each other know of our commitment to an idea whose time has come and the realization that the odds are slowly changing in our favor.

Make your check payable to the MacBride for President Committee so we can help pay our debtors, clean our slate and build for a bright future.

Write your letter now and spread the word to all you can by reading this letter at meetings, give a copy to a friend mailing it to your personal list. Then on election night, keep watching TV for you may hear your name and message read.

We'll do our job here in California, but how big that pile of letters is can only depend on you.



Balance the Budget?

We are on the regular mailing list of the Liberty Amendment Committee of Pennsylvania, and are pleased to be able to pass on the following bit of information: a couple of months ago they contacted all 800 PA members of the National Taxpayers Union to ask them to write letters in behalf of their balance-the-budget resolution, 200 of whom informed the Committee that they had done so. On June 30, House Majority Leader K. Leroy Irvis allowed a voice vote, and the measure was passed as resolution #236.

PLEASE phone or write your state Senator before Nov. 8th and ask him to vote in favor of resolution #236

AS WE GO TO PRESS!

Don't forget to tell friends, relatives, enemies—anyone who'll listen—that the last 5 minute TV spot of the MacBride for President Committee will be aired on ABC on October 28th, following the "Streets of San Francisco."

Libertarian Candidate Gets Talkback Support

(c. 1976, The Los Angeles Times)

LOS ANGELES — Roger Lea MacBride's tie was loose and his voice rough from days of work as the Libertarian Party's candidate for President of the United States. But if you are building a political movement from the millions who are disgusted with government, Radio Station KIEV was a stop that could not be missed.

Waiting for MacBride was George Putnam, Los Angeles' deep voiced spokesman for the disaffected. His talk show reaches thousands who sit at home or ride around in cars, listening to the radio and nursing their gripes.

"George Putnam here with Talkback," he said, opening the show. Putnam, dressed in a military looking khaki shirt, gesturing with his fist as he did when he was one of the hottest anchormen on Los Angeles television, introduced the candidate and questioned him.

Finally, Putnam said, "You are so highly idealistic that I am emotionally drawn to you." Putnam had signalled his audience that MacBride was all right. The visit was a success.

MacBride, 47, a round faced, shrewdly practical man, was in Los Angeles Tuesday and Wednesday for talk show appearances, a reception, a banquet and a press conference.

He is the standard-bearer of the Libertarian Party, a group that is neither liberal or conservative. It believes that government should keep its hands off of businesses and individuals.

"The only tolerable activity undertaken by governments, as far as we are concerned, is the protection of individual rights against violence," a party pamphlet says.

That means there would be no anti-trust laws, or big agencies to regulate phone companies, bus lines, railroads or airlines. Nor could the police jail homosexuals for engaging in a relationship that both consent to. There would be complete freedom for broadcasters, newspaper publishers and pornographers. Government aid would be abolished for the poor and the big corporations.

And in foreign affairs, said MacBride, "we ought to adopt the position of a giant Switzerland."

MacBride, in an interview, said most Americans would have thought such radical views outlandish several years ago.

But since then, he said, the nation has gone through the Vietnam war, Watergate, recession and inflation.

He said he has found that voters are hostile to the Democratic and Republican parties and "are more tolerant and willing to listen to other views."

"Hope springs eternal and my running mate and I would like to invite you to the inaugural ball in January," MacBride told a news conference Wednesday. But he added "it is unlikely."

He said, however, that the party had grown from an organization that was on the ballot in only two states in 1972 to one that is officially on the ballot of 15 states for the 1976 election and has hopes of qualifying for 40 states, including California.

Facing defeat this year, MacBride is looking toward the 1978 Senate races, where he hopes the party will be able to field some strong candidates, and the 1980 presidential election.

And he is looking far beyond that, to a day when, he said, the Republican Party will fade away, torn apart by the ever present conflict between antigovernment conservatives and the party liberals.

"I don't think there will be three parties," he said. "There will be two, the Democrats and the Libertarians."

which, "calls upon the U.S. Congress to adopt a constitutional amendment requiring that the federal budget be balanced [here comes the bad part] except in times of national emergency."

Fourteen states have passed the resolution to date: Alabama, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Carolina and Virginia.

If the resolution is to pass the state Senate so that Pennsylvania can be the 15th state on record in favor of it, your call or letter to your state Senator is needed as soon as possible!

THE SUNDAY NEWS, OCTOBER 24, 1976 YORK, PA. (1)

Libertarian Candidate Firmly Anti-Washington

WASHINGTON (AP) — What presidential candidate is against gun control, favors decriminalizing the use of hard drugs and says Social Security should be abolished?

Answer: Roger L. MacBride.

Never heard of him? You have a lot of company.

