

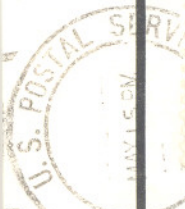
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FROM The CHAIR

24,671 signatures were turned in to the Secretary of State's election division office May 3rd (4.30 PM) by Jim Greenshields and myself! It was hard to believe at the time that the close to 10-month ordeal had finally come to a successful conclusion. On May 17th, the last day for the State or individual citizens to challenge our petitions, the smoke will clear and we will know positively whether or not the L.P.M. will be on the August 3 primary ballot; but from conversations with our lawyer, Richard Durant, and with officials in the Secretary of State's office, challenges seem unlikely since our petitions were in excellent order.

I would like to thank all of you who helped in the ballot drive, both financially and in signature collecting. In particular, the following people deserve special recognition: Bob Meier, Jim Cox, Charlie Burris, Zack Richardson, Tom Palmer and Dale Cobb for their around-the-clock organization of the ballot drive; the Ann Arbor Libertarians (Brenda Manning, Michael Freese, Bob Garber, Gerry Wolke and Jim Greenshields), who have been the few who worked straight through the ten month period; Ron Johnson, Beth Stireman, the Ruth Bradfords, Pete Spagnuolo, Mike Stein, Jan Harwell, Alan Short, John Gilbert, Greg Clark, Cheryl Bristol, Bill Krebaum, Pat Delaney, Gail Shantaram, Ben Hoffman, Judy Steinberger, Marshall Moser, Anne Bilinski, Bob Thatcher, Cassandra Helmski for petitioning in the later months; and lastly but not the least, Sam and Barb Hancock for the use of their home and time for almost a week straight, and the people who worked late nights to ready the petitions for the State.

Please note the articles on the State Convention, MacBride's tour and the County Caucuses. Also consider running for an office. We need to try to fill up the State Ballot with as many Libertarians as possible.

Now turning to the May 18 Primary, I should like to quote from the March, 1976 LIBERTARIAN FORUM, edited by Murray Rothbard. It concerns the pseudo-libertarian Ronald Reagan.

"Reagan, for his part, has finally tossed away the quasi-libertarian smokescreen of his early campaign. Gone are all quotations from Bastiat, or any obeisances to libertarianism; gone are his phony \$90 billion scheme, and gone too are any hints at tampering with Social Security. Reagan has ripped away the veil, and his sole issue now is the only one that is clear to the hearts of the conservative movement: a crusade for global war against Soviet Russia and against Communist rebellions.

So fanatical has Reagan been in his anti-Soviet campaign that he actually accused Ford at one point of not being sufficiently friendly to Communist China! The old Chiang Kai-Shek China Lobby must be spinning in its grave! But so hysterically anti-Soviet is the Conservative Movement that they are willing to cozy up to a social system (Red China) that makes Soviet Russia seem a haven of anarcho-capitalism by comparison. But the mask is now off; and there is no longer any excuse for libertarians to look benignly upon the Reagan campaign. Stopping Reagan is still a prime political priority for libertarians.

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A Ford-Carter fight would have several advantages, both for the country and for the MacBride-Bergland LP ticket, which has been gathering steam, support, and publicity across the country. In the first place, the really dangerous warhawks - Reagan and Jackson - would be out of the picture, and we could all breathe a sigh of relief. Secondly, the differences between Ford and Carter would be minimal, so that many people could easily abandon the two major tickets to 'vote their conscience' for MacBride; and this could include those with libertarian inclinations, disappointed conservatives, and disappointed liberals"

See you at the Convention!



by Jim Hudler

MacBRIDE to visit

Roger MacBride, presidential candidate of the Libertarian Party, will be making his second Michigan campaign tour 27 May through 29 May. Early Thursday, 27 May, MacBride will be arriving on his DC-3 in Grand Rapids. While in Grand Rapids, MacBride has the possibility of being on five different radio and television programs on WAMX, WGRD, WOOD, WZZM, and WOTV. Further, plans are being made to hold a press conference for MacBride at the Press Club of Grand Rapids in the Frey Building.

