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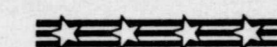


Well, it has happened again, the Dartmouth Review once more has hit the national news. For those of you unfamiliar with the present uproar, The Dartmouth Review runs a quote from Teddy Roosevelt at the top of their masthead. On one recent issue a saboteur inserted within this quote a line from Adolf Hitler. The Administration of the college immediately accused the Review of anti-semitism and called for an anti-hate rally, which of course was really a bash-the-

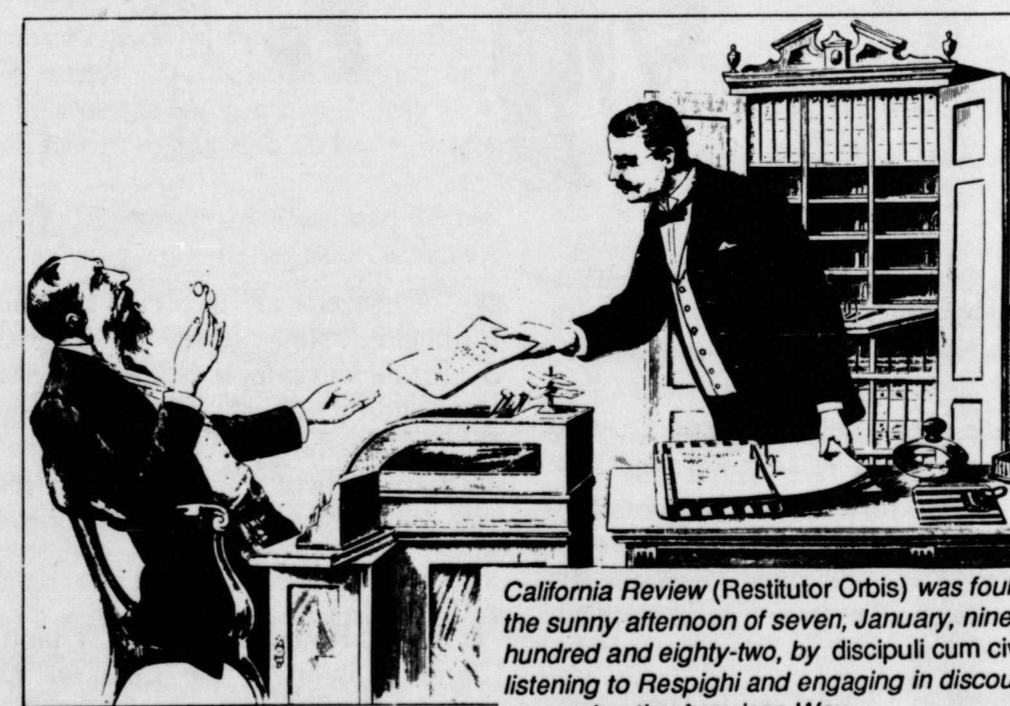
Review rally. The charge is a patently false one is demonstrated not only by the Review's editorials regarding Israel, but also by the simple fact that among the staff is one whose family lost 30 relatives in the Nazi Holocaust. The editor of the Review apologized for the quote and explained it was an act of sabotage and that the perpetrator would be found and punished. As soon as the sabotage was discovered the Review staff scoured the campus and destroyed all the issues they could find. This however, was not good enough for some who would like to see the Review banished from the face of the earth. Justice is seems is only applied to liberals, for conservatives are routinely damned to hell whatever the case, whatever the facts. A university is supposed to be the place of open minded learning and study of all sides and aspects of intellectual problems and issues. However, it seems that Dartmouth College, like many universities and colleges across the country, only accepts one view on

any issue (the leftist view) and if they can silence the conservative voice on campus so much the better for them, so much the worse for the students. Here at the California Review, we express our solidarity with our unjustly accused comrade in New Hampshire. It appears that the true students of Adolf Hitler at Dartmouth are those members of the administration and student left who are demonstrating their expertise at applying the techniques of Nazi propagandist Joseph Goebbels. America still believes in truth and justice though it seems those at Dartmouth College have forgotten both.

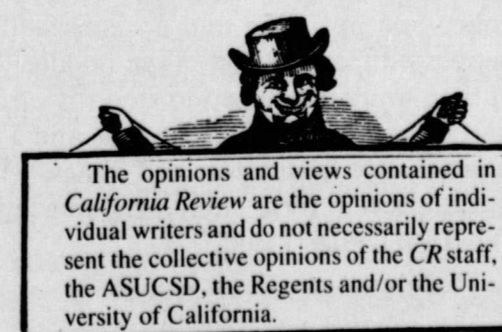
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In Review

■ So far, New York Mayor David Dinkins has not taken up the recommendation of the Rev. Al Sharpton to rename the city "New King" in honor of Martin Luther King. We're surprised the Reverend did not want the city named after himself.

■ Yet another reason to attack Iraq. The World Society for the Protection of Animals reports that Iraqi soldiers have eaten more than two-thirds of the edible animals in Kuwait's zoo. As of press date, Greenpeace has not sent troops to join the multi-national force in Saudi Arabia.

■ Until September, the state of Michigan allowed its Medicaid clients twenty-four free condoms a day.

■ The American Left, with the collapse of communism, has had to eat a lot of its words lately. Now, it seems, it will have to eat some more. Despite the overwhelming evidence that FDR aid, Alger Hiss, was a member of an underground Soviet-run espionage ring, the Left has long maintained that Hiss was the victim of a witch hunt and a deranged Whittaker Chambers. A new book by KGB defector, Oleg Gordievsky, however, confirms that Hiss was, indeed, a Soviet agent.

