

From our readers

On the mark

Editor:

Over the past 35 years I've written a good many letters to your newspaper and a number of them have been sharply critical of your editorial position.

This time I want to extend my congratulations and commendation for the editorial by Henry Hogan Jr. in the Observer & Eccentric on Jan. 30. Mr. Hogan is not always on the mark. In my view... but this time he is—indeed he is. Let the lightning strike and the thunder roll... he spoke his piece with courage—no courage sadly lacking in the Detroit newspapers which could speak to the same point.

May I also thank you for printing the tongue-in-cheek letter about a job of hard-road building in a previously rather unspoiled residential area. I suspect that some of your readers may have missed the exquisite irony of the writer's salute to the road-building mania... a second reading is recommended.

FRANK W. RISING
Troy

No Vietnam money

Editor:

No more money for Vietnam. We must stop the slaughter and destruction. The time for a negotiated settlement is long overdue. A coalition government composed of North Vietnam, South Vietnam and the National Liberation Front could do more to restore harmony than all the bombs in Asia.

PAULA DRU
Birmingham

If Thieu is opposed, it can't be helped. He has had his chance. He must be made to know that we can no longer contribute to the decimation of Vietnam.

Today we recognize—very tardily—that communism is no longer—if indeed it ever was—a monolithic creed. Who can say that China is not better off under Mao than South Vietnam is under Thieu?

THE SAME PRINCIPLE applies to Israel. We can no longer support her expansionist policies. The pre-1967 borders should be re-established and guaranteed. Beyond this Israel must learn to live in peace with her Arab neighbors.

The Palestine Liberation Organization, which is following the same pattern that Israel itself set with its terrorist groups—which became respectable after becoming part of the political picture—must be recognized as the spokesman for the Palestinians. The United States cannot police the world and the sooner we share our role with the United Nations the sooner we can build peace and prosperity at home.

MARGARET B. FISH
Birmingham

our families will not have an opportunity to read it... Thanks again for the exposure of the plight of our missing men who have yet to be accounted for in SE Asia.

ALICE MEYER
Prisoner of War Committee
of Michigan
Troy

Music support

Editor:

The Groves High School Instrumental Music Parents Club's Board of Directors for 1973-74 and 1974-75 would like to express appreciation and thanks to everyone who participated in and contributed to the fund raising projects for the new band and orchestra uniforms. Special thanks to the board of education for its support and patience, to the Chamber of Commerce, the Birmingham City Council, the Beverly Hills Village Council and the Birmingham Observer & Eccentric for their cooperation and to the Groves High School Boosters, the service clubs and civic minded businesses and individuals for their donations.

On Feb. 27 at 8 p.m. in the Groves High School Auditorium, there will be an opportunity for area music lovers to see and hear the talented Groves Instrumental Groups in concert, beautifully attired in their new uniforms.

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Bicentennial post

Editor:

Mr. Hogan in his recent editorial comment on Detroit's Mayor Young cited that, "Hinsoner," had appointed a girlfriend to the \$36,000 a year position of directing Detroit's Bicentennial in 1976.

Permit me to mention that John Warner, National Director of America's Bicentennial, appointed a divorced woman, who is a native of the United Kingdom to the number two position on his national staff in Washington, D.C.

The Daughters of the American Revolution have already protested her appointment to Senator Eastland's Judiciary Committee.

Is this an area of concern to Mr. Hogan also? Or is this a horse of a different color situation?

PATRICK P. COSTELLO
Birmingham

180 degree man

Editor:

The evolution from predictability and relative tranquility to uncertainty and "future shock" has now produced the "180 degree man."

In only five months President Ford has moved from his five per cent surtax proposal to his massive program of deficit finance to stimulate the economy from recession.

The incoming Attorney General Edward Levi is another "180 degree man." In 1964 and 1965, Levi took part in a Ford Foundation project in Wichita, Kan. which installed hidden microphones in jury rooms to eavesdrop on the deliberations of jurors.

NOW 20 YEARS LATER Levi, current President of the University of Chicago and formerly its Law School Dean, says it was a big mistake. Few can argue about that conclusion. Levi isn't even registered to vote and adds that politics in the area in which he resides is so complicated that "I'm not even sure which primary I'd be voting in."

This man should make a splendid Attorney General in the tradition of John Mitchell and Richard Kleindienst. It's too bad we can't have an Elliot Richardson again.

The "180 degree man" generally talks out of both sides of the mouth depending on where the expediency of the moment lies.

The ability to rationalize anything and change direction on a moment's notice is the required flexibility of action which the modern "180 degree man" possesses in abundance. In short, no convictions.

WAITING IN THE WINGS now is the non-indicted co-conspirator of Watergate, Richard Milhouse Nixon, who currently is sending out signals indicating his probable "360 degree" comeback attempt into public affairs. What a man.

I beg your pardon, Mr. President, but please try to give us leaders of character, who respect our constitution and participate in our political process without being flip-flap artists. The public psyche can't take much more than "90 degree men" at this point in time.

May the CIA and FBI forgive this expression of free speech. In honor of our Bicentennial next year, let us renew what is right about America and wrap it in honesty and integrity in all walks of life.

RALPH E. SCHUMAKER
Bloomfield Hills

To all fathers

Editor:

(An open letter to all fathers) Today your son ran into a Pinto containing a friend and me. The car door was completely smashed, but luckily I put it in quotes? none was hurt and his nice big car had no marks.

While he willingly put his admission of guilt in a police report, when my friend's father contacted you, you this "loving" father placed the total burden of guilt on the wrong party, claiming the girl backed her car sideways into your son's even though she was

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