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SHOW YOUR COLORS NOW!

by Katharine Kennedy Brown

The Liberals and the Moderates have been promoting their views in innumerable ways, both openly as with the Ripon Society and clandestinely, hiding under the word "neutralism," and it is high time for Conservative women to rally. I am convinced that the great majority of voters in the United States are inherently Conservative when questioned on countless issues.

You who have come here have given real attention to the problem and have definite reasons for your beliefs, but I find that many, many of our friends have never really thought through the ideology and are impressed by those who deplore the use of labels. Perhaps most of us would prefer to explain our position carefully on each issue, but the average person is unwilling to listen to such an analysis. So the only word I know which covers these things, is "Conservative". Personally, I have never thought there is such an animal as a Moderate. This was only a term dreamed up by Arthur Larson because the words Liberal and Left-wing had become such unpopular terms.

LIBERALS ARE EXTREMISTS

This Conference should give us all ammunition to take home and rally the Conservatives in our own communities, so that all viewpoints in the Party are represented. We have only two major parties in this country and cannot expect all the millions of Republicans to share our Conservative views, so it is not our policy to purge those who disagree with us. But I am tired of being endlessly harangued by some who fly so jauntily the brave banner of Liberal, but who can see no two sides to any issue, only their own, and can hear no voice except some extension of their own views. The Liberals are the extremists and seem to have as their only concern, the purging of Conservatives from all Party councils.

We want the Republican Party to win the Presidency in 1968. This is our No. 1 goal, as they claim it is theirs. But we do hope to have candidates who will represent our Party principles and not follow the present Democratic line.

RUN FOR OFFICE NOW!

The time has come to encourage responsible Conservatives to run for office on the Republican ticket, for Precinct and Ward Committeemen, County Chairmen, State Committees, members of the National Committee, and Delegates to the Republican National Convention.

The time to show your colors is *now*, not after the primaries and Conventions, for it has always been the policy of Conservatives to support the candidates whom our Party voters nominate. It was the Liberal Republicans who defeated our Republican candidate in 1964 and put on a show at our National Federation Convention last May which horrified everyone who believes in law and order, proper procedure, fair play, and Roberts Rules of Order.

To organize thoroughly is a tremendous task, and only those who take seriously the plight of our country, are willing to exert themselves to the degree necessary. So if you have the opportunity to be a Precinct Captain, or serve in any other Party office, *take it*. If you leave a vacuum, someone opposed to your views will probably fill it.

Excerpt from an Address by Katharine Kennedy Brown, Republican National Committeewoman for Ohio, Eagle Conference of Republicans, Feb. 15, 1968.

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Michigan Conservatives Organize

The first convention of the United Republicans of Michigan met in Grand Rapids on March 9. A large and enthusiastic crowd of several hundred delegates from all parts of the state served notice that they intend to play an important role in the Republican Party in Michigan. They adopted a series of resolutions endorsing conservative Republican positions on national issues.

Elected Chairman of the United Republicans of Michigan was Richard Durant, prominent Michigan Republican leader and now chairman of the 14th Congressional District Republican Committee.

United Republicans of Michigan is modeled on the very successful organization of conservative Republican volunteers known as United Republicans of California (UROC). If URM enjoys anything like the success of UROC — and the March 9th meeting indicates that they are off to a running start — United Republicans of Michigan will greatly improve the Republican leadership in their state which has been too often brainwashed by the Democrats.

Should Politicians Have A Conscience?

"Conscience is for church people, not for politicians." This was the explanation given by Marion Graven, Republican County Chairman of Wayne County, Ohio, for trying to prevent Republican Congressman John Ashbrook from becoming a Delegate to the Republican National Convention in Miami.

The distinguished Ohio Congressman and nationally-known conservative had let it be known that he would like to be a Delegate. The Governor of Ohio, James A. Rhodes, is running as a favorite son. Ashbrook announced that he would gladly support Governor Rhodes as a favorite son — if Governor Rhodes would say that he will *not* throw his support to Nelson Rockefeller. This Governor Rhodes refuses to do.

