

Crusader believes female VP could wipe out Red 'threat'

Across the big lake in Milwaukee, Wis., in the historical heartland of American socialism, there is a 58-year old bachelor named Peter Djurovic who has been preaching for some time.

He has written and paid to have published three books. They are "Let A Woman Run America," "Why Not Trust in Women?" and the more decisively titled, "Trust in Women." On the best-seller list they may not be, but Djurovic says 15,000 copies of the three are around somewhere.

And now he's practicing what he preaches. He heads an organization to nominate a woman for vice president in 1980.

The first office opened recently in, unsurprisingly, Milwaukee, Wis., with the official announcement coming at an affair last Saturday in Bruno's Crystal Palace on the south side of Milwaukee. Sixteen people were on hand for the moment.

Djurovic doesn't much care what party the woman is nominated from. In fact, the Yugoslavian immigrant has only one stipulation in mind.

"I'm not supporting radical women — we have enough problems. I want patriotic women."

"It's time to be changed. Nobody can clean house like a woman," he explains.

Djurovic's plan of action represents a somewhat significant departure from past American political practice. He wants to get his vice presidential candidate, then decide who the presidential running mate ought to be.

"Which man is best qualified? I prefer much better to go for a qualified woman," he explained.

A WOMAN's big edge in the American political scene, as far as Djurovic is concerned, is that "she can step on communists infiltrating this country. This is our biggest problem. The greatest enemy today for communism is women. We must protect our country."

If we lose what we have now, we'll have nothing."



Mike Scanlon

Now, nobody can argue with that. So why not go ahead and nominate a woman presidential candidate?

"For a beginning, (vice president) is better. After we go see how much good she's done for the country," Djurovic figures the woman as a shoo-in for The Big One in — you guessed it — 1984.

After all, you start off as "a private, then sergeant. From a sergeant, you go up."

"A lot of people say newspaper people are terrible. Well, we're terrible, too. We don't give people a chance."

The idea of a woman vice president first came to Djurovic as he watched television in "1967, 1968. I see women hit men over the head for burning their draft cards."

"Women are more patriotic than men. I hate to say it. Men are interested in making more money and having a better time."

PATRIOTISM in America has been on a steady decline since the days of World War II. "In Korea it was different. And then in Vietnam we lose prestige all around the world. The greatest country in the world, the best country in the world, can't occupy stupid North Vietnam."

A woman in charge of the troops would also have a big edge, says Djurovic.

"She's not going to send her husband or son or grandson for nothing. Win or get out," he figures she will say.

Djurovic's anti-communism is easily traceable. He is a Serb, from Montenegro, where Marshal Tito has been making the trains run on time for the past 30 years. He's done more than that, to hear Djurovic talk.

"Communists killed my father, my brother, two uncles. I can't go back to Yugoslavia. Even now, 30 years, they'll hang me."

Djurovic says communists "from my country are opening communist TV in Detroit, a communist restaurant."

Asked which ones, he says, "you're a reporter. You know."

He also objects to people from "my country, my hometown, making \$20,000-\$40,000 a year and they don't like this country."

He says they can't wait to start collecting Social Security with one hell of a forwarding address — back home in Yugoslavia.

"Show me one Yugoslavian or Bulgarian who has Social Security from Bulgaria and comes to this country," he says.

HE IS NOT a single-minded crusader, by the way. He has other things on his mind.

"The Constitution should be rewritten. When it was written there were five million people. Now there's 220 million. You don't treat one kid like you treat 10 kids."

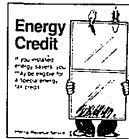
If you're wondering what kind of changes he has in mind, think about the fact that "every bank today has two or three vice presidents. Why does government have one Vice President?"

Maybe because at the rate they charge, we can only afford one.

Anyway, for more information about all this you can call Djurovic at 414-344-4200. They'll pick up the phone and say "344-4200." You ask for Pete.

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