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Lex Frieden: Spokesman

5/5/85

By MALVINA STEPHENSON

for the Handicapped

WASHINGTON — Lex Frieden sets an example for the policies he advocates.

He runs an independent federal agency. He commutes daily to his downtown office by bus and subway, and he flew to California this week on official business.

This activity would not be considered so challenging, except that this native Oklahoman is a quadriplegic. He bucks traffic in a wheel chair and maneuvers a prosthetic device on his right forearm.

Frieden, 36, is executive director of the National Council on the Handicapped, a job he took on this year. His continuing goal is to

promote "independent living" for the disabled, to help them be as active as possible.

Frieden cites the Tulsa Independent Living Center as a model that should be in every community. With such information, counseling and supplemental services, he said, "Many more disabled people could be productive."

Frieden, an Alva high school valedictorian, was a freshman at Oklahoma State University in 1967 when an auto accident left his arms and legs paralyzed. Since that time, he graduated from the University of Tulsa, was named by the Jaycees as one of the 10 outstanding young men, and has taken national leadership in the growing effort to improve the quality of life for the handicapped.

Frieden has good reason to believe strongly in the use of auto seat belts. He says, if he had been wearing one at the time of the accident, he probably would not have been injured so seriously.

As always, Frieden is making the most of his opportunities. In his new position, he can influence the national direction of policy and public opinion on the role of the disabled. The basic responsibility of the council is to advise the president and Congress.

"I hope to use the few resources and many opportunities available to me to make constructive recommendations that will result in the disabled making decisions affecting their own lives," Frieden said in an office interview. "To

often, we assume we have to take care of them.

"With rehabilitation services, training, education and accommodations in the environment, people with disabilities can make their own decisions. If we build a ramp instead of a wall around an institution, they can come in (to town) to shop and work. When they become productive, we are in the long run saving money."

When he speaks of "access," Frieden is referring to public transportation, sidewalks, buildings, and housing. Ramps, sloping curbs, elevators and bus lifts, and wider doors are needed to accommodate wheel-chairs.

Another priority Frieden cites is home service for the handicapped. "A disabled person often can live at home alone instead of in an institution, if an attendant can come in at certain periods of the day," he points out.

The problems of the disabled are much more far-reaching than many people realize, according to Frieden — the current population numbers 36 million. Barrier-free designs, as he reminds, benefit not only those whose mobility is severely impaired, but people with heart conditions, arthritis, poor vision, and other ailments.

"There is not adequate compliance with the state and federal laws now on the books," Frieden declared. "If we don't provide appropriate conditions for the handicapped today, it will cost much more tomorrow, and the disabled will be less likely to become productive, independent citizens."

Frieden appreciated the barrier-free design at Oliphant Hall which he said made it possible for him to attend The University of Tulsa. In 1968, Congress passed a law that required access for wheel-chairs in federal buildings when they were remodeled.

Much more comprehensive legislation came in 1973: any agency or organization receiving federal funds must accommodate the disabled. As Frieden points out, if this

federal law were fully respected, access for wheel-chairs would be almost universal.

Now, Frieden and his council have a chance to fill in the gaps. By next February, they have been called on by Congress to produce a comprehensive study and recommendations "by which we can facilitate community-based living and eliminate disincentives to independence for those with both physical and mental disabilities."

Frieden calls this a great opportunity. "We are the only agency," he says, "that has the cross-cutting authority to study programs run by other agencies. Many of the problems for the disabled stem from the fact that we have a patch-work of programs and no central clearing house for information."

One current frustration for Frieden is the unavailability of data on the disabled from the 1980 census. Answers to two basic questions about employment capabilities and public transportation have been left in the computers, he said.



Lex Frieden

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Bush 88 Quayle

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
September 30, 1988

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BUSH ANNOUNCES BUSH-QUAYLE '88 DISABILITY COALITION

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Vice President George Bush today announced the national leadership of the Bush-Quayle '88 Disability Coalition. The six honorary co-chairs of the coalition are Mrs. Sarah Brady, wife of Presidential Press Secretary James Brady; U.S. Senator Lowell Weicker of Connecticut; U.S. Senator Robert Dole of Kansas; Mr. Billy Barty, professional actor; Mrs. Madeleine Will, Assistant Secretary of Education, Office of Special Education; and Ms. Ginny Thornburgh, Coordinator for Persons with Disabilities programs, Harvard University.