When the county chairmen from Ashbrook's Congressional district met to endorse candidates for Delegates, one man proposed a motion "to let Delegates to the Convention be guided by their conscience." This motion was defeated 10-2. This is when Wayne County Chairman Graven stated: "Conscience is for church people, not for politicians." On the basis of this vote, Graven released a story to the press proclaiming that the GOP chairmen from the 12-county

district had voted 10-2 against making Ashbrook a Delegate.

Graven later told reporters that his opposition to Ashbrook was necessitated "because the Governor's people called me and asked me to keep John (Ashbrook) from going (to the Convention)."

ASHBROOK'S DECISION

Ashbrook then announced he will run in the Republican primary as a candidate for Delegate, and that he will continue to be guided by his conscience even though the county chairmen in his district voted against conscience. He issued this statement which shows the courageous statesman he is:

"Because I believe it is important to have some Delegates who are not obligated to follow a course of action which might conflict with their conscience, I will run independently of Governor Rhodes' slate. . . . I cannot in conscience follow the Governor as he attempts to lead us onto the Rockefeller bandwagon. . . . The Republican Party, unlike the Democrat Party, is not boss-oriented and we feel the people can and should make the choice where substantive issues are at stake."

THE McNAMARA GAP

All patriots are strongly urged to read the following two articles which give up-to-the-minute facts about the clear and present danger to the survival of our nation.

"The Coming Missile Gap" by Dr. James H. McBride, *U. S. News & World Report*, Feb. 26, 1968, pp. 84-86. This tells that the U. S. today has 2,345 strategic nuclear delivery vehicles, while the U.S.S.R. has 2,700. However, the Soviet ICBM carries about 10 times the megatonnage, or explosive power, of the U. S. missiles. Furthermore, the U. S. nuclear arsenal is shrinking, while the Soviets' is increasing at a rapid rate. By 1972, at the present rate of U. S. decrease and Soviet increase, the U. S. will have 2,121 strategic nuclear vehicles, while the U.S.S.R. will have 4,230. This is the result of seven years of Robert Strange McNamara policies.

"How Russia Gains, and U. S. Lags" by Gen. B. A. Schriever, USAF (Ret.), *U. S. News & World Report*, Mar. 18, 1968, p. 82. The Air Force General who pioneered America's ICBM program tells of the great importance of the Soviet orbital missile which McNamara said "does not concern me." Schriever describes the extensive Soviet anti-missile system — although McNamara prevented the U. S. from building this defense because the Soviets might think it "provocative" or "destabilizing."



Phyllis Schlafly, Ray Bolger, and Ann Bowler at the St. Louis airport, Feb. 13, 1968. Ann was arriving with the California delegation for the Eagle Conference.

Persistence

NOTHING in the world can take the place of persistence. Talent will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful men with talent; unrewarded genius is almost a proverb. Education will not; the world is full of educated derelicts. Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent. The slogan "Press On" has solved and always will solve the problems of the human race.

President Calvin Coolidge

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE NFRW BYLAWS?

The January issue of *The Phyllis Schlafly Report* analyzed the "Proposed Changes" in the Bylaws of the National Federation of Republican Women distributed at Christmastime by Dorothy Elston, immediate past president, and Gladys O'Donnell, president of the National Federation of Republican Women. This analysis explained how the "Elston-O'Donnell Proposed Changes" were a bold attempt (1) to transform the NFRW from a "federation" of autonomous clubs into a monolithic society whose national officers exercise dictatorial control, (2) to deprive individual members of free speech and freedom of association, (3) to give so many new powers to the NFRW President that she and her clique could never be voted out of office, and (4) to cover up the illegalities of the much-publicized May 1967 NFRW Convention by adopting ex post facto bylaws.

These "Elston-O'Donnell Proposed Changes" were scheduled to be voted on at the National Federation Board Meeting on January 20-23 in Los Angeles.