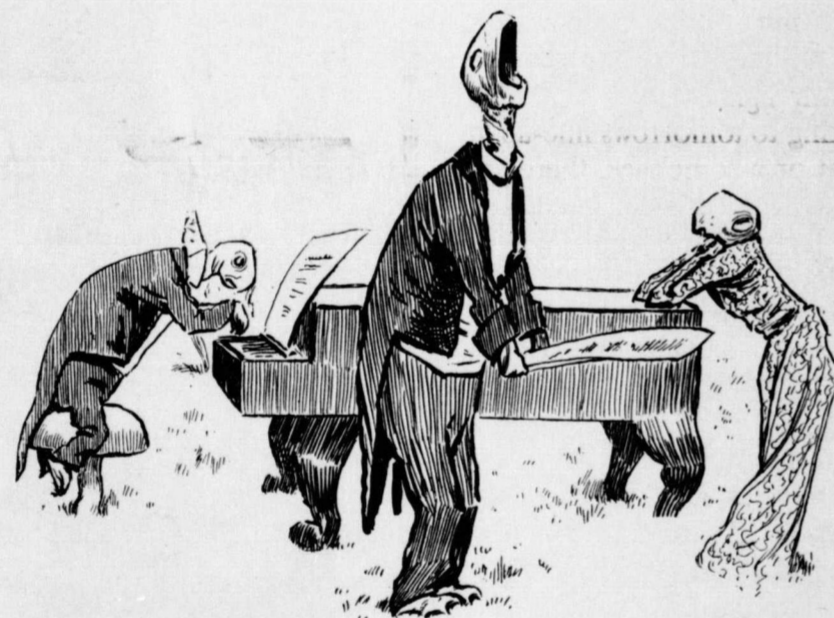
■ A California company has come out with a brandy-bottle cremation urn housed in an old liquor cabinet that plays "How Dry I Am" when opened.



■ This one got lost in the file, but it is too classic not to print. Last summer, a five day war broke out in Papua New Guinea after two remote tribes had a disagreement over how a pig should be served at a peace ceremony.



■ In London, George Washington was put on trail—even though we would have thought that the statutes of limitation were up. The defense team of six leading Chicago and New Jersey attorneys argued that as King George had broken his compact with the colonists, Washington had acted in self-defense. The prosecution (which included one American) argued that the British government had acted quite reasonably. The panel of judges, however, decided for the defense.



■ In Lagos, Nigeria, police arrested 150 people on charges of spreading false rumors that sorcerers were stealing men's genitals.

■ In election notes, we would like to extend our congratulations to Republican "Duke" Cunningham, San Diego's newest congressman. He defeated incumbent liberal Democrat, Jim Bates, in the 44th District.

■ The American Left did get to cheer the fact that Gorbachev was awarded the nobel peace prize. Gorbachev apparently is the first one to receive the award for not invading other countries to put down peaceful popular uprisings. And, of course, it was eight years of an uncompromising Reagan administration which forced the Soviet leadership to face a new reality.

■ A Houston woman was acquitted of illegally using a men's restroom during a George Strait concert. The defendant, Denise Wells, claimed that the lines at the women's restrooms were too long, and that she did not enter the men's room in a manner calculated to cause a disturbance—which is what the ordinance outlaws. Instead, she said that she covered her eyes and apologized to the men in the restroom, and that her remark about leaving the toilet seat up was just a nervous reaction. After the verdict Wells was, well, "relieved."

■ In Great Britain, courageous firemen went back into a burning house to save the treasured pet of some children. The pet tarantula is now doing fine.

■ More evidence that men are throwing off the shackles of female dominance. Japan's Crown Prince Naruhito has proclaimed that he does not need a wife because he can operate a washing machine by himself.

■ Children at St. Paul's School in Burlington, New Jersey were given the opportunity to sample G.I. rations. Most all the children thought the food disgusting. One student, however, exclaimed "It's great - what is it, beef with gravy?" In reality, it was dried pears, saltines and a brownie.

■ Doug Robarchek in his "Dumb Crook News" column in the *Charlotte Observer*, reports the story of one San Diego robbery victim trying to identify the robber in a police line up. The line up consisted of 5 people with the suspect in the middle. Each of them were instructed to step forward and say "Give me all your money -- and I need some change in quarters and dimes." When the suspect's turn came, he blurted out "That isn't what I said."

Take Me Out To The Ball Game

By E.M. Sanchez

Mr. Giamatii warned me this would happen but I didn't listen because I am young. I'm vulnerable and I love baseball. The season is over and now I have a broken heart, and in his words, I've been "left to face the fall alone." Oh, you can scoff all you want and say to yourself it's only a game. Blasphemy! Baseball is more than just a sport, it is... well, baseball just is. What other pastime holds a nation captive for six months every year? What other pastime draws people from every walk of life, young and old, believer and non-believer into one massive, passionate gathering? No other recreation has this power over us.

Why is this so? The game itself is simple, pure and self explanatory. There is no script - no telling what will happen. If your team does not take the pennant this year, as so many of us masochistic Padre fans are all too aware of, there is always hope for next year. The only thing definite about the game is that there is always next year. And while fans at the ballpark are scarfing franks, filling their scorecards, throwing their own signals to the opposing pitcher, and looking to tomorrow's line-up in hopes of a repeat or a comeback, there are always those of us who turn our heads and look back to its legends and lore. We, its fans and its lifeblood, cannot forget the likes of Connie Mack and his Philadelphia Athletics. We cannot forget the Miracle Mets or the Dodger Bums. Holy cow, we cannot forget.

From its genesis, baseball's magic has been recorded by the best of the best. From J.F.Cooper to Kerouac, Rockwell to Warhol, Abbot to Costello (takes all kinds

