

Liberty Amendment



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Dear Friend:

YOU ARE INVITED TO BILL STONE'S 76TH BIRTHDAY PARTY! This will be a most unique "Spirit of '76" Party, and you can celebrate it right where you are, no matter where that might be. This means that you will not need to travel a great distance, gather at a particular hotel or restaurant, eat a quantity of food at an expensive price, or listen to any speeches. Let me explain.

Last year on Bill Stone's 75th Birthday, wonderful folks came from all over the country to pay tribute to this extraordinary warrior. They gladly paid air fares, hotel bills, banquet costs and miscellaneous expenses that amounted to an imposing amount of money. Their presence made the celebration a never to be forgotten occasion, yet it did not solve the problem that confronts us constantly of financing this battle. So this year we conceived the idea of having a party that will enrich the cause of liberty to which Bill Stone has given his life.

As a lifelong friend of Willis E. Stone, as well as National Treasurer and senior member of the Executive Board of the Liberty Amendment Committee of the U.S.A., I am writing this letter of invitation so that I might tell you something about this great American. I know him as few others do. Way back in 1944, when Sewell Avery was physically removed from his office in the Montgomery Ward Building in Chicago by government agents, I was part of the first little group who met to try to figure out what could be done to prevent such things from happening to us--particularly when the then Attorney General said: "THE GOVERNMENT CAN DO ANYTHING NOT SPECIFICALLY PROHIBITED BY THE CONSTITUTION."

Bill Stone started then, and he has never let go. I backed him then, and I back him now; because it is a rare and priceless thing to find a man with the skills and understanding to define the methods and means for carrying on this fight for your freedom and mine, and the persistence to continue against almost insurmountable odds. But that is the Bill Stone I know; unselfish enough to work without compensation, and determined to save for us the precious, unique blessings of our country.

There is nothing really extraordinary about his background. Born in Denver, Colorado, on July 20, 1899, he grew up there and was educated in Denver schools. He enlisted in the Army (Tank Corp) in World War I. After the war he was in the advertising business in Denver. He then moved to Los Angeles in 1923, where he dealt in real estate and the building business until the depression. Later he became an industrial engineer and merchandiser, until he dropped his lucrative business in 1949 to devote his "life, fortune and sacred honor," to the vision of restoring our Constitution to its original strength and vitality.

Often I have wondered what kept him to this heartbreaking task. In the beginning he admitted freely that he did not understand what was wrong, or how to correct it; but he was determined to learn everything possible about the subject. And so he read, cross-indexed and studied in depth such sources as the Budgets of the United States, the Statistical Abstracts, Government Organizational Manuals, Departmental Reports, Audits of various government agencies by the General Accounting Office, as well as historical statistics and anything and everything on the history of the United States, and especially our Constitution.

While he was doing all this, he also worked with more than a hundred "pen pals" who were top constitutional authorities in the nation, to refine the language of what we now know as the LIBERTY AMENDMENT and make sure it is capable of doing what is necessary to restore our Constitution to full force and effect. In other words, to outlaw the violations of the Constitution which are responsible for most of our problems.

At the same time he set about building a nationwide volunteer organization, with autonomous Committees in every State and most of the counties, a most difficult task. To an amazing degree it has been achieved, and now this organization is ready to direct the resurgence of patriotic fervor which has arisen in connection with the Bi-Centennial celebration.

Bill Stone carried a fantastic schedule in leading this fight. He has met setbacks and disappointments that would have destroyed a lesser man. Twice, because of infiltration, he has had to start his organization over again. He has fought to maintain the integrity and single great purpose of the LIBERTY AMENDMENT and has been unyielding and uncompromising in his search for truth, because "the truth shall set us free."

Now we are approaching the 200th Anniversary of our Declaration of Independence and the "SPIRIT OF '76" is in the air. There will never be a better time than now for us to restore our institutions of liberty. It seems eminently appropriate, therefore, to celebrate Bill Stone's 76th birthday with a "SPIRIT OF '76" party that will boost the work of safeguarding our freedom. Such a party should reflect the frugality of our Colonial forebears, so we ask that you do not come to the party that will not be held, and you will thus miss the banquet that will not be served, and will not hear the speeches that will not be made.

Instead, we ask you to truly honor Bill Stone on his 76th birthday with the funds to expand this fight, by sending to the LIBERTY AMENDMENT COMMITTEE the cost of your air fares, the costs of accommodations and miscellaneous expenses, plus the very generous gift you would be sending anyway. Such a contribution will be the most eloquent possible way in which to say "Happy Birthday" to a great American patriot--Willis E. Stone.

Sincerely,



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