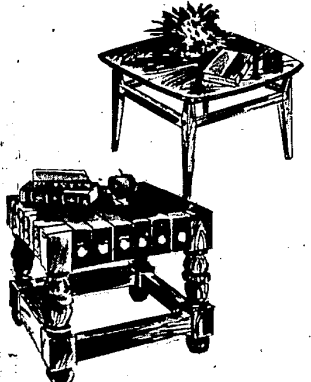


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Why H. H. Humphrey?

EDITOR:

I believe strongly in the tenets of democracy; I believe firmly in the rule of the majority, as long as the minority is not maliciously and viciously treated; most of all I believe in the will of the people. Something, apparently overlooked during the Democratic National Convention in Chicago.

The Johnson-Humphrey ticket was repudiated by the people of this country by a large majority during the primaries preceding the convention, and yet Humphrey won the nomination by an overwhelming margin when the final vote was tabulated.

Please, I am not a dissenting McCarthy supporter; only a dissenting citizen who was a supporter of Senator Robert F. Kennedy, and probably would not have voted for McCarthy had he won. Why buy Humphrey? True the untimely death of R.F. Kennedy left a void in the Democratic Party, but why fill that void with a politician handpicked by the administration already repudiated?

Why didn't they try to come up with a candidate more closely resembling the will of the people to head the ticket? Why tack him on as an afterthought? You cannot win an election on a vice presidential running mate alone and I guess this is what the Democrats hope to do.

Anyone who voted in the Democratic Convention can never forget the poignant eulogy to Senator Robert F. Kennedy; it stood out as the one bright spot in an otherwise dismal display of unanimity. In a well-put-together film clip backed up by the emotion-filled voice of his brother Senator Ted Kennedy, it showed the late Senator at his best.

It showed a man who was loved by the poor because he offered them hope; loved by the black man because he offered them equality; hated by the prejudiced and conservative because he offered them change. In short, it was a magnificent tribute to one candidate who could have gained unanimity for the Democratic Party.

The rest of the convention, though, soured this observer, because clearly the will of the people was ignored in favor of the will of the present administration. The gavel within and the billy-club without the amphitheater put down dissent in a manner more resembling Gestapo tactics than democratic process.

It was apparent throughout the proceedings that the deck

was stacked against the McCarthyites. The picking of the galleries by the Humphrey forces was just one point in a list of grievances that could be filed by the people of this country. This incident alone led one reporter to quip, "It looked as though they came right out of a hiring hall."

Other points were sure significant were the beatings and manhandling dished out to McCarthy supporters; the microphones of certain delegations being turned off when the chair was displeased with what was being said; the over-abundance of credentials above the Humphrey forces in the galleries and the challenging of the credentials of the McCarthy forces; even to the chairman of certain delegations.

But one point, most important to me, because I thought it summed up the whole outlook of this administration, was a phrase used by the Mayor of San Francisco, Joseph Alioto, when nominating Robert Humphrey.

He said in effect from his high office the president must "Look down on a country." Fellow Democrats, I want to see one looking down on me. I want them to represent me! With all these things in mind—and willing to wait for four years until this man more fitting the country's needs can be nominated—I cast one vote, publicly and without shame or regret, for Richard Nixon.

EARL MENARY

Rips Chicago Yuppies

EDITOR:

I think the students in Chicago deserved everything they got.

I have heard that bottles and cans filled with wine were thrown by the demonstrators. Also, glass ashtrays and bags filled with human feces. I understand that out of the over 300 arrested only about 80 were under 20 years of age.

When I hear about so-called children, going to learn violent techniques to hurl at policemen and taking guerrilla classes to learn how to stop policemen, I think it's terrible.

As far as I'm concerned, the policemen in Chicago showed much more restraint than I'm afraid I would have under the same circumstances.

I say we need more Mayor Daleys and a lot of mayors could take a page out of Daley's book.

At least Chicago didn't have 43 dead and they won't have to rebuild their city.

NORMA JEAN PETUS

And Now What...

EDITOR:

An open letter to Mrs. Neal, Smith, Lichtman, Peters, and Clifford.

You voted in favor of a motion to rescind the Board's original letter of opposition to the rezoning of Twelve Mile and Drake Road for the Pulte project. You base this on the concept that fewer children will occupy the apartments and thus create less of a demand on the school system.

Have you considered the fact that these people are also the very people that are traditionally ally opposed to the increased millage to update and improve school districts? Who can blame them?

If we were supporting an eighteen hole golf course, a maintenance crew to take care of our surroundings, and all the other expenses of an apartment with our rent, we'd vote NO to additional millage requests each time. However, in view of the fact that our children attend Wooddale School (and might like it as well) we're ready to support your additional needs now (and we did in June) and in the future.

We have purchased a new home in lovely Farmington, having moved from congested

Birmingham -- Mr. Pulte's "home ground" -- and intend to maintain necessary school taxes to help this become one of Michigan's finest communities.

Can you obtain this kind of support from a family intent on staying in an apartment with no interest in school taxes or their children? We'd happily welcome those 68 extra elementary children with open arms when it means their families have a personal interest in our school and its support. It's a small price to pay for a lovely community, isn't this whole issue rather a case that Mr. Pulte can make a greater profit on the rental of multiple units than can be derived from the sale of single family residences?

We also wonder whether Mr. Pulte's "aid" offer to donate land to the school district might have influenced your decision. Please reconsider this matter with a view toward the future of our community. We've passed our last millage, can we count on future ones?

To Mr. Sanford Bloomberg, who opposed this change, we thank you, and shall clearly remember your name during the next election.

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Defends Police

EDITOR:

Newspapers like you and Tom Wicker do your country a great disservice by defending the demonstrators in Chicago. If these people are our "fellow Americans" and our future leaders, then God help America.

Your "fellow Americans" tore down the flag of our country, trampled it, spit on it, burned their draft cards, shouted Nazi slogans like "Seig Heil" "Heil Hitler" etc., carried Viet Cong flags, threw rocks and bottles at the police, all the while shouting obscenities and insults at them. It was only after they tore down the American flag that the cops charged in, and rightly so.

These bearded people with draft cards are "children?" Call them by their right names, TRAITORS, not fellow Americans.

A policeman is only a man, not a combination of Jesus, John Wayne and King Kong. If you call him names like "pig," he will react. If you spit in his face, he will react. That's why these things were done so that the rioters would be struck down by the police and arrested. Still, not a shot was fired, no one was killed. Disappointing to the marchers, they wanted a martyr.

Perhaps Mayor Daley should have pulled out the police and National Guardsmen and let the heroic newsmen handle the situation. I bet inside a half hour there would be anguished cries for the cops and the more police brutality the better. Without the police and soldiers, Chicago would have been burned to the ground and many people killed.

Let us learn the big difference between the right of free speech and out and out TREASON! Please don't put in my address if you wish to use this letter, which I doubt. One of my "fellow Americans" might come and tear down my flag.

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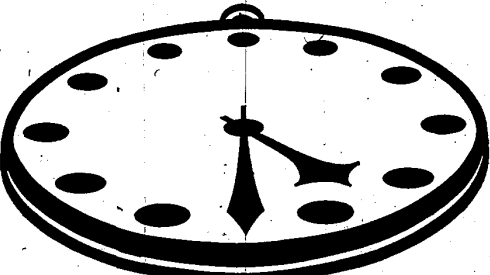


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