Vice President Bush said, "I am delighted to have the support and endorsement of this prominent group of individuals who share my feelings that the disabled must be brought into the mainstream of our society. My highest domestic priority as President will be to see that every American who wants a productive job in the private sector has that opportunity. And when I say every American, I mean every American -- including those who happen to be disabled."

Ms. Thornburgh, in commenting on the establishment of the coalition remarked, "I am pleased to serve as an Honorary Chairperson for the Disability Coalition for the Bush/Quayle '88 campaign. Having supported organizations and programs to enhance the lives of persons with disabilities for over twenty years, as President, George Bush will provide a better quality of life for all Americans with disabilities."

Mr. Evan Kemp, Commissioner of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and a member of the coalition added, "George Bush knows that the proper way to treat disabled people is to treat them as human beings. He is the first national political leader who has sought the advice of individuals with disabilities and the parents of disabled children. His actions over the last seven years have hastened the day when our dream of true integration into society becomes a reality."

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At the August 10, 1988 White House swearing-in ceremony of Paul Hearne as Executive Director of the National Council on the Handicapped, the Vice President repeated his call for equal rights for the disabled. He stated, "Disabled people do not have the same civil rights protections as women and minorities. However, an enactment of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1988 -- legislation developed by the National Council on the Handicapped or similar legislation -- would remedy this situation."

He added, "The Reagan Administration has been on the right track in opposing the discrimination of the past that has kept too many people with disabilities out of the American mainstream. We should not ignore the needs of the disabled, and must continue to develop programs and policies that promote independence, freedom of choice and productive involvement in the social and economic mainstream."

(Attached is a list of the national leadership of the Bush-Quayle '88 Disability Coalition)

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- BUSH QUAYLE '88 DISABILITY COALITION -

HONORARY CHAIRPERSONS

Mrs. James Brady
Arlington, Virginia

Mr. Billy Barty
Billy Barty Foundation
North Hollywood, California

Senator Robert Dole
Kansas

Ms. Ginny Thornburgh
Coordinator, Programs for Persons with Disabilities
Harvard University
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Senator Lowell P. Weicker
Connecticut

Mrs. Madeleine Will
Assistant Secretary, Office Special Education, US Department
of Education
Washington, D.C.

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Ms. Judy Brotman
Executive Director, National Academies of Practice
Washington, D.C.

Mr. Osborne Day
Director, Recording for the Blind
Washington, D.C.

Mr. Justin W. Dart, Jr.
Chairperson, Congressional Task Force on the
Rights and Empowerment of Americans with Disabilities
Member, National Council on the Handicapped
Washington, D.C.

Mr. George Fellendorf
Consultant, Groups for the Deaf
Former Exec. Dir., Alexander Graham Bell Foundation
Silver Spring, Maryland

Mr. Martin Gerry
Disability/Activist Attorney
Cabin John, Maryland

Mr. Evan Kemp
Commissioner, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
Washington, D.C.

Mr. Gordon Mansfield
Disability Activist
Washington, D.C.

Mr. Jeremiah Milbank, Jr.
New York, New York

Mrs. Sandra Swift Parrino
Member, National Council on the Handicapped
New York, New York

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Mr. William J. Tangye
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Mr. Howard Adams
Member, Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance
Board
City Councilman
Phoenix, Arizona

Mr. William H. McCabe
Member, Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance
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Member, Board of Directors, Childrens' Hospital
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Member, Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance
Board
Cool, California

Mr. Richard Chavez
Member, Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance
Board
Member, President's Committee on Employment
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City of Commerce, California