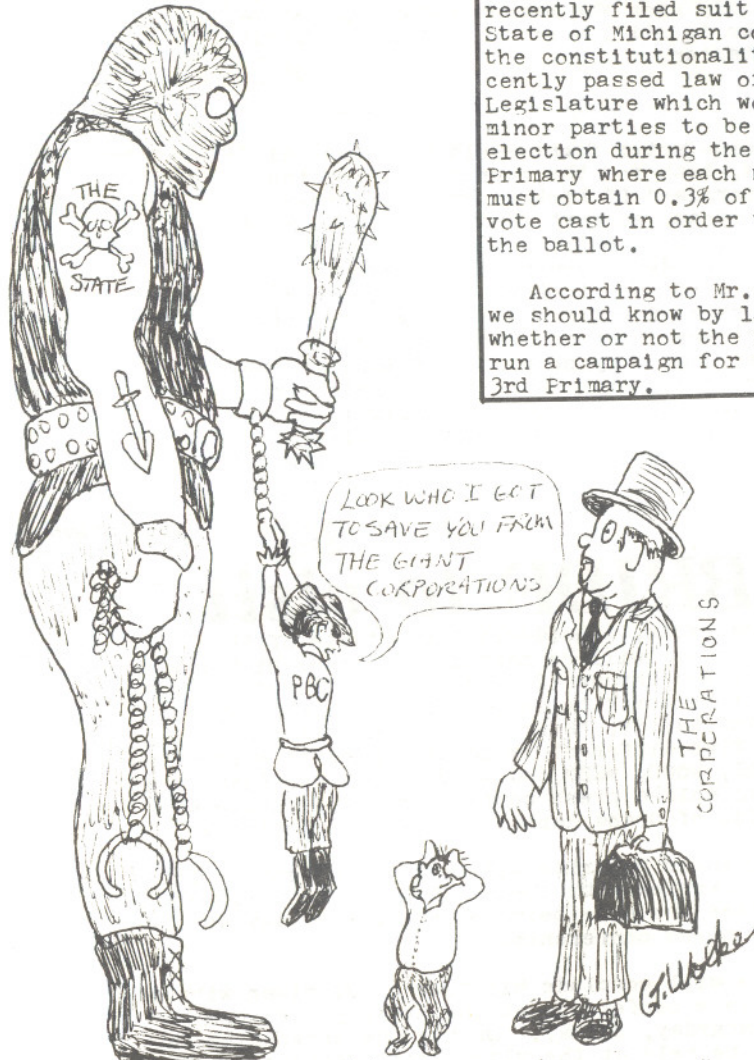
Friday, Roger MacBride will arrive in Detroit for a possible interview with Channel Two's Vic Caputo. Tentative plans are also being made for a Friday afternoon Detroit press conference.

MacBride will conclude his tour in Michigan with a speech and press conference at the State L.P.M. convention on Saturday, 29 May. During the convention a banquet will be held at the ultra Hyatt Regency Hotel in MacBride's honor. For information concerning the convention and the banquet, see the convention ad.

Durant Battles the Statists

"Although winning the case is not a sure thing, I feel fairly confident that we can win on the unconstitutionality of Senate Bill 1328," declared Richard Durant, the L.P.M.'s lawyer. Mr. Durant has just recently filed suit against the State of Michigan concerning the constitutionality of a recently passed law of the State Legislature which would require minor parties to be in a run-off election during the August 3rd Primary where each minor party must obtain 0.3% of the total vote cast in order to stay on the ballot.

According to Mr. Durant, we should know by late June whether or not the L.P.M. must run a campaign for the August 3rd Primary.



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Presented by Fred Dechow, PHD, Senior Research Chemist for Dow Chemical Company. Mr. Dechow was one of the individuals responsible for the organization of Equitarian Associates.

ETHAN ALLEN: "REASON AS THE ONLY ORACLE OF MAN"

Presented by Harry Veryser, former professor of economics, presently Assistant to the President of Hillsdale College where he also continues to lecture in Economics.

The conference is open to the general public. It will be held at the Holiday Inn Motel, US 23 and Washtenaw Ave. between Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti. The conference will begin promptly at noon with a Southern Fried Chicken luncheon, followed by a speaker. Registration can be made in advance by mailing the \$5.00 registration fee (includes the luncheon) with the accompanying form.