Yet MacBride will be on the ticket Nov. 2 in 31 states, more than any candidate except President Ford and Jimmy Carter.

HE IS THE candidate of the Libertarian Party and the most anti-Washington of anti-Washington politicians. Preaching opposition to virtually all forms of government interference, he says he has a chance to carry one or two western states.

"Our ideas just seem to be catching on," MacBride said in a recent telephone interview as his leased blue and white DC3 airplane made a campaign stop in Las Vegas, Nev.

The party's national chairman, former San Francisco investment counselor Edward Crane III, was not so optimistic.

FOUR YEARS ago the party's then presidential candidate, Dr. John Hospers of Los Angeles, received one electoral vote, cast by MacBride, a Republican elector from Virginia who bolted his own party's ticket.

"We won't get any this year," Crane said in an interview at party headquarters nine blocks from the White House.

"But we can be the third majority

party in 1980 and can start electing people to Congress in 1978 if we can get the right candidates. There is a new political movement going on in this country and we are it."

CRANE, ALONG with many other Libertarians, was opposed to having a headquarters in Washington at all, fearing the move "might eventually lead the party to compromise its principals." But he came "reluctantly ... to the conclusion" that it was necessary to be near the national news media and the Federal Election Commission.

MacBride, 47, is a lawyer and former one-term Republican Vermont state legislator. He now raises cattle on a farm near Esmont, Va., where he lives with his 7-year-old daughter. He is divorced.

The party's vice presidential candidate is David Bergland, an attorney and ex-fireman from Newport Beach, Calif. The party also is fielding about 250 candidates for state and local offices.

"WE ARE FOR the rights of the individual to develop his life style and conduct himself in any way that keeps him happiest so long as he is peaceful and honest," says MacBride.

This means, among other things, wiping out practically all laws dealing with weapons, prostitution, pornography, gambling and the sale or possession of narcotics.

Libertarians say debate may be boost

FAIRBANKS, Alaska (AP) — Residents of Fairbanks and the Alaska Interior will be able to see the Ford-Carter debates live via satellite, courtesy of the Libertarian party.

"The more Alaskans know about the views, platforms and philosophies of the two major party candidates, the more votes Roger MacBride is going to get," said Dick Randolph, chairman of the Alaska MacBride for President Committee.

"We intend to have a five-minute live telephone interview with Roger MacBride himself, on the air, immediately following each debate," Randolph said.

While some minor party candidates have objected to the Ford-Carter debates excluding their candidates, Libertarian Allen Dale Cook said, "I think Roger can say more in five minutes than the other two can in 1½ hours."

MacBride is running on a platform which calls for strict respect for civil liberties, a noninterventionist foreign policy, and a free market economy.

He is on the ballot in Alaska, and spokesman Carl Whitson said, "We might carry the state." Noting the five-hour time difference between Alaska and the East Coast, Whitson said, "By the time many of the voters in Alaska are voting, they will already know who has won the race anyway."

The Second American Revolution

It was our fifth National Convention. Unlike last year's in New York, there were no Presidential and Vice-presidential candidates to nominate. There were no Execom members to elect, nor were there any rules or platform committees—no band. It had a lot to recommend it though—like publicity. The Washington Post said, "Although very small and very young, the Libertarians are a party with big ideas." And: "The Libertarians take literally Thomas Jefferson's maxim that the best government governs least." The New York Times said, "Libertarian Party activists listened, took notes and cheered enthusiastically for four days as one speaker after another, usually college professors, praised civil liberties and denounced big government." The Times also made the following observation: "The gathering, which resembled an academic conference more than a political party convention [which is a real compliment, to my mind. Ed.] ended yesterday."

Other media attention included NBC News being there most of Saturday with lights, cameras and recorders.

The Times, of course, was right. It did more resemble a meeting of academicians than it did the sterile no-think of the Democratic National Convention or the pandemonium of the Republican National Convention. The speakers were persons with something to say—not stale party hacks reliving the days of the W.P.A. and breadlines.

Nathaniel Branden spoke on, "How to Communicate Political Ideas." Branden down-played the classical moral condemnation approach and opted for understanding and communication.

John Hospers spoke on "Ethics and Rights" in his typical scholarly manner.

R.A. Childs, Jr. stated the case for peace in his "American Foreign Policy: Past and Present," including a grisly account of post-atomic Hiroshima.

Walter Block defended the undefendables, a take-off on his book, Defending the Undefendables.

Earl C. Ravenal's "A Non-interventionist Foreign Policy" backed-up our position on foreign policy with potent intellectual ammunition.

Morton Halperin and Jay Miller sketched out some common ground with A.C.L.U. in "The FBI-CIA Threat to Privacy" and "The Congressional Threat to Our Civil Liberties" respectively.

