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1ST PRIMARY VICTORY

(LACK OF) PROGRESS REPORT ON HB 851

For those of you who missed the extensive Media coverage, Andre Marrou won the New Hampshire primary.

Well, he won part of it.

The first votes of the N.H. Primary were cast in the the small town of Dixville Notch shortly after midnight. When the votes were counted (all 31 of them), Andre had taken 11, beating the next highest vote getter, George Bush, by 2 votes.

Andre was the only candidate to actively campaign in Dixville Notch and the only candidate to be at the polls during the voting. He had a chance to give the people of Dixville Notch more than just sound bites. This should demonstrate that the Libertarian message is what the people want to hear. If we can get through, the Libertarian philosophy will win votes.
Thanks, Dixville Notch.

HB 851, the ballot access reform bill that would have permitted all LP candidates for public office on the ballot without onerous petition signature requirements was killed in committee by being referred to summer study. Two delegates from outside Montgomery county joined Del. Dana Dembrow in trying to save the bill, but the rest of the committee voted to send the bill to summer study. Del. Leon Billings of District 18 defended his actions to myself and a number of civic activists including at least three other Civic Fed members by saying, "We killed it because it was a bad bill. It would have established a statewide party with only three hundred petition signatures from a single district." Mr. Billings' characterization of the bill is completely false. An existing clause in state law which would be unchanged by our proposal requires 10,000 signatures to establish a new political party. The bill only allows parties which have

collected those 10,000 signatures to have their candidates on the ballot and reduces the number of signatures required for independent candidates to 1/2% of the registered voters, or 10,000 signatures, whichever is less. It is interesting that this bill was killed at the same time that these same legislators are trying to INCREASE the number of signatures required for statewide citizen referenda from 10,000 to 63,000. All LP members are urged to contact their state representatives and senators and insist that this bill be returned from summer study for consideration in both the house and senate next session. It is up to us to educate our legislators on what this bill really does and the fact that democracy is more precious than protecting their jobs from competition in the electoral process.

I. Dean Ahmad, PhD
MDLP Chair

FROM THE CHAIR
I. Dean Ahmad, PhD, MDLP Chair

Our next meeting scheduled for April 25 is a very important one. We will be electing our slate of presidential electors as well as our US Senate and Congressional candidates. If you are not planning to run for Congress, why not run for Presidential elector? It's easy -- you don't have to campaign (Marrou and Lord will be doing all that for you). We MUST have 10 electors or Marrou and Lord will not be on the ballot in Maryland this November. So, please let me or another MdLP officer know if you are willing to serve.

I have schedule a meeting of the Platform committee for 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 22 at my home, 4323 Rosedale Avenue, Bethesda, so the committee can have a report for the

central committee meeting on April 25. Remember that the Platform Committee will be addressing the EXTREMELY IMPORTANT ISSUE of PROPERTY RIGHTS, as they were commissioned to do by our Fall convention.

Finally, note that our TV ad will be running throughout the month of April on channel 50, WFTY. Look for it during the Monday night movie on April 11, and on episodes of Columbo and the Howard Stern show every Saturday night. If you would like to see this great ad run on more highly rated programs (say, like Star Trek: the Next Generation) send a check for LOTS OF MONEY marked "TV ad" to the Maryland LP, 4323 Rosedale Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20814.

AGENDA for April Central Committee Meeting

1. Call to Order
2. Minutes of Previous Meeting (10 min.)
3. Treasurer's Report (5 minutes)
4. Chair's Report (5 minutes)
5. Platform Committee Report (30 minutes)
6. Election of US Senate Nominee (20 minutes)
7. Election of US Congressional Candidates (30 minutes)
8. Election of Slate of Presidential Electors (20 minutes)
9. Other Business (5 min.)

The meeting will be held at University of Baltimore, 336 Charles Hall
1420 N. Charles Street, Baltimore MD

Charles Hall is located 1 block south of the Amtrack station in Baltimore (2 blocks south of North Avenue.)

Marylanders for Marrou Report

by Tomas R. Estrada-Palma

Our 1992 strategy to promote the Marrou/Lord campaign is off to a very positive start. We have raised approximately \$170 to date which we plan to use mailing out to the over 700 registered Libertarians in the state. Once we have established the level of commitment from the Libertarians in Maryland we will target the 106,000 registered "Others." In order to mail a post card to all 106,000 would cost over \$17,000 - not very practical.

However, we can use whatever money we generate printing campaign posters for yards and telephone poles. These will contain our telephone number and a message to tap into the current voter discontent. Your ideas would be appreciated. If you would like a bumper-sticker send \$20.00 made payable to the Marylanders for Marrou c/o Tomas

Estrada-Palma, 3912 Jeffrey Street, Silver Spring, MD 20906. I'll send you as many bumper-stickers (up to four) that you promise to put on cars. Have you noticed how few cars have main-party candidate bumper-stickers these days? We could be the majority party this year - at least with respect to personalized advertising. Who knows what effect it might have if the Libertarians hidden in the crowd actually overtly showed support for the Libertarian Presidential Candidate? Also, I'll be sending a regular newsletter to all Marrou supporters who send money and/or pledge activism.