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FUNDING UPDATE

The biggest media campaign in years, sponsored by the University of Michigan student government (Michigan Student Assembly), was run last month to try to convince students in Ann Arbor to renew a mandatory funding scheme to pay for student government. This ballot proposal was a result of the Ann Arbor Libertarian League's successful election campaign last November which passed a voluntary funding constitutional amendment (see Mich. LIBERTARIAN, 6 April). Unfortunately the University Administration decided not to implement voluntary funding, and instead gave MSA another chance to convince the voters to give them a mandatory fund mandate.

MSA consequently spent over \$450 (!) of student money that it never should have received in the first place on an advertising blitz across Campus. MSA claimed that it was "the best bargain in town". However, the AALL again organized a campaign effort, spent under \$50 (!), and again defeated the proposal. Not only was the proposal defeated, but Bob Garber and Jim Hudler were also elected to MSA, on the SCREW-MSA Party. Moreover, Bob Garber finished second in the balloting for student body president, and Jim Hudler finished second in balloting for vice-president of MSA.

The matter still remains, however, up to the Regents of the University of Michigan. Please write to the regents, who are publicly elected officials, and express your support for the student referendum and for the principles of voluntary funding. Write in care of the University of Michigan, Administration Building, ANN ARBOR 48109.

R. Garber

babysitter for convention

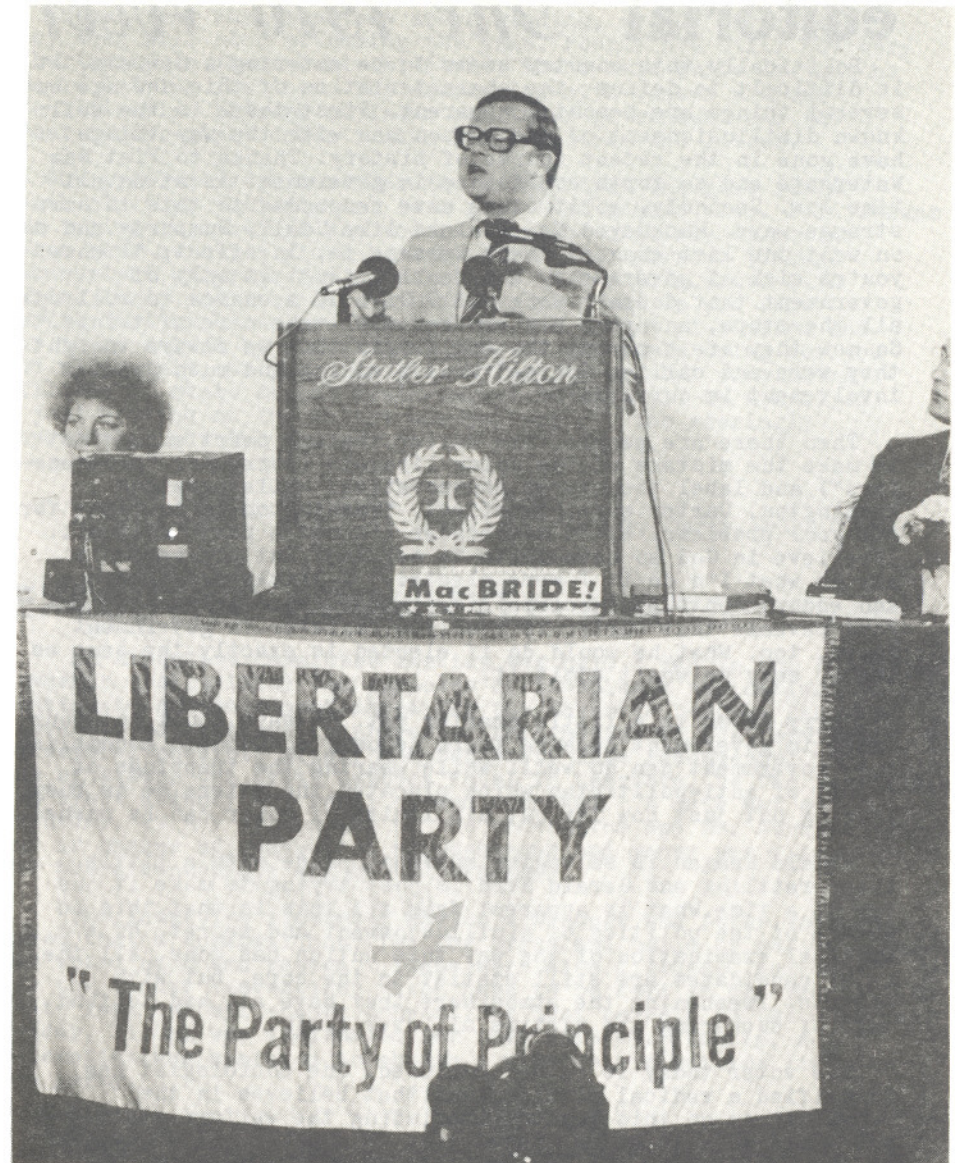
This message is for the libertarian youth who are continually left at home by their oppressive parents. Now is your chance to rise up against your oppressors and attend the L.P.M. nominating convention. There will be a special room set aside at the elegant Hyatt Regency for you and your peers with babysitter included. So don't miss the action and the elegant surroundings; contact Barbara Hancock today for your reservation in the Libertarian Youth Suite at (313)278-0970.

