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NATIONAL LIBERTARIAN PARTY CONVENTION NOMINATES DAVID BERGLAND FOR PRESIDENT, JIM LEWIS FOR VICE PRESIDENT

On September 3, 1983 the LP national convention chose former LP Chairman, David Bergland, as the 1984 Libertarian Party Presidential candidate. David Bergland and his Vice Presidential running mate Jim Lewis, of Connecticut, offer Libertarians a golden opportunity to spread our ideas on individual rights during Campaign '84. Contact the Bergland Campaign now and offer your support. The address is: Bergland for President Committee, 1773 Bahama Place, Costa Mesa, CA 92626. Telephone: (714)751-8980.

ALABAMA LIBERTARIAN PARTY BEGINS PETITION DRIVE

Due to recent changes in state law, the ALP must collect 12,000 valid signatures of registered voters in order to obtain a place on this November's ballot for Libertarian Party Presidential nominee, David Bergland, and other ALP candidates. This is the ALP's top priority project according to Tim Gatewood, Ballot Access Coordinator. Tim is calling for all ALP supporters to collect 800 signatures each by May 15, 1984. A copy of the petition form will be sent to everyone on the mailing list. If yours doesn't arrive soon, write to Tim at the party address: P.O. Box 11514, Birmingham, AL 35202. A group petitioning event is being planned for 9:00 A.M. Saturday, February 25, 1984. You will receive an announcement of the location soon.

Nothing would please our "Big Brothers" in the legislature more than seeing the ALP kicked off the ballot. Don't let it happen! Plan now to put your maximum effort into this top priority project.

ALP SPEAKERS BUREAU SPREADS THE WORD

Steve Smith and Speakers Bureau Coordinator Robert Lowe have presented libertarian ideas to the Fairfield Chamber of Commerce and several other groups in recent months. If you would like to participate, please contact Robert Lowe at the ALP address.

NATIONAL LIBERTARIAN PARTY OFFICERS

At the September 1983 National LP Convention, the following members were elected to office.

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>MEMBER</u>
Chairman	Paul Grant (CO)
Vice Chairman	Mary Gingell (CA)
Secretary	Heidi Hartmann (SC)
Treasurer	David Walter (PA)
Immediate Past Chair	Alicia Clark (CA)
Committee Member at Large	Ed Clark (CA)
Committee Member at Large	Matt Monroe (TX)
Committee Member at Large	Geoff Speinberg (PA)
Committee Member at Large	Steve Fielder (WV)
Committee Member at Large	Dale Hemming (MN)
Committee Member at Large	Murray Rothbard (CA)
Committee Member at Large	Ruth Bennett (CO)
Nineteen Regional Reps	
Region 12 Rep	James Agnew (LA)
(AL is in Region 12)	

National LP officers may be contacted at: 7887 Katy Freeway, Suite 385, Houston, TX 77024.

ALABAMA LIBERTARIAN PARTY OFFICERS

The following members are serving in ALP offices listed below:

<u>ALP OFFICE</u>	<u>MEMBER</u>
Chairman	Yana Davis
Vice Chairman	Henri Klingler
Treasurer	Chuck Ewing
Fifth District Rep	Ken Ament
Sixth District Rep	Sam Samsil
Internal Education ComChair	Steve Smith
Ballot Access Coordinator	Tim Gatewood
Region 12 "Ambassador"	Tim Gatewood
Speaker Bureau Coordinator	Robert Lowe
Newsletter Editor	Bob Chapuis
Press Relations Coordinator	Yana Davis
"Missionary" District Org.	Tim Gatewood

CAMPAIGN '84 COMMITTEE

Chairman	Yana Davis
Ballot Access Coordinator	Tim Gatewood
Candidate Education	Chuck Ewing
Candidate Recruitment	Tim Gatewood
Campaign Services Manager	Frank Monachelli

ALP officers may be contacted at: P.O. Box 11514, Birmingham, AL 35202.

HELP WANTED: ALABAMA LIBERTARIAN PARTY

There are many vacancies in our party organization including District Representatives for the first, second, third, fourth and seventh Congressional districts. If you are willing to serve in a party office, please contact Yana Davis or your District Representative. If you are interested in running as an LP candidate for public office, contact Tim Gatewood. Don't just talk about cutting government. Do it! Get involved in the Alabama Libertarian Party today.

JEFFERSON COUNTY LP OFFICERS

At the Jefferson County LP meeting on January 18, 1984, the following members were elected to office:

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>MEMBER</u>
Chairman	Tim Gatewood
Vice Chairman	Robert Lowe
Member at Large	Steve Smith
Member at Large	Bob Chapuis

The Jefferson County LP can be contacted at: P.O. Box 11514, Birmingham, AL 35202. There are several offices vacant. If you are content to let "Big Brother" run your life, then just continue to do nothing. If you would rather stand up for Liberty, then get involved in local LP activity.