Jim McLaughlin has agreed to coordinate a libertarian campus group at the University of Maryland. For information or offers of help call 464-8856. Finally, call 1-900-4-LIBERTY to hear a taped message on Marrou's itinerary. Lets get busy.

National Publicity

This has been the Winter of Political Discontent.

With the same old politicians and the same old lies (but some interesting new scams), the people are calling for change and options. But the Media is not giving them any options. The Media is giving them the same old tired candidates with the same old tired hype. The media is totally ignoring the Libertarian Party.

But not all of the Media. Certainly publications like Liberty and Reason give Libertarian ideas a fair hearing. But a new area of the press is opening up to us. The gun magazine.

Neal Knox has been mentioning the LP in his regular column in one of America's leading shooting magazines, Guns and Ammo. He considers the LP to be the only viable option come November. Additionally, other gun magazines frequently have letters showing the LP in a favorable light.

This kind of message is reaching a large group of the politically homeless. Lets make room for them.

AFFILIATE PARTIES

Montgomery County

After a somewhat slow start in the post-holiday season, the Montgomery county LP looks to be heading to one of its best years ever. In the March primaries, our own Terry Atwood came in fourth out of eight candidates running for an at-large school board seat. Congratulations to Terry for a great first showing, garnering 10,000 votes!

We're also well on our way to our goal of raising \$500 to pay for a booth at the County Fair. Over the next month, Chair Amy Rule and Secretary Scott Becker will be calling members in a fund drive to raise the remaining \$200. If each county member can give just \$5.00, we'll make it easily. This could be one of the major events of a big year!

After our March 16 business meeting, Tom Estrada-Palma brought us up to date on the Marylanders for Marrou organization. The Marrou/ Lord campaign is

generating a lot of interest these days. (CompuServe has recently added a Marrou/Lord section to their VOTEUSA forum on the 92 election!) I've already scheduled to have election day off -- have you?

Amy Rule, Chair
Montgomery County

ST. MARY'S COUNTY ORGANIZES!

As of April 4, 1992, the St. Mary's County LP is official! Chair Sid Briscoe already has plans for a busy year. Plans include a monthly table at the local Bargain Barn, working with the Alliance for Concerned Taxpayers in a letter-writing campaign regarding property taxes, and an outreach effort at St. Mary's College. They also hope to continue working closely with Steve Zeigler's Charles County group. Sid has arranged an interview with a local paper reporter who is sympathetic to Libertarians. Looks like Southern Maryland is off and running!

Frederick County

The Frederick County Libertarian Party has finally, and probably reluctantly, been recognized by the State of Maryland as being a real and legitimate political organization, County Chair Kirk McKee reported recently.

Kirk also reports that the April Meeting of the Frederick county group will be held in the Frederick Library in the third week of April. The exact time and date will be posted on Dean's Bulletin Board as soon as plans are finalized. You can also phone Kirk directly for the information. (See page 5 for his number.)

One of the items for the the April Frederick meeting will be petitioning for Wayne Dougherty. With a successful petition drive, Wayne will be running for a U.S. Congressional seat from Maryland's 6th District. Wayne is actively collecting signatures to meet his goal of 10,000 verified signatures by mid-August.

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Libertarian Party Membership Form

() \$15 State/Local annual dues *
Includes subscription to
the Maryland LP Newsletter

() \$27.50 Combined National/State/Local**
Includes subscription to *L.P News*
and the Maryland LP Newsletter

() Additional donation toward the fight for Liberty in Maryland \$ _____

Name _____
Address _____
City _____
County _____
State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

The Federal Election Commission requires the we ask the following information

Occupation _____
Employer _____

* I do do not want to become a voting member of the MD LP Central Committee

** New National LP Members only: "I oppose the initiation of force to achieve political or social goals:"

signature: _____

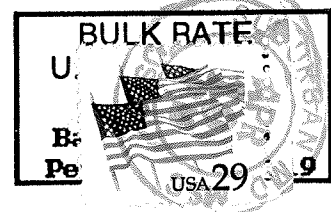
Send To: Dean Ahmad Maryland L.P. 4323 Rosedale Ave, Bethesda MD 20814

FREE STATE CALENDAR

April 20, 1992 7:30	Montgomery County LP Social Meeting	3912 Jeffrey St Silver Spring, MD
April 22, 1992 7:30	Platform Committee Meeting	4323 Rosedale Ave Bethesda
Week of April 19-25	Frederick County LP Meeting	Frederick Library Call Kirk McKee for info
April 25, 1992 3:00	Maryland LP Central Committee Meeting	University of Baltimore 336 Charles Hall 1420 N. Charles St Baltimore
April 30, 1992	Charles County LP / St. Mary's County LP	So. Md. Electrical Co-Op Bldg Hughesville, MD
May 18, 1992 7:30	Montgomery County LP Social Meeting	3912 Jeffrey St Silver Spring, MD

Call (301) 570-1498 to add your events to this calendar

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