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## LPP: AN OBITUARY OR A CALL TO ACTION?

We've been pretty busy the past six months. Frank Bubb and Jo Chernow were doing the preliminary research for the petition drive. Olga Chauncey was preparing a libertarianish mailing list of truly monumental proportions. Bob and Bertha Murphy and Fred Hoffstadt were making preparations for our May Eighth State Convention at the Greentree Holiday Inn. I should add that many other people, such as Millie Bankert, Dick Fuerle, Don Ernsberger, George Morrone, Margaret Ewing, Gerry Morris, Bob Meier, Kathy McAdam, CHARLES RAKOWSKI, Louise White, Bernard Popko, Bill Woolsley, Alan Turin, Zach Richardson, Bill Stewart, Bob Meola, and all of those who put their money where their mouths are by contributing to either The Pennsylvania Citizens for MacBride, the coffers of the Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania, or both. (I am not omitting the names of contributors to undermine their importance to our efforts, but merely because I lack a comprehensive list!)

To say the least, the LPP now seems to be displaying a lack of direction that threatens to prove terminal. This is not a statement which is made lightly. To be perfectly blunt, a small cadre of activists are becoming increasingly despondent over the fact that the general membership just doesn't seem to give a damned, and are considering throwing in the towel. Worse than the totally lethargic, perhaps, are those who continually agree (even volunteer!) to do things which never seem to get done. Particularly discouraging! Anyway, we are now changing our tactics. To wit: we will now attempt to build a cadre of young, intelligent, and dedicated activists. Where, you might ask, are we going to conjure-up a group of people like that? Well, Bob Meier, MacBride's campaign manager, thinks the college campuses are a good place to start, and we tend to agree. To this end, we are going to be sending a Young Libertarian Alliance campus organizing manual to each student member on our mailing list. In addition, any college or high school faculty member willing to serve as an advisor is urged to contact State Headquarters immediately.

We are at the crossroads. If the LPP is to survive as a credible, viable entity, we need your personal involvement. PLEASE LET US HEAR FROM YOU.

*Bill Lewis*  
EDITOR

I know the American People are much attached to their Government;—I know they would suffer much for its sake;—I know they would endure evils long and patiently, before they would think of exchanging it for another. Yet, not withstanding all this, if the laws be continually despised and disregarded, if their rights to be secure in their persons and property, are held by no better than the caprice of a mob, the alienation of their affections from the Government is the natural consequence; and to that, sooner or later, it must come.

—Abraham Lincoln



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•As of August 22, we are on the ballot in the following: Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, District of Columbia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, New Jersey, New Mexico, Nevada, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Utah, and Wisconsin. We are waiting for confirmation in the states of Delaware and Oklahoma. In addition, strong petition drives are under way in California, Connecticut, South Carolina, South Dakota, and Wyoming.

•**SELL THE STREETS!** The deplorable and unsafe condition of bridges and certain highways in western PA serve only to point out the continuing stupidity of leaving the planning, building, and maintenance of crucially important transportation facilities in the hands of nepotists, ignoramuses, extortionists and other varied and sundry political hacks. True, the Federal Courts are finally getting around to putting certain PennDOT extortionists out of business, but that doesn't really go very far toward a reasonable solution to what is on the verge of becoming a crisis situation.

•What has made so many men, since untold ages, stake their all on liberty is its intrinsic glamour, a fascination it has in itself, apart from all "practical" considerations. For only in countries where it reigns can a man speak, live, and breathe freely, owing obedience to no authority save God and the laws of the land. The man who asks of freedom anything other than itself is born to be a slave.

—Alexis de Tocqueville