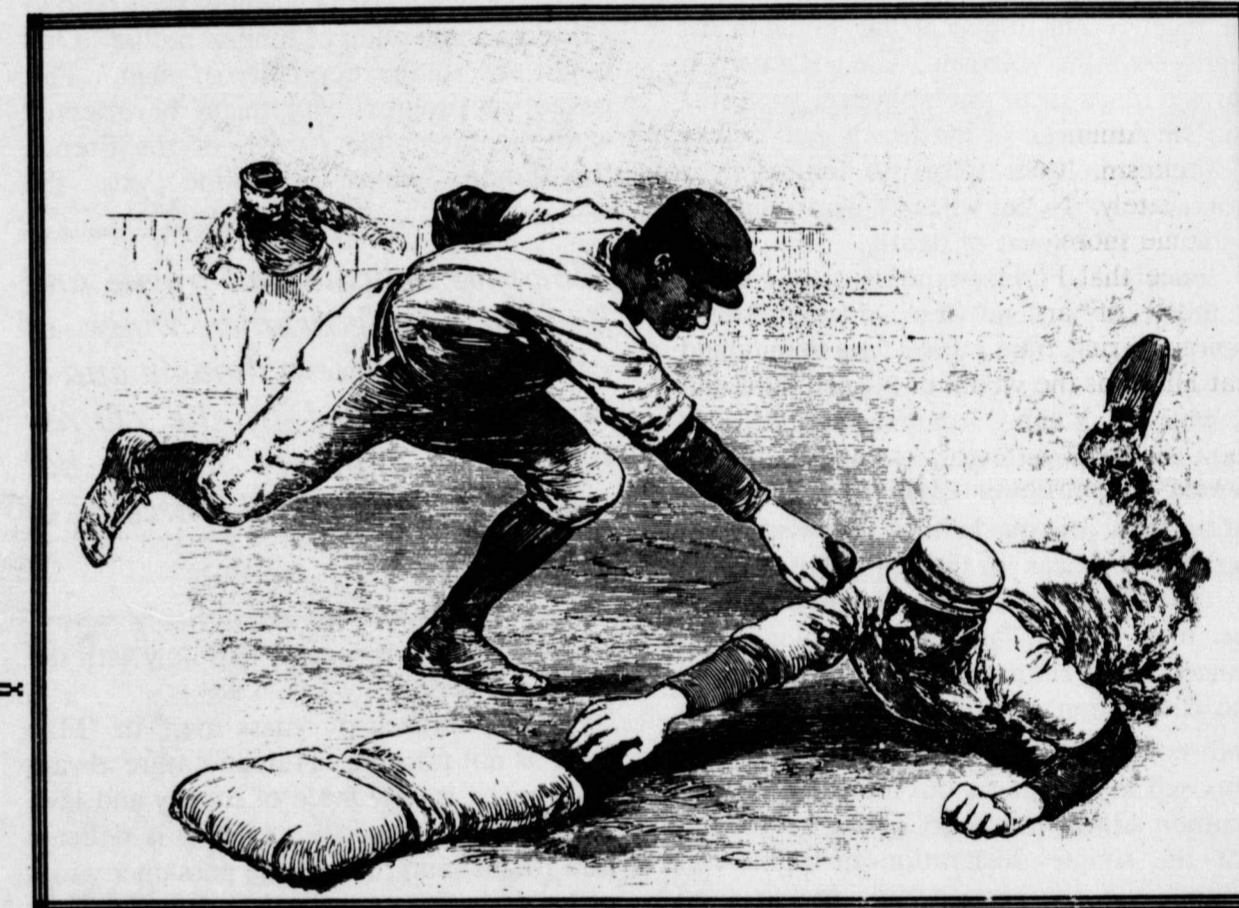
some of the most brilliant American talents have sworn allegiance to, as *Bull Durham's* creator Ron Shelton deemed it, the Church of Baseball. Universities even offer courses in baseball literature. Should this come as any surprise to us when there is an abundance of quality literature available on the subject? Take Ray Kinsella's *Shoeless Joe*, for example. I challenge anyone who has read this book or seen its movie adaptation, *Field of Dreams*, to look me in the eyes and honestly say it is anything less than amazing.

Believe it or not (at the risk of losing your soul) there is even a touring exhibit called *Diamonds are Forever: Artists and Writers on Baseball*, and this supports my claim that baseball is immortal. Recently, the exhibit was here in Southern California at the San Diego Museum of Contemporary Art and it drew quite a crowd. It is possibly the best compilation of Americana touring the country right now.

What makes this exhibit so fascinating is its set up. Almost every visual medium is represented; painting, sculpture, videos, photographs and memorabilia. To top it off, excerpts are taken from baseball literature and placed throughout to give a sampling of what is available. One piece, Kim MacConnell's *Green Sliding* (1980) consists of two folded silkscreens on die cut and folded paper, and depicts a catcher applying "the tag" to the sliding base runner. This three dimensional work is one of my personal favorites because it does not represent any particular game or team or player but rather focuses on the familiarity of an image every fan can relate to.

These were some of my favorites, and there is not enough room to discuss each work. For those of you who are interested, and missed the opportunity to see this exhibit in person, there is a book by the same title available on the exhibit. It is authored by Peter H. Gordon and is available in both paper and hardbound. It contains the art of the exhibit as well as the literature. Another recommendation for baseball literature is Grossanger and Kerrane's, *Into the Temple of Baseball*.

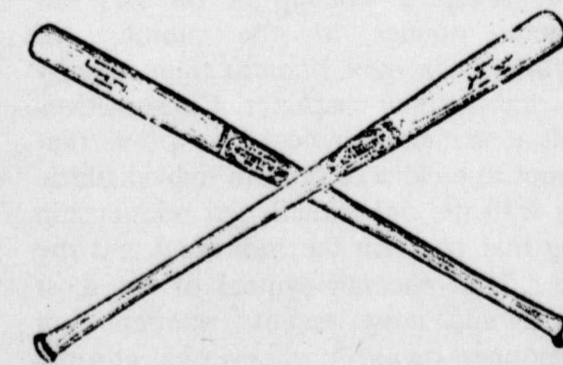
If you think we are just a bunch of fanatics and that baseball is just a passing



The range of visual art spans from the sublime perfection of Ron Cohen's *Willie Mays* (1978, acrylic and oil on canvas) to the dry humor of Michael Langenstein's *Play Ball* (1982, postcard collage). *Willie Mays* depicts the legendary over-the-shoulder catch of Willie Mays while reminding the viewer that this not only was an historical moment in baseball but it also has an aesthetic, geometrical feel to it. Most important, it presents an icon of our society. Langenstein, like Cohen and MacConnell, also plays on our familiarity of a scene, but this time draws on the classics - Michelangelo's *Creation* scene in the Sistine chapel with a twist, the hand of the Creator throwing a split-fingered fastball to Adam's waiting hand. Fanaticism is also represented with Ruth Orkin's *Baseball During a Blizzard* (1979), which shows a game uninterrupted by the fact that it is surrounded by the most undesirable of weather conditions.

fancy or something prime time viewing non-sports fans have to endure, then wake up and smell the coffee! Baseball is a part of America's past, present, and future. Baseball is.