CLEAR YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE UPCOMING LIBERTARIAN EVENTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
*Feb. 25	9:00 A.M. Petitioning Blitz! <u>Location to be announced.</u>
*April 15	Tax Protest Day! Get your posters ready. Details to be finalized soon.
*May 15	Deadline for completing ballot drive petitions.
*June 16	Alabama Libertarian Party State Convention! Further announcements coming soon.
Monthly	Birmingham Libertarian Supper Club monthly meetings to be announced.
Soon	State and Jefferson County Executive Committees to meet soon. Contact party officers for details.

AUBURN LIBERTARIAN CLUB ORGANIZED

The Auburn Libertarian Club held their organizing meeting on January 18, 1984, at the Auburn University campus. The club will be a non-political "ally" of the Libertarian Party. Mark Thornton at Auburn University is the club's Chairman.

MISES INSTITUTE MOVES TO AUBURN

Auburn University, long a bastion of free-market Austrian economics, is now home of the Ludwig Von Mises Institute of Austrian Economics. Mises, whose students included F.A. Hayek and Murray Rothbard, kept the flame of economic liberty alive despite the increasing socialism of his day. He can rightfully be called one of the founding fathers of the libertarian movement. The Institute founded as a monument to him and as a means of furthering his work is a welcome addition to Alabama.

BERGLAND VISITS ALABAMA

On November 3-4, 1983, the Libertarian Party Presidential candidate made a well-publicized visit to Alabama. Reprinted below is an example of the news coverage of the event.

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The Auburn Plainsman

Libertarian wants fewer laws

By Susan Hurst
Assistant News Editor

Steadily increasing government control over Americans' private lives poses a serious threat to liberty in the United States today, according to David Bergland, the 1984 presidential candidate for the Libertarian Party.

Speaking to students and faculty in an open forum in Thach Hall Thursday, Bergland said government should be reduced to its proper function of protecting the rights of American citizens rather than involving itself in the political problems of other countries.

"If we confined the federal government to providing a defensive security service for us to protect the United States and the people in the United States and their property in the United States from the risk of foreign attack, then we will have reduced government to its legitimate function," said Bergland, who was in Alabama trying to get the Libertarian party on the ballot for the 1984 presidential election.

Bergland's campaign is based on the Libertarian philosophy that the government's primary responsibility is to protect the rights of the people.

"Government should assist us in defending ourselves against such things as murder and rape and robbery and theft and arson and kidnapping because those things involve someone violating

someone else's rights. So laws that prohibit such activities are valid," Bergland said.

However, the party believes that laws which restrict citizens from activities which do not violate the rights of others are invalid, Bergland said, adding for example, that citizens who choose to smoke marijuana are not violating anyone else's rights and, therefore, should not be punished.

Also questionable, he said, are laws requiring federal income taxes, the draft, compulsory education, minimum wage laws and international trade restrictions imposed by the U.S. government against other nations. The Libertarians propose the elimination of all of these on the grounds that the government's authority is limited to the protection of the citizens' rights.

The party also proposes reducing the size of the federal government to a level that could be fully funded without federal income tax.

The Libertarian party proposals for reducing the size of government include:

- eliminating the Interior Department and selling national parks to non-government groups
- eliminating urban renewal programs, all subsidies to business and agriculture, welfare programs and licensing laws
- eliminating the Energy Department and all subsidies to energy producers

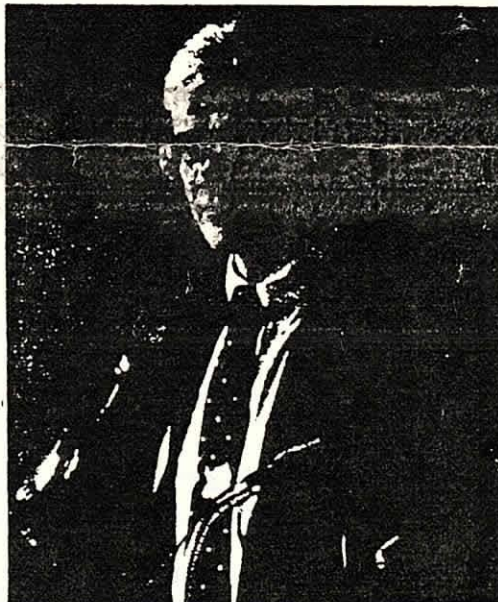
Bergland, a 48-year-old lawyer

from Costa Mesa, Calif., was the party's vice presidential candidate in the 1976 election. His running mate was Roger MacBride.

Bergland served as the

National Chairperson of the Libertarian party from 1977 to 1981.

The Libertarian party is the nation's third largest political party.



Presidential candidate speaks on campus

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