CALENDAR

- May 23 - Patrons of Reason
(see ad on page 8)
- May 24 - County caucuses
deadline
- May 29 - Convention (see p.12)
- Jun 27 - Tentative date,
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Roger MacBride accepts Presidential nomination at Libertarian Party National Convention, New York City, August, 1975.

editorial *The 1976 Voter*

Politically, this country seems to be entering a new era. It is difficult to define the characteristics of this new age but several things are becoming apparent. First there is the well known disillusionment of the common man with the way things have gone in the recent course of history. Thanks to Viet Nam Watergate and so forth confidence in government is at an all time low. Secondly, politicians have responded to this in some strange ways. Hackneyed New Dealers like Udall, Humphrey and so on want one last chance. Their message is, in effect, "I know you're sick of government, but really, isn't it only of government that doesn't work well? Give us a chance to pull out all the stops, and your big brother will take care of things." So now they are becoming the socialists that we always thought they were and calling for national planning and much greater involvement in our affairs.

Then there are people like Carter who are smart enough not to make the mistake of the dying liberals (sorry Mo, "progressives") and label themselves conservatives while berating Washington. Carter says, in effect, "Washington is to blame for all your problems. Elect me because I'm not a part of it all. I believe in God so have faith in me, too! But please don't ask me what I'd do if I were elected." A little research and endorsements by fascists like Leonard Woodcock and Henry Ford reveals that Carter is really a believer in government power, too. What he would do if elected is exactly the same as Udall, only he won't admit it.

Jerry Brown is a little smarter yet. He says don't put your faith in government because there is only so much to accomplish that government can do well. While wearing the trappings of a sort of anti-politician which placates the voters he is busy figuring out just how far out his limits of power can be pushed.

Ronald Reagan is salvaging national pride with a little saber rattling and Gerald Ford is just trying to make it one day at a time. What is apparent from all this is that this is an age of the politics of disillusionment and regret, of a critical examination of the way this nation has gone. All the major candidates are still statist to the core, but with mistrust freshening the atmosphere they have all had to find ways of suckering the victims all over again.

The voter today is rather confused. One sociologist has identified a radical middle-class that believes in the institutions of this country (including the welfare state) but wants to quit being the victims of a power and money grab by the politicians for the poor and special interests. The radical middle-class is highly nationalistic and wants to see America quit being the victim of foreign politicians. The next question is obviously what Libertarians should do in this age. What ought to be our strategy?

One could almost believe that if Mussolini were alive and singing the Star Spangled Banner he could out-poll any candidate. Things might not be that bad but it underscores some important truths. One of these is that people will support

a winning government much as they support a winning team. The reason is that people identify with power, having so little of it themselves. When the team stops winning, as our government has, they will stop attending the game. People are still not very libertarian in their basic attitude. Their main gripe is that no one is batting for them. The democratic myth causes a close identification between citizens and their government and the great middle-class doesn't like being victims and losers.