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The Essence of Conservatism

By Matthew Robinson

Standing on the edge of a cliff is a battered warrior in shining armor. Withdrawn and tired he stares into the depths of mists that have enveloped his adversary, watching the curling vortices that testify to the grim passage of his foe. The ancient warrior has seen such struggles to the mortal end, many times, but this one combat ends as quietly as it began. His muscles are sinewy and bulging, but he relies more on the strength and resilience of his will. His adversary was the murderous sort he has seen many times but this foe had challenged all the principles he fought and stood for. This cliff is actually a secluded battlefield in the plains of the mind. As real as any tangible field of battle this site of war has as many casualties as its physical counterpart.

The ancient warrior is conservatism and the most recent enemy to fall beneath his mighty sword is Marxism. The conservative warrior hunts those metaphysical sorcerers who weave magic in the hearts and beliefs of society in their effort to realize their utopian worlds - but whose only production is the cool darkness of death.

essential to understanding conservatism is the conservative view of the French Revolution. The grim doctrines and metaphysical abstractions of Rousseau came to fruition and the atomistic dissection of the *ancien regime* began as men attempted to fashion society with the tools of rationalism, leaving behind the wisdom of their provenances for the counsel of despair.

The Revolution ironically gave birth to the most cogent and lucid apologist for conservatism, Edmund Burke. Burke saw in the Revolution a great tremor in the ideas and politics of the world. He was not opposed to revolution, but his keen political acumen saw at the heart of the revolution not the simple declaration of rights but rather the unprecedented razing and destruction of the old institutions for the sake of the theories and utopian speculations.

The social fabric had been torn to make room for the artful designs of rationalism. Western man had committed the ultimate hubris thinking that the complex nexus of human institutions and relationships could be remade by men. And like the most gut wrenching of Greek tragedy it could only end with the suicide of Western man.

What conservatives see in society is not an unprincipled worship of the old but aesthetic wonder at the plurality of institutions that give humans their identity and compose their character. Conservatives recoil at the metaphysical blue prints that attempt to build society from individualistic units with the only sanctioned relationship being that between the individual and the state. "The uncanny symbol of the most ancient and most recent experience of philosophers on earth: whoever has at some time built a 'new heaven' has found the power to do so only in his *own hell*." For this reason conservatives may appear in opposition to "progress" such as that found

in child care legislation which extends the hand of the government into the realm of the family, the single most important institution in society.

Conservatism, because it is not ideology, suffers when perceived as nothing but obscurantism. But a definition of conservatism hinges on principles, no the rock of an ideology; it is rather, the negation of ideology. Our conservative warrior does not profess a system of thought that extends to all government and all times. He defends those ideas to which he is native against those that manifest themselves in the guise of the inexorable progress of man.

To the conservative this idea of progress, of the ineluctable evolution of human morals is ludicrous, even deleterious as it blinds man to the realities of the world. Conservatives since Thucydides have held to a darker conception of human nature. One might say to the depravity of man. This gospel of progress that might be effected with the brush-like strokes of the French Revolution, whose guillotine was the

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surgeon's knife, is seen to end only with the surgeon's death.

A new citizen or "mass man" or "Mao man" is not possible. Human nature always wills out, it is only force of society and laws that produce freedom. Liberty is delicate and fragile, and flies on the gossamer wings of centuries of western thought and is best not handled by the clumsy hands of human artifice but tended by the gentle breeze of prudence.

Liberty and equality are western notions that have developed under the aegis of Western social institutions. Liberty and equality must be secured by society; their fruits lay in the shade of what Burke called those "little platoons." It is in these "little platoons" such as the church, the family, and the local community that freedom is preserved and the individual identifies himself. My freedom is dependent of the well ordered society in which an energetic government is primarily interested in "preserving the rules of the game." Atomistic divisions only produce alienation and despair.

Conservatives further hold, as Russell Kirk says, that there is a "transcendent moral order on which to base society." Certain moral prescriptions are required and valuable. Man is what he thinks. His view and place in the moral order mould his conceptions about his life and fellow citizens. Without these moral chains which restrict desire from within, the object of

government is repressive and is challenged to restrain these animal appetites from without. Burke said, "It is stamped in the eternal constitution of things that men of intemperate minds cannot be free. Their passions forge their fetters."

Conservatives believe in a natural hierarchy within society in which it is the object of government to bring the talented, whether rich or poor, to the leadership of the state. Indeed, without a natural aristocracy in control Jefferson says society has little more cohesive power than a rope of sand. For this reason it is easy to see why conservatives are dismayed with Congress.



This of course has been a recurring criticism of conservatives - that they are inextricably bound to aristocracy. "For forms of government let fools contest/ Whate'er is best administered is best." Perhaps in the light of the historical lineage this argument has force. But in the context of aristocracy's literal definition "the rule of the excellent" it is obvious this ought to be the goal of all governments.

Conservatism merely sees a realistic need to have an open ruling elite. James Burnham in *The Machiavellians: Defenders of Freedom*, provides a sweeping criticism that all governments are oligarchies in ruling form. A small group must lead the large for the sake of practical reasons. The most efficient manner in which to guarantee democracy is through decentralized and efficient federal government.

Communism, which amalgamated the Conservative movement into cogent political force, has crumbled on the world stage in the face of internal disintegration. Critics

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argue, that this leaves the conservative movement without its binding element. The modern American Left gloats that even though their communist brother is dead, conservatism is assuredly in decline. A fair trade they would no doubt contend.

As the conservative warrior turns away from the abyss of nothingness into which communism has plunged, is he left with no opponents?

Most emphatically, no. A further principle of conservatives is the chastening historical realization that theirs is a continuing and unending struggle. There will always be malcontents in society whose goals are to re-engineer society and the human race to their abstract omburations, or who are simply bent on plunder and rapine.

Irving Kristol made a salient point in 1978 declaring "that the enemy to liberal capitalism is today not so much socialism as nihilism." This challenge by a system of thought professing the view that man's end is nothingness - one useless proposition devoid of moral value, is a most serious threat to civilization and to humanity itself. The pervading influence of this doctrine is more pronounced in the modern university and subtly operates in the world with a deracinating influence on the moral framework of Western culture.