- Ms. Laura Cooper
Young Lawyers Division Disabled Lawyers Committee
Chairperson, American Bar Association
San Francisco, California
- Mr. Matthew J. Guglielmo
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Member, City of Hope's National Board of Trustees
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- Ms. Marian N. Koonce
Member, National Council on the Handicapped
Santa Barbara, California
- Ms. Brenda Premo
Member, National Council on the Handicapped
Anaheim, California
- Dr. J. Alfred Rider
Member, President's Committee on Mental Retardation
Member, American Aging Association
San Francisco, California
- Ms. Joni Tada
Member, National Council on the Handicapped
Internationally known mouth artist
Agoura, California
- Ms. Roxanne Vierra
Member, National Council on the Handicapped
Littleton, Colorado
- Mr. Stephen Bull
Member, Architectural and Transportation Barriers
Compliance Board
Former Special Assistant to President Nixon
Washington, D.C.
- Ms. Theresa L. Garner
Member, National Council on the Handicapped
Washington, D.C.
- Mr. Eugene Johnson
Member, Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance
Board
Washington, D.C.
- Dr. Leslie Lenkowsky
Member, National Council on the Handicapped
Washington, D.C.

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- Ms. Cherilyn Murer
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Joliet, Illinois
- Dr. Dwight Schuster
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Indianapolis, Indiana
- Mrs. Marianna Beach
Advisory Board, National Center for Prevention
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Board, Early Childhood Development Center
Hays, Kansas
- Dr. Ung Yun Ryo
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Division of Nuclear Medicine, University of Kentucky
Medical Center
Lexington, Kentucky
- Mr. Lane Carson
Carson & Bann
Member, Architectural and Transportation Barriers
Compliance Board
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- Mr. Martin Ulan
Member, President's Committee on Mental Retardation
Former hospital administrator
Cape Neddick, Maine
- Ms. Patricia Caggiano
Member, President's Committee on Mental Retardation
Brooklyn, New York
- Mr. Robert Muller
Member, National Council on the Handicapped
Grandville, Michigan

- Mr. Larry Kane
Member, Reagan/Bush Disability Committee
Member Hamilton County Republican Committee
Cincinnati, Ohio
- Ms. Jean G. Gumerson
Member, President's Committee on Mental Retardation
Active with Republican Party of Oklahoma
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
- Mr. Dennis Haggerty
Served on Committee for Disabled -Reagan/Bush 1980
Disability activist
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- Mr. Edward J. Schroeder
Served on Committee for Disabled -Reagan/Bush 1984
Disability Activist
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- Ms. Lois Eargle
Member, President's Committee Mental Retardation
Disability activist in community
Conway, South Carolina
- Mr. Lex Frieden
Former Director of National Council on the Handicapped
TIRR Foundation
Houston, Texas
- Dr. Roger Stanley Johnson
Member, President's Committee on Mental Retardation
Member, Disability Committee for Reagan/Bush 1984
Irving, Texas
- Mr. Kent Waldrep
Member National Council on the Handicapped
Dallas, Texas
- Mrs. Dorothy Clark
Member, President's Committee on Mental Retardation
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- Mr. Alan F. Gear
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Republican Justice of Peace, Chittenden County, Vermont
Burlington, Vermont

- Ms. Madeline B. Harwood
President's Committee on Mental Retardation
Candidate for State Legislature
Manchester Center, Vermont
- Ms. Lucia L. Abell
Member, President's Committee on Mental Retardation
Local volunteer activist for children with disabilities
Alexandria, Virginia
- Mrs. Ann Bell
Disability activist
Member of 1980 Reagan/Bush Disability Group
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- Mr. Robert Brostram
Member, Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance
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Disability activist
Berkeley Springs, West Virginia
- Mr. Ben McMinn
Disability activist
Arkansas and Pulaski County Bar Associations
Little Rock, Arkansas
- Mr. Cameron Coldwell
Disability activist
Albuquerque, New Mexico
- Mr. Bernard Sussman
Disability activist
Washington, D.C.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 29, 1988

Dear Mr. Frieden:

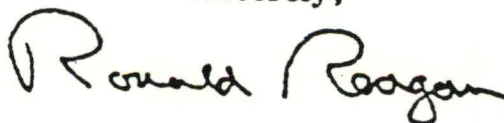
I want to add my congratulations to those of your friends and colleagues as you leave your post as Executive Director of the National Council on the Handicapped.

