

A Word To Our Readers

● **Publisher's Announcement:** Until October last year customers of the *LR* Book Service received *Libertarian Review* without charge. Beginning in November we expanded *LR* and broadened its content.

At the same time, we began charging a nominal \$6 per year as subscriptions came due for renewal. This was done with an eye toward eventually making *LR* less dependent on income from book sales and more reliant on subscription income.

We have now taken another major step calculated to free more of our time and capital to be invested in improving and expanding *LR* and broadening its subscription base. That step is to consolidate the *LR* Book Service under the management of our good friends John Muller and Sharon Presley, co-proprietors of New York's Laissez Faire Books.

Beginning with this issue, *LR* no longer sells books by mail. But to serve your needs, most of the books reviewed in this and in future issues—as well as an extensive list of additional titles—will be available by mail from Laissez Faire Books. (See their ad on pages 14 and 15.) In addition, all *LR* subscribers will soon receive a copy of LFB's complete book catalog.

Libertarian Review and LFB plan to work closely together in the future and to assist each other in the development of our particular specialties. We are primarily publishers and LFB is primarily a book seller, and we agree that the realignment of our respective businesses will not only provide us benefits but also will most efficiently serve the interest of the growing libertarian community.

We can heartily recommend LFB as being a conscientious and competent mail-order bookseller and an excellent source for nearly all of your book needs. We urge your patronage of LFB.

And, needless to say, we hope very much that you will continue to read *Libertarian Review* in the coming months.—RDK

● Delegates to the national convention of the Libertarian Party came to New York from 35 states and the District of Columbia to nominate Roger Lea MacBride as their 1976 presidential candidate. MacBride, 46, is a Charlottesville, Virginia, attorney and producer of the television series, "The Little House on the Prairie." David Bergland, a California lawyer, was nominated as his running mate.

The Libertarian Party claims 10,000 dues paying members, approximately the same number of votes its national candidates received in 1972. MacBride expects to receive at least one million votes next year. The nominee said his

party wanted to slash federal, state, and local taxes and to roll back big government at all levels at the fastest pace possible. In his acceptance speech he told the delegates, "What you and I jointly stand for is the axiom that every person ought to be free to do as he or she wishes so long as he or she does not use force or fraud upon another."

The party's platform calls for the repeal of "victimless crimes" legislation, balanced budgets, and a gold-convertible dollar.

Libertarian Party national headquarters will provide additional information on request. Write 550 Kearny Street, San Francisco, CA 94108.

● **Cassette tapes** reviewed on pages 10 and 12 of this issue can be ordered from Audio-Forum, 410 First Street, S.E., Washington, DC 20003.

● **Things to Come:** Next month's Essay Review features Dr. Ray Browne, "father" of the new academic discipline of popular culture. Dr. Browne will review four books on popular culture and fill us in on the state of the art in his exciting new field of study. November's lead review will treat Tibor Machan's new *Human Rights and Human Liberties*. Also next month, Neil McCaffrey returns with the second part of his jazz series. The future also holds Joe Stromberg on Kropotkin, Israel Kirzner on "neo-Austrianism," an Essay Review by Felix Morley, and, of course, Jeff Rigenbach's literature series. Also in the works are some surprises—at least one of which promises to be a blockbuster. Don't take any chance of missing them. Renew or extend your subscription today!

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