Conservatives naturally hold from the principles stated above that the realm of civilization truly exists in the human heart and mind. Institutions slowly evolved and are painstaking and unconscious realizations of this cultivating of the human soul.



Richard M. Weaver states this truth magnificently,

"Civilization is a discipline, an achievement in self-culture and self-control, and the only civilizing agent is a spirit manifesting itself through reason, imagination, and religious inspiration and giving a sort of mintage to acts which would otherwise be without meaning.

A civilized tradition implies a center, from which control is exerted, and it is through this control that we give quality to actions. Civilized man carries a sense of restraint into his behavior both toward nature and his fellow being."

Nihilism offers no conciliation for the human spirit but a cold grave. A place to rest a weary idea that man is more than a complex machine. Nihilism destroys the reason for civilization and leaves states to control an animal populace in which might is right. The subtlety of human thought and culture eludes this barbaric mind condemning civilization to the rubble and ashes of pillage.

No, the conservative warrior cannot sheath his sword yet.

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California Review Interviews

Dixy Lee Ray is a former governor of the state of Washington. She also served as Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, and as Assistant Secretary of State for the U. S. Bureau of Oceans. Harper's magazine named Dr. Ray one of the ten most influential women in the country. Dr. Ray has been the recipient of many awards and honors, including the United Nations Peace prize. Dr. Ray has been a long-time member of the Zoology faculty at the University of Washington, and is author of the new book *Trashing the Planet: How Science Can Help Us Deal with Acid Rain, Depletion of the Ozone, and Nuclear Waste (Among Other Things)*. Recently, Dr. Ray took time to talk with CR's editor-in-chief, Brooke Crocker.

CR: The Washington Post recently had a front page headline that stated that acid rain helped to prevent global warming. Is this a sign that many people are hopelessly confused about environmental issues?

RAY: Well it is much more complex than that. Acid rain has many causes, but one of the important causes is sulfur dioxide. Sulfur dioxide causes particles to form in the atmosphere and those particles tend to reflect sunlight, and hence can add to a cooling affect if there are a lot of sulfur dioxide particles in a cloud. Both the question of acid rain and of global warming are far more complex than the headlines can possibly convey.

CR: You tend to down play the fears of many environmentalists, but would you deny that air pollution is a problem?

RAY: I would say that air pollution is certainly a question with which we should have considerable concern to do a better job of preventing emissions from getting into the atmosphere. But, I would also say that in the twelve years since the original clean air act, the air pollution problems have enormously improved in most places in the country. There is also no medical evidence of severe health problems or deaths being caused by air pollution. The most commonly expressed problem with respect to human health is respiratory infection, especially for those who have asthma. But it is not a severe health problem.

CR: In your book, *Trashing the Planet*, you point out that rain is naturally acidic and that volcanoes spout out more pollutants into the air than all of human industry.

RAY: That is correct.

CR: Then is pollution more of a natural problem than a man-made problem?

RAY: Man contributes to it, but nature has, in many cases, a larger contribution.

CR: Do you think that over-population is a fundamental cause of pollution problems?

RAY: Well, when you say over-population it already suggests that there are too many people. I don't think that any of us on this planet are wise enough to say how many people are too many. What we do know is that when people's economic status is low they tend to have a lot of children, and whenever in any society the economic status of people has improved, the birth rate goes down. And that should give us a clue about what we need to do in order to stabilize a human population if we think it is growing too rapidly.

"What happens in science has an effect on everyone's lives."

CR: Commercials for the "Big Green" initiative in California state that "We've listened to the experts. Now it is time to tell the experts what we believe." Would you call this approach of the people versus the experts typical of the environmental movement as a whole?

RAY: Unfortunately, many of the environmental issues get wrapped up in emotionalism and tend to overlook the facts. It is easy to become sentimental about nature; it is easy to get emotional about perceived dangers. The important thing is to keep our heads and apply common sense and not get carried away by sentimentality.

CR: In your opinion, are pesticides really necessary?

RAY: Yes, there is no question about that. All one has to do is to read the history of crop growing before we had pesticides to control the pests.

CR: Many people are frightened of nuclear energy. You think they should not be. Why?

RAY: Fright is usually rooted in ignorance, and if people would take the time to understand how nuclear energy is produced and what its record is, I think that would eliminate most of the fright. We have now in this country 112 nuclear power plants operating which supply 20% of our electricity, and if that doesn't sound like very much, that is more than all the electricity we used in this country in 1970.

CR: What is to be done with nuclear waste?

RAY: What is to be done is a political question, not a technical one. Technically, scientists have known for a long time how to take care of nuclear waste in a safe and permanent manner. The problem is that politicians have not been able to make up

their minds as to what procedure to use and exactly where it should go. The earth itself is radioactive. By enclosing the radioactive waste in glass and steel barriers and putting it into the earth, you are doing something with it that means it cannot spread from there. This technique is used in most of the countries of the world that have nuclear power. That includes France, England, West Germany, and many others.

CR: Radiation already plays an important role in medicine. Can you tell us about that?

RAY: Yes. Radioactive materials are used in several ways. Radioactive isotopes are used both in diagnosis and in treatment. For example, if one wants to determine if there is a problem with one's heart, some of the choices are surgery in order to take a look, or use radioactive isotopes that will circulate in the blood and give you a picture of the heart's activity that can be taken without any surgery. The same thing is true for problems with the brain. Brain tumors can be detected and analyzed without surgery using what are called radioactive tracers. Also, the radioactive procedures are used for treatment because you can combine them with what are called monoclonal antibodies and you can inject them and they will take the radioactivity to the site of an incipient tumor, and by means of their radioactivity, destroy the tumor cells but not touch the healthy ones. The whole field of nuclear medicine is a vast success story for our knowledge of nuclear science.

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CR: Last year we heard a lot about the depletion of the ozone and the greenhouse effect. This year they seem less in vogue. Are these real problems or fashionable worries?