Serving under the able leadership of Chairwoman Sandra Parrino, you presided over the Council's operations during its first, difficult years as an independent Federal agency. You can be proud of your contributions to the Council's effectiveness. As chief editor and coordinator of the Council's historic report recommending revisions in Federal disability policy, you have had a lasting impact in helping us reach our national goals of freeing disabled Americans from unnecessary dependency and removing obstacles to the development of their full potential. I particularly commend you for the ways you've opened the Council's work to the ideas of those its decisions affect, thereby improving the quality of our policies and helping us achieve broad, bipartisan support for them.

You have my special congratulations on being named recipient of the 1988 Distinguished Service Award of the President's Committee on the Handicapped.

Nancy joins me in offering you and your family best wishes for every future happiness and success. May God bless you and keep you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Ronald Reagan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large, prominent "R" at the beginning.

Mr. Lex Frieden
Executive Director
National Council on
the Handicapped
Washington, D.C. 20591



Republican National Committee

Frank J. Fahrenkopf, Jr.
Chairman

March 17, 1988

Mr. Lex Frieden, Executive Director
National Council on the Handicapped
800 Independence Ave., S.W.
Room 814
Washington, DC 20591

Dear Mr. Frieden:

As Chairman of the Republican National Committee, it is my pleasure to invite you to a special meeting on March 31, 1988, at the Capitol Hill Club, 300 First Street, S.E., Washington, DC. The meeting will take place from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Private Dining Room #3.

The purpose of this meeting is to gain your valuable input with regard to outreach to the disabled community. It is my hope that by beginning a dialogue with community leaders such as yourself, we might come to better understand how to ensure that your community becomes an integral part of the political process at all levels.

I have asked Justin Dart, Jr. to call you in the next few days to confirm your attendance. In the event that you would have any further questions, please do not hesitate to call Mark Valente III, Director of our Coalition Development Department. Mark can be reached at 202/863-8650.

I sincerely hope you will be able to attend this meeting. I look forward to seeing you on March 31.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Frank J. Fahrenkopf, Jr.

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GEORGE BUSH

September 8, 1988

Mr. Lex Frieden
TIRR Foundation
1333 Moursund
Houston, TX 77030

Dear Lex,

Thank you for accepting my invitation to serve on the Bush/Quayle '88 Disability Coalition. It means a great deal to Barbara and me to have your active support in my bid for the Presidency.

With leadership of people like you, I plan to build on and strengthen the policies of the Reagan-Bush Administration, opposing any discrimination that has kept disabled people out of the American mainstream. I am committed to programs and services that will improve the quality of life for all disabled Americans.

With the support and commitment from persons of your caliber, I am confident I will reach disabled Americans, parents, and disability advocates with my message. Together I am confident that we can enjoy a rewarding victory in November.

Sincerely,


George Bush



Republican National Committee

COALITION DEVELOPMENT

April 12, 1988

Mr. Lex Frieden, Executive Director
National Council on the Handicapped
800 Independence Ave., S.W.
Room 814
Washington, DC 20591

Dear Mr. Frieden:

Thank you for participating in the RNC's March 31 meeting for leaders of the disabled American community. I found the meeting both informative and enlightening. I look forward to receiving your summary and notes on the meeting, as well as increasing the involvement of disabled Americans in our political process at all levels.

Enclosed please find an application to testify at the Republican National Committee's Platform Hearings. In addition, I have also enclosed a news release regarding the hearings.

Domestic issues will be the focus of the May 31 hearing in Kansas City. As noted on the attached form, due to time constraints, all requests to testify in a public forum cannot be filled. Submission of written testimony, however, is both welcomed and encouraged, and will be given comparable consideration by the Platform Committee.

Again, thank you for attending the meeting. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Mark Valente III
Director

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Enclosures

1988 Republican National Convention

Frank J. Fahrenkopf, Jr.
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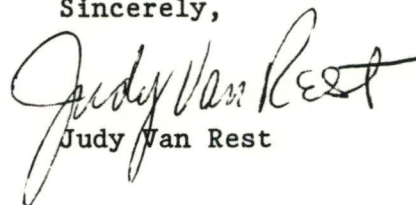
The Hon. Jerry Lewis
Co-Chairman

Judy Van Rest
Executive Director

Thank you for your recent request to appear before the 1988
Temporary Committee on Resolutions (Platform Committee).

