

FROM THE CHAIR

Part 1 [the bad news]

"Howcum you're just sitting there reading this when you could be out petitioning?"

Well, since you started, you might as well finish it, but the news is that if you don't get off your duff and start collecting signatures, the petition drive isn't going anywhere. The count is somewhere under 2,000 signatures statewide, which is a long way from the required 30,584. We've had lots of people across the state volunteer to help—but we're finding there's a big difference between volunteering and helping. So if you volunteered to help, now you'd better put your money where your mouth is, unless you want to end up on our list of people-we-can't-depend-on-to-help-make-the-world-safe-for-liberty-in-our-time. (By the way, we're still looking for people to work on a full-time, paid basis. If you know anyone, contact Frank Bubb, 97 Dartmouth Ave., Swarthmore, PA 19081: (215) 544-1866.)

Part 2 [the good news]

"So what are we gonna do in August after we file our 30,584+ signatures?"

As announced briefly in last month's newsletter, the LPP will be fielding its first Congressional candidate this year—investment counselor Bob Graham, who will be running from the 8th Congressional district (Bucks County). The Graham campaign organization is shaping up already, and it looks like a bunch of sharp, enthusiastic people who are willing to launch an all-out campaign. Neither the Republican nor Democrat running against him is an incumbent, another advantage. Graham is already known in his area as an outspoken opponent of big government who should generate support from the business and professional communities. Besides getting ballot status for Bob and laying groundwork for his Congressional campaign, the Graham forces will be helping to get the MacBride-Bergland ticket on the ballot statewide. By the time you read this, there will be an official Graham-for-Congress campaign committee; contributions should be made payable to "Graham for Congress" and sent to Richboro Professional Center, Richboro, PA 18954. Offers to help with the campaign should be directed to Gloria Papp, 1510 Woodstream Apts., 675 E. Street Road, Warminster, PA 18974. This will be your chance to help write the book on how to run Libertarians for Congress, and win!

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JoAnne Chernow
State Chair

from the editor

Is Jimmy Carter a red herring? Is the Republican Party a white elephant? Is Hubert Humphrey's head really a bowl of New Deal mush? (We are indebted to Ralph Raico for calling this somewhat overlooked question to our attention.) These are problematical issues over which we really have very little control—unless you want to send HHH some LP literature to help congeal his head. The real trick is to reduce all of the above to a well deserved state of superannuation. One way to help do just that is to get a couple MacBride-Bergland petitions, a pen, clipboard, and some little cards, then go stand in some public place and ask registered voters to sign. There are many reasons why the TIME IS NOW for Libertarian Party ballot status:

1. The attendant media coverage will help us "spread the word" and expose many people to the ideas of libertarianism for the first time.
2. We want to get Pennsylvania voters used to seeing "LIBERTARIAN" at the polls as soon as possible. They may as well get it through their heads that we are here to stay!
3. It will make petitioning for next year's local elections a lot easier.
4. Perhaps most important of all: Due to dreary weather, voter apathy, and the nature of last year's general election, we only need 30,584 signatures this time around. Four years from now the figure is apt to be substantially higher. If we are on the ballot this year, and we get 2% of the vote, we'll be saving ourselves one hell of a hassle in 1980!

So please, for all of the above reasons (plus any you can think up on your own,) give petitioning serious consideration.

Bill

A Libertarian Movie?

Our good friend & comrade-in-arms Karl Bray has informed us that Doug Fahy and Bob Krintzman will be producing a libertarian movie about tax resistance and its effects on a future society. A Democratic governor forms a third party and runs for president (sound familiar?), calling for an immediate tax revolt. In The Repeal of the 20th Century, our immensely popular hero is effective to the extent that, "...government employees and welfare recipients are forced to find productive employment..." As his popularity continues to grow, he naturally draws a lot of flak from nefarious establishment types who first attempt to discredit him (hah!)—then try to assassinate him!

The production is based on a soon-to-be-released book by Harry Browne, and many big name stars have committed themselves to it, including Eddy Albert, Jr., Rona Barrett, Christopher & Linda Day George, Joe Campanella and Orson Welles.

The snag is the whole scheme is the \$750,000 budget. If you have money to invest, and would like to know more about this fascinating project, write to Karl at P.O. Box 2423, Orange, CA 92669; or call, (714) 997-0450.

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"Necessity is the excuse of tyrants. It is the creed of slaves."

—William Pitt

AS WE GO TO PRINT...

Congratulations to Bonnie Philips who was recently elected to the Ponca City, Oklahoma city council in a non-partisan election.

Roger MacBride will be appearing on an up-coming Firing Line program (to be taped June 28,) and should be interesting in light of Bill Buckley's feeling that the LP's "...failure to cope with reality."

"Nothing strengthens the judgement and quickens the conscience like individual responsibility."

—Elizabeth Cady Stanton

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