RAY: For the most part they are fads. There is no question about the fact that carbon dioxide is increasing in the atmosphere and it is a fascinating study to try to figure out why that is so. Over the past century we have had an increase of about 25%, and most scientists agree that most of the significant contribution of that is that people are using fossil fuels. But the effect of that increase, and whether it will cause global warming, and if it does, what the effect of the global warming will be, is very much open to question. The fact is that despite a 25% increase of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere there has so far been no warming at all. And if the theories

Environmental Expert Dixy Lee Ray

about carbon dioxide's contribution to global warming were correct, they should have been by now a 2 to 4 degree increase in world-wide temperature, and there has not. Nature is a lot more complicated than scientific theories or what you can show in a laboratory.

CR: How serious a problem is deforestation?

RAY: In the United States, it is not a problem. We have more than 20% greater forested areas today than we did at the start of this century. That is due to two things. One is that lumber companies have been

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reforesting two to three trees for every one that they cut. There is more standing timber today than we have had for a long time. The second thing that has increased the woodland and the amount of forest land in the western hemisphere has been our use of pesticides and herbicides in agriculture, which has allowed more food to be grown on less land. Similar things have taken place in Europe and in the northern hemisphere. Reforestation has maintained a balance or has actually increased the forested areas.

The problem is in the Brazilian rainforest, which is only a small part of the forests of the world, and I think the problem has been highlighted to the point where the Brazilian government is beginning to take actions to prevent further destruction.

CR: What do you consider the most pressing scientific problem currently facing the United States?

RAY: People's ignorance of science.

CR: What do you think of the state of science education in America today?

RAY: Alas, it is in a very sad state in one way. Let me make it very clear that I think we do a tremendously good job in teaching those young people who want to become scientists and engineers. We turn out the best scientists and the best engineers in the world. People come here from all over the world to get the kind of science education that we are capable of giving. What we do not do well is teach about science and a

general appreciation about science to those people who are not going to become scientists. That is easily 80% of the student population. If we compare it to another field of endeavor, we teach science as if everybody was going to become a scientist, and that is like teaching music and expecting everybody to become a concert pianist or an opera singer. Most people will not make their living in that field, but since science, and what happens in science, has an effect on everyone's lives, it becomes very important that all people have a basic understanding and appreciation of what science can do for them.

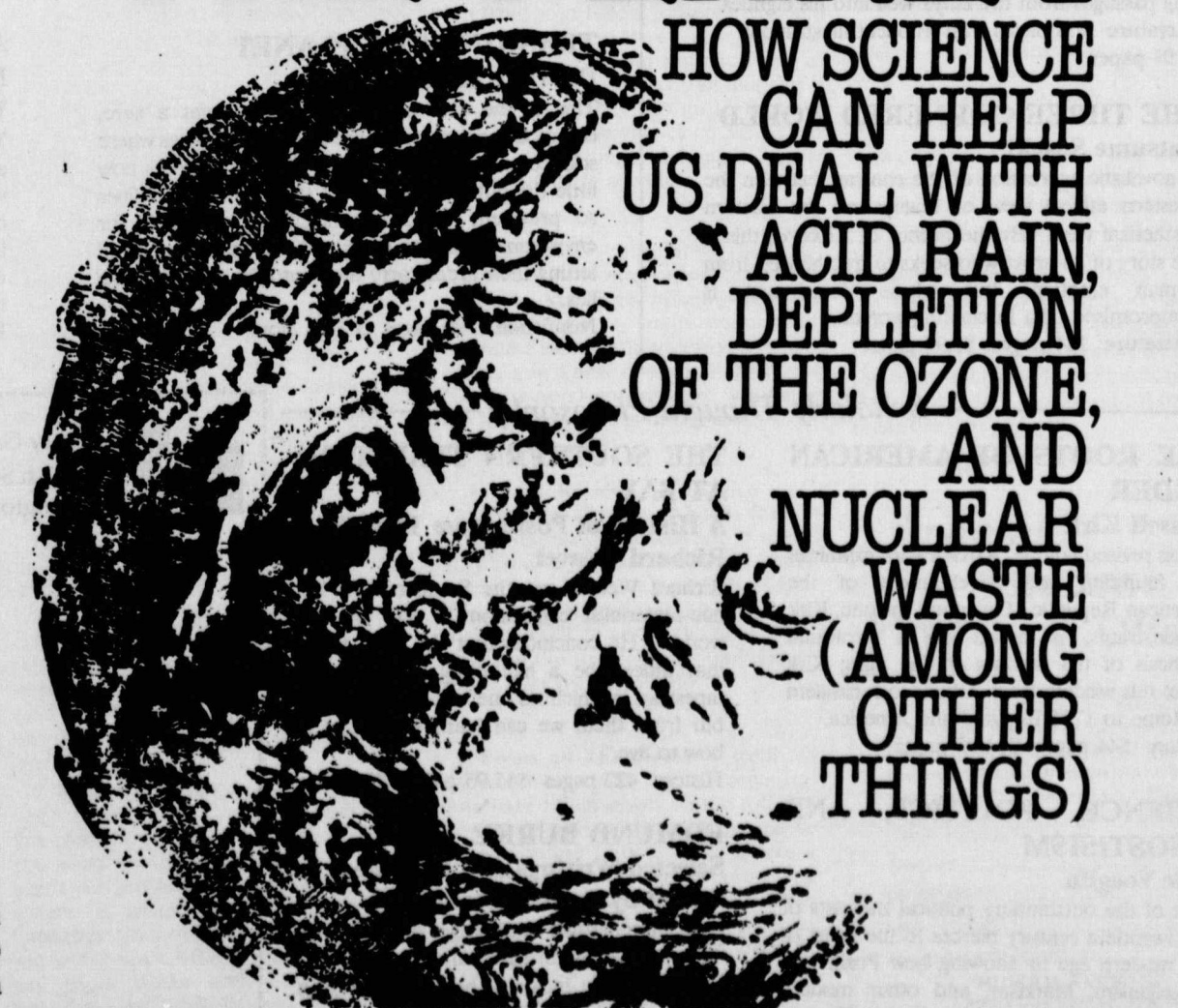
CR: Finally, you are a strong believer in the benefits of technology. But some have argued that the problems science faces today in explaining the benefits of new

technology is that TV and other technological marvels have helped to stupefy people's brains. Do you agree with that?