To assist us in processing your request, please complete
the attached form and return it to 310 First St. S.E.,
Washington, D.C. 20003. If I can be of further
assistance please don't hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,


Judy Van Rest



1988 Republican National Convention
Temporary Committee on Resolutions (Platform)
The Honorable Kay A. Orr, Chairman
The Honorable Bob Kasten and Jerry Lewis, Co-Chairmen

Procedures for Submitting Testimony

Those requesting the opportunity to testify at one of the Republican platform hearings scheduled for 1988 are asked to provide the following information:

Name: _____

Organization: _____

Occupation: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Issues which you intend to address:

Because we anticipate more people will want to testify than time will allow, we ask those interested to submit this form by the following deadlines and also indicate choice of hearing:

Check location you wish to testify:

___ Washington, D.C. -- March 30; deadline -- March 18

___ Kansas City, Mo. -- May 31; deadline -- May 17

___ Los Angeles, Ca. -- June 30; deadline -- June 16

___ New Orleans, La. -- August 8; deadline -- July 22

The platform office will notify applicants of time, place and other details regarding testimony.

If due to time constraints a request to testify cannot be filled, submission of written testimony is encouraged. Written testimony may be sent to the platform office at any time.

Send requests to testify and written testimony to the 1988 Platform Office, 310 First St., S.E., Washington, D.C. 20003. For further details call (202) 863-8870.

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CONTACT: NADEEN M. WONG
(202) 863-8866

1988 REPUBLICAN PLATFORM HEARINGS SET

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Republican National Committee Chairman Frank J. Fahrenkopf Jr. and Nebraska Governor Kay Orr, chairman of the Temporary Committee on Resolutions (Platform), today announced the 1988 Republican platform hearing schedule.

Said Orr, "These are public, open hearings. I urge every person interested in helping to formulate the Republican Party platform to participate by contributing ideas and viewpoints."

There will be three field hearings each focusing on such areas as economic growth and jobs, children, family, education and the future, energy and the environment, foreign policy and defense, and agriculture. In addition, there will be a day of hearings August 8, 1988, in New Orleans before the Platform Committee convenes.

"We anticipate hearing testimony from everyone concerned and interested in devising the framework for the next administration under Republican leadership," said Fahrenkopf.

Senator Bob Kasten (R-WI) and Rep. Jerry Lewis (R-CA) co-chair the Committee on Resolutions.

Kasten said, "Our party is at a cross-road. Our direction in the post-Reagan era is being determined by voters across the country and our vision for the 1990s will be shaped by this year's platform process."

"As our party focuses on leadership for the dynamic 1990s, it is critical that we hear from a cross-section of Americans, including those not typically associated with the Republican Party," added Lewis.

Governor Orr concluded, "The GOP is preparing for another round of strong, sound leadership. The input from all Americans will help form the base upon which the Republican Party of the next era is built."

The dates and locations of the Republican platform hearings are as follows:

March 30 -- Washington, D.C.
May 31 -- Kansas City, Missouri
June 30 -- Los Angeles, California
August 8 -- New Orleans, Louisiana

Those interested in testifying at the platform hearings can contact the platform office at (202)863-8870. Written testimony should be submitted to:

1988 Platform Office
310 First Street S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20003



The American Bicentennial Presidential Inaugural

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Executive-Director

Stephen M. Studdert

December 6, 1988

Mr. Lex Frieden
TIRR Foundation
1333 Moursund
Houston, Texas 77030

Dear Mr. Frieden:

The American Bicentennial Presidential Inaugural is pleased to inform you that you have been chosen to serve as National Co-Chairman of the Access to Opportunity Committee for the 1989 Inaugural Celebration.

Should you have any questions, please call Devorah Goldberg at the Inaugural Headquarters. The telephone number is (202) 252-3192.

Again, we thank you for serving on the Inaugural team as we build a better America together, through this "Celebration for the Nation."

Sincerely,

Bobby Holt
Co-Chairman

Penne Percy Korth
Co-Chairman

Stephen M. Studdert
Executive Director



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