Many friends have written to find out *what happened* — and *why* there was no mention of this subject in the February and March *Phyllis Schlafly Reports*. They also want to know what action is suggested to clubs and state federations now. Here are the answers to these questions.

The reason why there was no comment on this subject in the February and March *Phyllis Schlafly Reports* is that Mrs. Schlafly was unable to secure a copy of what was voted in Los Angeles in time for her February or March *Report*. Contrary to tradition, the NFRW Board meeting in Los Angeles was a closed meeting. Mrs. O'Donnell announced that "no one could report on action taken within the session," and no copies of the revised Bylaws were available until recently.

Now we can tell what happened in Los Angeles. The NFRW Board of Directors met as scheduled and **DELETED THE FOUR MOST OFFENSIVE PARTS OF THE "ELSTON-O'DONNELL PROPOSED CHANGES."**

Elston-O'Donnell Proposals Rejected

1. The NFRW Board REJECTED the Elston-O'Donnell Proposal which would have required *every unit club* and state federation to put in its bylaws "a provision to conform to the objectives and bylaws of the National Federation." This provision would have taken away the autonomy of the local clubs and turned the NFRW into a monolithic society run by a little clique at the top.

2. The NFRW Board REJECTED the Elston-O'Donnell Proposal which would have permitted the removal from office of any NFRW officer, chairman or appointee for such vague and dictatorial reasons as "*speaks* to the detriment of the NFRW, its policies, objectives, or ideals." This was an attack on the right of free speech and debate unheard of in Republican politics.

3. The NFRW Board REJECTED the Elston-O'Donnell Proposal which would have required that nominees for any NFRW office "shall not be a member of any organization whose activities, policies, or objectives are not in agreement with . . . the objectives, bylaws, and policies of this Organization, the Republican Party and its Platform." This outrageous proposal would have allowed the Elston-O'Donnell faction to pass judgment on what *other* organizations Republican women may choose to belong.

4. The NFRW Board REJECTED the Elston-O'Donnell Proposal to give state federations the power to expel *individual* members. Women do not want to belong to an organization in which they are subject to expulsion by political whim or star-chamber proceedings.

These were the four most offensive Elston-O'Donnell Proposals and all four FAILED TO PASS. This was a tremendous achievement for the many Federation members who notified their state presidents of their opposition to the Proposed Changes.

Elston-O'Donnell Proposals Accepted

With Mrs. Dorothy Elston and Miss Kathryn Bowers (who was the Parliamentarian at the May 1967 NFRW Convention) doing most of the talking, the NFRW Board passed the other Elston-O'Donnell Proposals. Then, the Bylaws went behind closed doors for a couple of weeks, and the result was finally mailed out *to state federations*, but *not* to the clubs.

In order for the Bylaws Changes to go into force, after approval by the NFRW Board in Los Angeles, they must be ratified "by a majority vote taken by mail of the state federations after a vote by their Board of Directors or convention." In some states, the "Board of Directors" includes every unit club president; in many states, however, the "Board of Directors" is merely a small group hand-picked by the state president.

It is abundantly clear that the Elston-O'Donnell clique will be easily able — probably by the time this *Report* reaches you — to secure ratification by the Boards of Directors of 26 states. It is also clear that there is *no* evidence that such a vote represents the wishes of the majority of the Federation; but this apparently does not matter to the Elston-O'Donnell clique.

Elston-O'Donnell Bylaws Still Bad

Even after the four most objectionable provisions were removed, the Elston-O'Donnell Proposed Changes are still bad and should be voted down. Here are some of the reasons why:

1. *The vast increase in powers and privileges given to the NFRW president.* In many ways, both major and petty, the Elston-O'Donnell Proposals give increased powers to the NFRW president to enable her to perpetuate herself and her friends in power. One way this is done is by giving the president (instead of the Executive Committee) *exclusive* authority over the membership lists which are so valuable prior to a NFRW election.

The NFRW Bylaws

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Another way the power of the NFRW President is increased is by changing the voting requirements of the Executive Committee and of the Board of Directors from a "majority" — to a "majority present and voting," which is something quite different. This enables the NFRW president to call a meeting at which a bare quorum is present, and then, by intimidating some into remaining silent, pass motions with only *one* person voting!