RAY: No. You can see a lot of stupefying things on television, but you do not necessarily have to allow yourself to be stupefied by it. I think we do not make enough effort to see both sides of every issue. I think the problem is that science and important issues in science that affect people are treated as news, and that means that what may tend to be controversial or dangerous is always played up. The old saying that good news is no news is as true here as any place else. Until we can find ways to present both sides of the question, and particularly the benefits that are derived, in as exciting a fashion as we present the perceived horrors, we are going to have a problem. But eventually I think peoples' common sense will take over.

Dixy Lee Ray with Lou Guzzo

TRASHING THE PLANET



To Politicians: A Modest Proposal

By Michael Thome

Will politicians ever be able to earn our trust? I know, it sounds impossible. You're probably saying "Yeah right, and Saddam Hussein was runner-up for the Nobel Peace prize." Using the word "trust" in the same sentence as "politicians" is like saying the Americans trapped in Iraq really are "guests" of the government. However, I am going to humor myself a little. I have compiled five ways a politician might be able to garner some respect from the American people. One, during a campaign a politician should engage in as much mud-slinging as possible to cloud the issues facing the voter. Two, a politician should never give a straight answer to a question. This would be too honest. Three, a politician



should always do what his campaign contributors desire, after all they gave him money. Four, a politician must support the most popular side of an issue. It is only natural that a politician should sacrifice his/her personal values. I would never vote for somebody who stood up for what he/she believed. Geraldo Rivera, now there is someone with a little integrity. Five, and most importantly, a politician should be most concerned with being re-elected. How else can we ensure that incumbents remain in office until they die. I know it seems a long way off, but one day I believe politicians can achieve these goals.

Michael Thome is a junior at UCSD.

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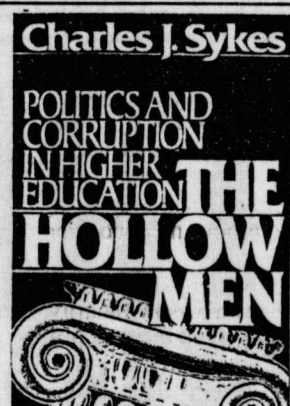
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The Fate of the Mini-Dorms

By Sherry Lowrance

Most people consider it a basic right to live where, and with whom, they choose. The Supreme Court has upheld this as a constitutional right many times, usually in the case of racial or sexual minorities. For example, the Supreme Court held in *Shelley vs. Kraemer* (1948) that black families can live where they want, and thus outlawed race restrictive covenants. Here in San Diego, City Councilmember Abbe Wolfshiemer is introducing a proposal which appears much like a restrictive covenant embellished in law, only aimed not at racial minorities, but at students.

Wolfshiemer's proposal attempts to regulate "mini-dorms"—housing used by students to live off-campus. The mini-dorms are usually houses in residential areas. But nearby residents, mostly older families and other non-students, complain about noisy parties and parking problems. Wolfshiemer's answer is to create legislation to force students out of these areas.

The proposal would define these rental units as businesses, which would then be prohibited under existing regulations in single family residence zoning. In addition, regulations would be imposed on commercial rental units in "multi-residence zones" regarding room size, bathrooms, and parking.

There are many problems with this proposal. First and foremost, this legislation is aimed at a specific minority, namely students. Had this minority been a racial minority, certainly the proposal would have been instantly branded as discriminatory. But some appear to have no problem with zoning a specific age group out of their sight.

The legislation also abridges property rights. This is actually nothing new in the area of zoning, which infringes upon property rights all the time. This particular example would not allow a person owning property in a single residence area to do what he or she wants to do with it. Not only is that frustrating, it is also wrong. When someone can tell a property owner what can or cannot be done with that property, it is a direct infringement of property rights.

The worst effect of this proposal, should it become law, is the effect it would have on the local housing situation. As students are forced out of residential housing, apartments in multi-residence zones will be harder to find as demand exceeds the capability of the area. Students will have to pay more for rent in an already high-rent area because of high demand and the cost of the imposed regulations on apartments. Undoubtedly, students will have to go farther from campus to find affordable housing.

Noise and parking can often be a problem, and the complaint is quite legitimate. But the solution is worse than the problem. The problem could be compared to a community concerned about crime in the neighborhood, whose solution is to make all the black people move from the area. But targeting a specific minority and putting them out of sight, they hope to fix the problem.

Keep in mind that there are existing laws regarding noise, parking, and so on. Also remember that the student population of UCSD is supposed to increase to around 30,000 in less than ten years, with no new construction of student housing in sight. The situation would be much better if we

had more and affordable student housing on campus, but as the problem presents itself now, more student housing is a long way off.

This is an issue about which every student should be concerned. Students can express their opinions effectively by writing to Wolfshiemer, who is the La Jolla and University City representative to the City Council, or to whomever their respective representatives are, at 202 C Street, San Diego, CA 92101. Notice how your representatives vote on this proposals, and vote when the Council members come up for their re-election. Don't ignore this issue—it is important for student rights, property rights, and your college education.

Sherry Lowrance is a Junior at UCSD.

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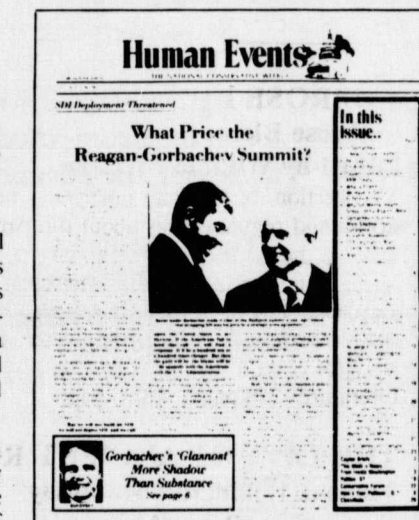
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A Look Back At California Review

By Brooke Crocker

California Review has reached a minor milestone in our eight years at UCSD, we have now printed our 50th issue. Though this may not seem an awe inspiring accomplishment to some, considering what the Review has gone through it is an amazing accomplishment. This newspaper ran for years on money earned by the editors at speaking engagements with no AS money as other media received. The Review was not only denied AS funding, but it was also denied office space. It took a law suit to finally rectify the situation and ensure that free speech rights would be applied across the board, despite the administration's and other campus liberals' dislike for the conservative way. It was never smooth sailing for the Review, editors were threatened, their homes were vandalized (by a former UCSD professor no less), but through it all, the staff of the Review persevered and now we present to you some of the classic letters we have received over our eight years in print -- the good, the bad, and the ugly.