Our problem is to convince the voters that the game isn't worth playing; that statism is a game that nobody wins. Politicians are trying to convince the voters that the crises of recent years were merely a fluke brought on by evil persons (Nixon) incompetent programs and politicians, or bad luck. Armed with rapier sharp analyses and alternative programs we can show people that problems are inherent in the system of statism and not to be solved by a different gang of criminals doing for you and ultimately, to you. It's all obvious to us, but convincing millions of state school brain-washed voters will be a hell of a job! Getting on the ballot was pulling off the seemingly impossible, but the hardest job is yet to come.

by Gerry Wolke

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETS

An Executive Committee meeting was held 8 May in Van Buren Township (Belleville) for purposes of planning a nominating convention to announce candidates for the November General Election. Vice-chairwoman Augustin presented information to the Committee on several possible sites, and Secretary Rowe recommended that one of sites, the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Dearborn, be the location. The Hyatt Regency was voted on and approved. A date was set for Saturday, 29 May as the day of the convention and Ms. Augustin was put in charge of convention arrangements and money was allocated for the arrangements and press releases.

The Committee discussed having a banquet and Peter McAlpine moved that a cocktail hour for the press and media be set up. This was voted upon and passed. Plans were also discussed and made for the County Conventions which have to be held in accordance with state law. As all county conventions must be held on the same day, Friday, 21 May was designated for that purpose. Lastly, a \$75 allocation was approved to obtain a wider state mailing list for the Party.

Jim Greenshields



Jim Hudler co-signs receipt of of LPM qualifying petitions by Bernard J. Apol, Director of Elections, as Jim Greenshields witnesses.

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by Jim Hudler

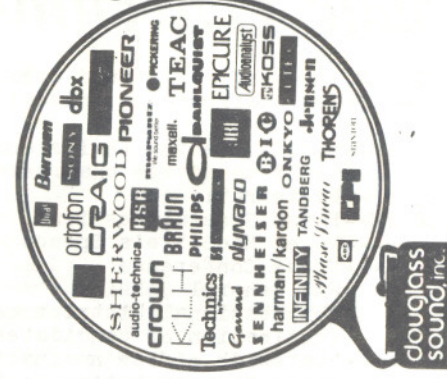
Each county in the State of Michigan must hold a county caucus by the 24th of May. The purpose of the county caucus is stated below in an excerpt from the 1973 State of Michigan Election Laws (686a) 168,686a. After each caucus a notary public must certify the below-mentioned documents. I will be in contact with each county organizer to assist them with nominations and the law. If you do not know your county organizer, immediately call (313) 665-4343 or 665-0574.

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- 11:15-11:30 AM--S.C.C. Meeting (Rules and credentials committee chairpersons chosen)
- 11:30-12:15 PM--Registration
- 12:30- 1:30 PM--First General Session
 - 1:45 PM-----Roger MacBride's Speech
 - 2:45 PM-----Press Conference
- 2nd General Session
 - Congressional District caucuses (nomination of candidates for U.S.H.R.)
- 3:15 PM-----Statewide office nominations
- 3:45 PM-----State Representative Distric caucuses
- 4:30- 6:00 PM--Cash Bar
- 6:00- 7:00 PM--Banquet (N.Y. broiled strip sirloin)
- 7:30 PM-----Third General Session
- 8:30 PM-----S.C.C. Meeting
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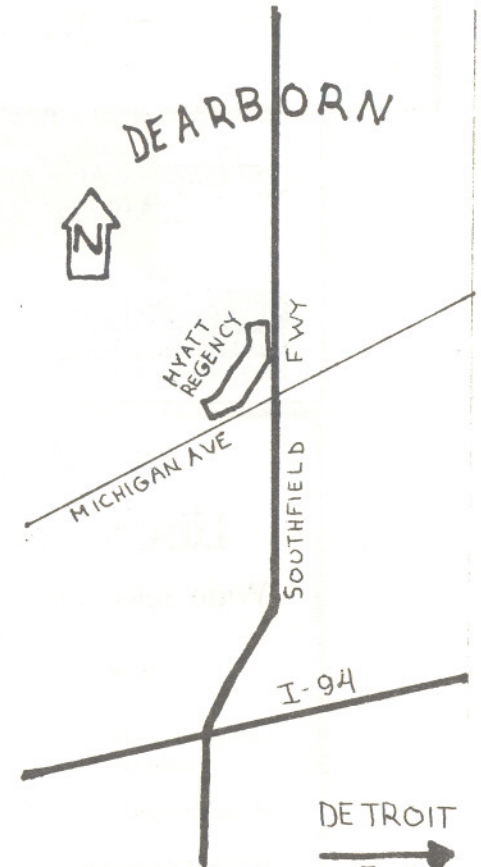
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