

DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES::AMERICAN INDEPENDENT PARTY

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Political parties exist to provide vehicles through which the people, in a free society, may express themselves. It is the obligation of political parties to offer choices to the voters on broad issues of public concern. True representative government may be achieved only through free public selection from a wide range of choices on important issues.

When existing political vehicles no longer offer valid choices to the voters, then, in the interest of representative government, a new vehicle must be created. The American Independent Party has been formed to assure the voters the necessary choices in determining representative public policy.

A new party is urgently needed, today, because the leaders of the two existing parties, Democrat and Republican, have deserted the principles and traditions of our nation's founding fathers. Both of these existing parties have become the proponents of big government, crushing taxation, dictatorial federal power, waste and fiscal irresponsibility, unwholesome and disastrous internationalism, compromise with our nation's enemies, and authoritarian regimentation of the citizens of this Republic. Control of the government, under the domination of these two existing parties, has left the hands of the people our government was created to serve.

The American Independent Party pledges a return to limited constitutional government, with emphasis on the rights of the several states to govern their own local affairs and educational systems without federal bureaucratic or court interference.

The American Independent Party supports:

- *Fiscal responsibility at all levels of government, and necessary revisions in the state and federal tax structures to reduce the present crushing burden of taxation.
- *The independent enterprise system, and protection of property rights from arbitrary government and court interference.
- *Preservation of law and order, and the authority of local law enforcement agencies to deal with crime at the local level.

The American Independent Party supports a foreign policy based on America's best interests, not world opinion; preservation of our national sovereignty; and total support of our servicemen once we have committed them to fight under our flag. The American Independent Party recognizes the desirability of liberation of the captive nations of Europe, and the world, and pledges opposition to any aid to communist countries or nations aiding and abetting such communist countries.

The American Independent Party supports America's traditional concepts of morality, recognizing that America's development as a free nation has been providentially guided by the hand of God.

The American Independent Party affirms total allegiance to God, the state of California, and to the United States of America, and opposition to all concepts of government which deprive men of life, liberty, and property.

Upon this platform and these principles, the American Independent Party offers its candidates to the people and voters of California.

Wallace Presidential Party Drive Launched

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A campaign to qualify the American Independent Party in every state as the vehicle for the expected presidential candidacy of segregationist George Wallace was launched here Tuesday.

Formal announcement of the move was made at the Biltmore by 36-year-old William K. Shearer of Los Angeles, professional campaign consultant.

His wife Eileen last week quit the California Federation of Republican Women and the GOP State Central

Committee to back the former Democratic governor of Alabama.

Wallace will campaign in California this fall.

Shearer was a consultant for Proposition 14, the measure on California's 1964 ballot to nullify the Rumford Housing Act. It won voter approval, but the state and U.S. Supreme Courts ruled it unconstitutional.

According to Shearer, who is on the payroll of the Wallace campaign headquartered in Montgomery, Ala., the American Independent Party

will seek ballot qualification in California by trying to get at least 66,059 voter registrations

California will be chosen as the place to make Tuesday's announcement and launch the campaign because it presents "greater mechanical difficulties" than elsewhere to qualify a new party and is the nation's largest state.

The ex-governor will make an extensive tour of California in late fall, said Shearer. He will speak in Los Angeles, Orange and San Diego counties, as well as the San Francisco Bay Area, Sacramento and Kern counties.

A native of Marysville and educated in California schools, Shearer, who readily delineated his own segregationist views, said he felt the Wallace campaign was "necessary—the same as the American Revolution was necessary."

SAYS WALLACE COULD CHANGE COURSE OF HISTORY

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Stewart Alsop, in an article appearing in the March 25, 1967 edition of THE SATURDAY EVENING POST, says that Governor George Wallace, of Alabama "is genuinely and passionately determined to run for President, and quite serious in thinking he might win."

In an interview, Wallace challenged Alsop to make a survey and find out how strong he really is.

Here's how Wallace put it:

"You go ask the steel workers in Gary or the rubber workers in Akron. Go into the factories in Pennsylvania or New York, or ask the taxi drivers — I was a taxi driver once myself. Ask about George Wallace and I'll abide by the answer. . . . Don't ask the moron intellectuals or the theoreticians and beatniks. . . . Sure, a lot of politicians are against me too. This is a people's movement, and before we're through, a lot of politicians are going to get run over."

Alsop Gives His Opinion

Alsop, in giving his opinion as to Wallace's chances, says:

"Unless the United States has gone mad, George Wallace will never be President of the United States. But he just might change the course of American history."

And then, Alsop continued:

"George Wallace himself believes—he appears to believe quite genuinely—that he could become President of the United States. He has on the tip of his tongue the statistics of Abraham Lincoln's election in 1860 as a third-party candidate with a minority of the popular vote, and he can rattle off the names of

the other American minority Presidents.

"Moreover, he knows, or thinks he knows, where he is going to find the minority that will put him in the White House — among the 'steel workers in Gary and the rubber workers in Akron.' Wallace is obviously convinced that segregation is an exportable commodity, and that it is worth millions of white working-class votes in the Northern industrial states with big Negro minorities.

"I'm not going to run a racist campaign for President," Wallace says. "I've got nothing against the colored people, just against the theoreticians and bureaucrats who try to tell you who you can hire or you can sell your house to." As these words suggest, Wallace is much too smart to invade the North with an old-fashioned white-supremacy campaign. But he knows all the white-backlash code words ('law and order,' 'safety in the streets,' 'a man's home is his castle,' and so on). Negro-fearing or Negro-hating Northerners will get his message loud and clear.

"Race is not the only string to Wallace's bow. Vietnam is another. Wallace believes that the United States ought to 'go in and win,' and that the 'beatniks' who burn their draft cards or contribute blood to the Viet Cong ought to be 'tried as traitors.'

"Aside from race and Vietnam, there are many angers, frustrations and discontents in this prosperous land. Wallace, a battling bantam cock of a man, and a first-class speaker in the Huey Long style of Southern oratory, seems well suited to exploit them."

WALLACE HAS WIDE SUPPORT

Governor Wallace represents the views of most of the White voters in America and has nation wide support. In the past several years he has received approximately two million letters of support from all areas of the U.S. He received over \$10,000 in contributions from Calif. alone without asking for funds.

In a study of election trends from 1920 to 1966, the trends show that if President Johnson were to run in 1968 he would carry ONLY the following states: Conn., Hawaii, Maine, Mass., New York, Oregon, Washington, N.J., and West Va. This would give him a total of 112 electoral votes, which is not enough to come close to winning.

Governor Wallace could count on carrying the following states: Ala., Ark., Fla., Ga., La., Miss., N.C., S.C., Tex. and Virginia, giving him a total of 118 electoral votes. With hard campaigning and ABLE people he could win in most of the following states: Ky., Kan., Md. Mo., Okla., and Tenn. This would give him another 46 electoral votes giving him a total of 158.

If he is on the ballot in Calif. and there are no "conservative" Republicans running, recent trends show that he has a 50-50 chance of winning the states 40 electoral votes.

If the Republicans nominate a liberal he also has a good chance of winning in Ohio, Pa., Minn., Idaho, Ind., Colo., Ariz. and Nev. The trend clearly shows that he COULD win in 1968.

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