Almost all the Elston-O'Donnell Proposals concentrate more power at the national level at the expense of the local clubs. This is contrary to Republican principles, and also contrary to the philosophy on which the Federation was founded.

2. *The vast increase in powers given to the National Federation and to the state Boards of Directors to expel clubs and exclude new clubs.* The Federation should be **IN**clusive and should welcome all Republican volunteers and clubs to participate, with only the minimum requirements.

3. *The Washington, D. C. residency requirement.* The "Elston-O'Donnell Proposed Changes" make *the number-one duty* of the NFRW President the duty "to reside in the Metropolitan area of Washington, D. C., during her term of office." The dictionary definition of "to reside" is "to dwell permanently." In persuading the Board to accept this foolish bylaw, Board members were told that this would be "just like Congressmen." However, Congressmen are protected by law from losing their right to vote in their home districts. The NFRW president enjoys no such legal protection.

Thus, the new NFRW bylaw bars from the presidency all members who are unwilling to give up their home, family, voting rights, and right to run for office in order "to reside" in Washington, D. C.

What To Do Now?

To everyone who has phoned or written Phyllis Schlafly in the past couple of months about the Bylaws problem, she has given this answer, which is repeated here:

1. We won a big victory when the NFRW Board deleted the four most offensive Elston-O'Donnell Proposals.

2. The Elston-O'Donnell Proposed Changes are still bad and, if you get the opportunity, vote "no". But *don't* spend your time and money trying to defeat them nationally.

3. Do NOT pursue the "Bylaws battle" any more this year because *there are too many more crucial political battles to fight.* This is the most important year of our lives.

The whole future of American freedom and independence depends on *nominating and electing the right candidates in 1968.* Your best efforts should be directed toward *this* objective. If your state federation or local club is working constructively toward this goal, help it. If it is not, then concentrate your efforts on the *regular Republican organization.* Do not dissipate your energies by battling a little clique in the Federation which obviously is more interested in power-grabbing than in electing Republicans.

And remember, Federation members are volunteers, not employees; you can still run your club the way you want and for the principles you believe in.

4. The best answer to the problem created by the "Bylaws battle" is to elect the right leadership in each of the 50 states. If you are not satisfied with the way your state president has represented you, then make sure you elect a better one at your next state convention. We will have better Bylaws only when a majority of *state presidents* are on the side of local club autonomy and have the courage to speak up against national steamroller tactics.

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PRAYER FOR THE "EAGLES"

Thank you, dear Lord, for the privilege and the freedom to come to Thee publicly and ask Thee to give ear to our supplications. In the difficult days ahead, we ask that you will cause us to hear Thy loving kindness, for in Thee do we trust. Cause us to know the path wherein we should walk as we lift our souls unto Thee. Thy Spirit is good; lead us into the land of uprightness. Cause us to be a God-fearing nation and let it begin here with each of us. Then, we can claim the Divine promise: "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength: they shall mount up with wings as eagles, they shall run and not be weary, and they shall walk and not faint." In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

Prayer given by Maxine Charlton of Ohio at the closing of the Eagle Conference of Republicans, St. Louis Missouri, February 16, 1968.

THE ROMNEY RIDDLE

One of the most fascinating mysteries in the history of American politics was how Governor George Romney, who stood in a preeminent position after his big victory in the 1966 election, could drop from the heights so quickly. As Florida Governor Claude Kirk tartly commented, Romney's withdrawal from the New Hampshire Primary was "the first TKO in politics."

If you want to understand politics and political personalities, you must read **THE ROMNEY RIDDLE** by Gerald O. Plas. This little paperback gives many never-before-revealed facts about Romney. You won't be "in the know" about the liberals' tactics unless you've read **THE ROMNEY RIDDLE**. (Order from Berwyn Publishers, 489 Henry St., Detroit, Michigan 48201, price \$1.)