Peter R. Breggin maintained his high level of scholarly human concern in his "The Fight Against Involuntary Commitment."

Eric Mack raised some very perplexing points, as well as clarifying several others in, "A Libertarian Looks at Natural Rights."

Ralph Raico (who was the Keynote speaker at our state convention, you'll remember,) gave a concise but lucid picture of where we have been in, "A History of the Modern Libertarian Movement."

David Friedman augmented our view of foreign relations in "Some Reflections on the Logic of International Diplomacy."

Then too, there were several good panels, helpful workshops, showings of The Incredible Bread Machine and Sometimes a Great Notion, Marshall Bruce Evoy's now famous rendition of Patrick Henry's Speech, cocktail parties by SIL and ALF, a cocktail reception for David Bergland, the Grand Banquet with Roger's stirring address and Bob Meier's funny antics.

Finally, there was Murray Rothbard's typical Murry Rothbard speech, with the usual back-patting for us, the scathing criticism of our liberal and conservative friends, and a blue-print for future victories. The title "Benediction" should give Ayn Rand smug satisfaction!

The twenty or so Pennsylvania Libertarians in attendance will probably agree that this was the best LP Convention ever. For those of you who for one reason or another just couldn't make it—it's probably fortunate that you'll never know what you missed!

Declare your independence

STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES

We, the members of the Libertarian Party, challenge the cult of the omnipotent state and defend the rights of the individual.

We hold that all individuals have the right to exercise sole dominion over their own lives, and have the right to live in whatever manner they choose, so long as they do not forcibly interfere with the equal right of others to live in whatever manner they choose.

Governments throughout history have regularly operated on the opposite principle, that the state has the right to dispose of the lives of individuals and the fruits of their labor without their consent.

We, on the contrary, deny the right of any government to do these things, and hold that where governments exist, they must not violate the rights of any individual; namely, (1) the right of life—accordingly we support prohibition of the initiation of physical force against others; (2) the right to liberty of speech and action—accordingly we oppose all attempts by government to abridge the freedom of speech and action; (3) the right to property—accordingly we oppose all government interference with private property, such as confiscation, nationalization, and eminent domain, and support the prohibition of robbery, trespass, fraud, and misrepresentation.

Since governments, when instituted, must not violate individual rights, we oppose all interference by government in the areas of voluntary and contractual relations among individuals. People should not be forced to sacrifice their lives and property for the benefit of others. They should be left free by government to deal with one another as free traders: and the resultant economic system, the only one compatible with the protection of individual rights, is the free market.

- () I am interested in attending local meetings in the _____ area.
- () You may give my name and address to other libertarians in my area.
- () I am interested in organizing a Young Libertarian Alliance Chapter on the following campus: _____
- () I would like more information on the following subjects: _____

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Stu Engel
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Dear Bill:

Here is the Treasurer's Report Jo requested.

We received a total of \$1,045.00. We paid \$176.00 to petitioners. We spent \$46.00 on newspaper ads. We sent \$650.00 to the National Committee in Washington in August. We held a balance of \$173.00 in the account in case of some small debt being overlooked and therefore still outstanding. This not being the case, this amount has also been sent to Washington.

I received about two pounds of rules and regulations from the F.E.C., the interpretation of which would have required at least one lawyer. The penalties for misunderstanding are pretty nasty and I have lost all taste for voluntary association with the U.S. Government!

Gerry Morris

Gerry Morris, Treasurer
PA Citizens for MacBride

Our First Ever Drama Revue!



The road company of the 1975 Tony-Award-winning musical Shenandoah (the movie version of which was featured at last year's Philadelphia S.I.L. Conference) has begun a 22-week tour of the country with a lively production that closely follows the action and dialogue of the movie. Shenandoah starring John Raitt as Charles Anderson, tells the story of a 19th century individualist in Virginia and his attempts to keep himself and his family out of the Civil War. Highlights include some strong anti-government statements from the leading character and a catchy song about freedom. (NOTE: take plenty of Kleenex!)

—JoAnne Chernow

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____
STATE _____ ZIP _____

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP

(Includes regular mailings)

- ☐ Student (\$4)
- ☐ Regular (\$8)
- ☐ Sustaining (\$15)
- ☐ Patron (\$25)
- ☐ Lifetime (\$100)
- ☐ Life Sustaining (\$250)

"I hereby certify that I do not believe in or advocate the initiation of force as a means of achieving political or social goals"

(signature) _____

OPTIONAL INFORMATION

Age _____ Occupation _____
Other political organizational experience _____
How did you hear about the Libertarian Party? _____
Please send LP information to: _____
Enclosed is my contribution of \$ _____
() Please put me on your mailing list (\$4/yr).
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