

# The Libertarian

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## The Reason for Our Formation

Canada presently is experiencing countless severe problems: double-digit inflation, 1,000,000 unemployed, an 88¢ dollar, multi-billion dollar trade deficits, a mushrooming national budget, fleeing investment capital, a \$70,000,000,000+ national debt, and the possible breakup of our country, cover only a few. And our Prime Minister reports to his recent party convention that we have never had it so good!

The evidence is clear. Drastic and radically different solutions to these problems are necessary, and none of the major parties in Canada has a philosophy capable of such action. The present political trend in Canada is to control, regulate, tax and spend our way to success. Redistribution of wealth and a free lunch will solve everything. And all three parties hold this to be true. They merely differ on how much the control should be, and who should be controlled the most.

GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS AND CONTROLS **ARE** THE PROBLEM! Failure to accept and believe this self-evident truth has led to our present predicament. It is to combat the fallacy that governments can solve social and economic woes that prompted the formation of *The Libertarian Foundation*.

## Our Philosophy

As Libertarians we believe that it is essential that men live in a society where physical force and aggression from other men has been barred by rule of law. We believe that the creation of such a society will provide a social environment whereby all men realize their greatest potential and the benefits to be derived thereof. We believe it is the right of all men to life, liberty and property, and hold that the only proper function of government is to protect these rights. We reject emphatically the role of government as a redistributor of individual wealth and a setter of social and moral trends.

## The Purposes of Our Organization

Our purpose is to promote Libertarian philosophy as an alternative to the socialist authoritarian philosophies that permeate all levels of society and government. Specifically we are establishing to:

- **Organize**

Based on observation, at least 10 percent of our population holds strong Libertarian beliefs. As we do, you believe that government's purpose is to protect human rights. We believe that people have a right to live their lives free from interference from others, provided they respect the same rights of others. At present, the people are not unified and have no organized means of combatting government growth. We intend to fill that gap by acting as a focal point for Libertarian thought and action.

- **Educate**

The present political system will not change on its own. It is up to us to demand that a Libertarian approach to politics be implemented. This will take significant long term educational programs. We must educate ourselves so that we can present a consistent and non-contradictory viewpoint to the public. We must get to its man on the street and convince him that his best chance for prosperity will come about when he recognizes that governments cannot solve problems. And, we must especially educate the youth and present them with an unbiased picture of the justice and benefits of living in a free, unfettered society — and also how to read between the lines when hearing about new government benefits for society, in order to be able to properly evaluate the cost of these "free" benefits.

- **Act**

Ultimately we must take political action. We must keep up to date on current issues and must speak up with Libertarian solutions. We must support candidates with Libertarian beliefs and become active in insuring that Libertarian candidates are running for office. We must continue to voice our beliefs in a firm and consistent manner whenever the subject of politics comes up in casual conversation. We must all take part in promoting our beliefs at every opportunity.

## Our Priorities

1. We must organize and become visible as quickly as possible. We must identify our allies and advertise our presence.
2. We must begin to educate ourselves. Unless we present a consistent view of what freedom means politically, we will remain divided. The Foundation will be holding seminars and selling literature to its members almost immediately.
3. We must promote our ideas to our friends and business acquaintances. We must encourage as many fellow travellers as possible to support our efforts.
4. We must reach the general public. We must produce and advertise literature easily read and understood by everyone, detailing the fallacies of today's political viewpoints. We must show the man in the street how Libertarian policies will bring about greater security and prosperity to him, and simultaneously strengthen the nation as a whole.
5. We must reach our youth. The Foundation will organize and deliver presentations to high schools and university students taking courses in economics and political science. We will influence the setting of curriculum in these courses in all public learning institutions, so as to present a truly unbiased view of free market philosophies and beliefs. The Foundation will assist interested students in forming a Young Libertarian Association which will become active in the present B.C. Youth Parliament. The Foundation will offer special courses and seminars geared to the youth, with a university and college scholarship program offered for the most promising and enthusiastic. We will encourage the participation of young Libertarians at all levels of political action.
6. We must all take some form of political action. The Foundation will present as part of its regular newsletter, ways and means of bringing about political change. In addition, courses and seminars will be offered for more serious individuals who look to politics as a possible career.

## Our Supporters

Support for the Libertarian Foundation comes from contributions from the private sector. Because of our convictions we cannot accept public funding of any nature. We believe that we have something to offer for all members of our society, and eventually we will have a large, solid base of supporters. Initially we will be dependent upon contributions from corporations, businessmen and individuals who need no convincing that our purposes and goals are both vital and practical. One goal to be achieved in the first two years of operation is to make the Foundation self-financing, through the sale of books, literature, films, seminars and courses.

Our support initially will come from business and individuals who believe with us that long term political stability will only come about after the presentation and acceptance of a better idea, and we believe that Libertarianism is a better idea.

## Our People

The Libertarian Foundation has been founded by Richard Bolstler and Michael Little.

**Rick** — 33 • B.Sc. Mathematics, University of Alberta, 1965 • Worked for IBM from 1966-1978 • Travelled and lived in Europe, United States and Caribbean during his career • Became aware of Libertarian Party philosophy after reading the works of Ayn Rand in 1971 • Joined Libertarian Party of Canada at its inception in October, 1973 • Co-founder of Ontario Libertarian Party in 1974 • Ran for parliament in 1974 election • Ran for office in Ontario in 1977 • Spoke to high school and university classes • Prepared and held courses for Ontario Libertarian Party.

**Mike** — 37 • Joined R.C.A.F. at age 17 and became a fighter pilot • Was a pilot for 11 years with Air Canada • Joined Ontario Libertarian Party, Libertarian Party of Canada in 1974 • Ran as a candidate in 1977 Ontario elections • Also became familiar with the philosophy after reading "Atlas Shrugged" by Ayn Rand in 1962 • Has spoken to many high school classes on Libertarian philosophy • Advocate of Austrian School of Economics.