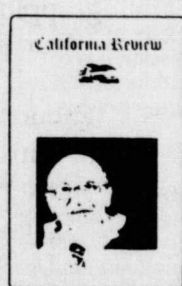
Dear Mr. Young:

Delighted at the prospect of a California Review. Thanks for the advance notice

Yours cordially,
William F. Buckley Jr.
Dictated in Switzerland.
May 1982



Neil Reagan/Nathaniel Branden
Milton Friedman/Ann Watson



Dear Mr. Young:

Congratulations. It is lively, literate, and fun to read. All the best to you.

Yours cordially,
William F. Buckley Jr.
New York
September 1982

An open letter to the California Review:

We find your attempt at right-wing, pseudo-satirical journalism to be tasteless and gutless in addition to the elitist, racist, sexist, and ageist viewpoint.

While you obviously think that thin guise of humor will temper the ferocity of your remarks we find that this rather feeble attempt at satire only emphasizes your already archaic attitudes. Your "President" and "Editress" founded the paper to preserve the "American Way". This questionable attempt at journalism certainly carries this out. You preserve the American Way of blindness and ineptitude in dealing with the rest of the world.

We cannot call for you to cease publication. We, thankfully, do not have that right. But we can call on anyone who reads your periodical to leave your stacks of papers untouched upon publication. We also call upon all UCSD students and staff to boycott your advertisers.

Jean Dangler
Dean H. Hass
UCSD
September 1982



Phyllis Schlafly/Walter Williams
Charlton Heston



Dear People:

Congratulations on your new rag. I found Volume I, number one on the floor of a men's room at Western Washington University. I loved it. How can I get more issues?

Mike
Bellingham, Washington

Business Managers Note:

Since we cannot guarantee delivery to the Western Washington University restrooms, we suggest you subscribe.

October 1982

Dear Mr. Young:

I saw the blast against you in the San Diego Union and the reference to all the canceled advertising. Keep me posted when you resume publication as I may want to weigh in with a column on the general subject.

Yours faithfully,
William F. Buckley Jr.
New York
November - December 1982

Dear Mr. Crocker:

Thanks for sending along the latest issue of California Review. I admire the spirit but urge you to publish more sex and violence. Face it, you have to compete with prime time television.

Best wishes and more booze.

Yours faithfully,
R. Emmett Tyrrell Jr.
Editor-in-Chief
The American Spectator
Bloomington, Indiana
November - December 1982

Dear H. W. Crocker:

Thanks for the copies of the California Review. It is one of the finest college publications I have seen.

Sincerely,
Ronald Burr
Publisher
The American Spectator
Bloomington, Indiana
November - December 1982

Messrs: Eric young and Harry Crocker

How can I say a simple "thank you" when you both mesmerized and galvanized our membership this past monday. Rarely have I heard such enthusiasm!

Being intellectually humorous and articulate are rare gifts indeed. I hope your visit will prove helpful.

Best of luck to you both!
Evelyn Blume, 1st-V.P.
San Diego County Federation of
Republican Women's Clubs
November - December 1982

Dear Sirs:

You gentlemen never cease to amaze me. The November - December issue just brightened up finals week. Good job guys.

Conservatively yours,
B. Leonard Williams
La Jolla
January 1983



Clarence Pendleton
Admiral U.S.G. Sharp/ Irving Kristol



Dear Mr. Young:

Having met you at our Oceanside Republican Women's Club this month, and after receiving my first issue (Jan. '83), I must tell you, I think your magazine is terrific, even better that the Spectator.

Thank you.
Mrs. Grace E. White
Oceanside
March 1983

Dear Clasen:

We do appreciate what you and your co-workers are doing and hope you will keep up the good work.

Sincerely,
Bess and Neil Reagan
Rancho Santa Fe
May 1983

To the Editor:

I feel your editorial style to be brash, arrogant, biting, offensive, and frequently condescending to those who do not share your views. A wonderful combination.

Warmest regards,
Dick Robinson
Cincinnati, Ohio
May 1983



Marva Collins, G. Gordon Liddy
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Dear Sirs:

Please renew my subscription to your capitalist, imperialist, militarist, racist, ageist (is that really a word?), sexist, elitist, war-mongering, red-baiting publication. Keep up the good work!

Cordially,
Wayne J. Warf
Philadelphia, PA
October 1983

Dear Mr. Crocker:

Thanks for keeping me posted on the progress of the California Review. I'm happy to renew my subscription early and wish you well in your future issues. Obviously, the vote to deny the Review AS funding is another example of the almost reflexive repression demonstrated again and again by the radical left.

Best Wishes.
Charlton Heston
Beverly Hills, CA
October 1983



Jack Kemp
Thomas Sowell



had written and edited anything so humorous, so riotously funny, so right on target. Many people remember me as the man who wrote "The War Prayer," published after my death; now, after reading your Review, and watching the Russians use my poem and take advantage of mankind's normal desire for peace, I am sorry I wrote it. I hereby make an Eternal Retraction of my own *naseous paen* to surrender.

I have checked with the Almighty and he assures me that he is granting you over 100 years of life, time enough to see communism driven from the earth; and we have checked the Other Place, too, and are glad to report that they have places reserved there for every member of the present Associated Student council of UCSD.

With eternal gratitude,
Mark Twain
Paradise

Dear People of the California Review:

Since I have started receiving the California Review I started reading it and loving it. You people are awfully clear thinking.

Sincerely,
Arthur Laffer
USC
October 1984



Pete Wilson
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Editors:

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Never Will The Radicals Die!

Anonymous Radical
UCSD
May 1984

Dear Mr. Young:

"Forgive me, I can stand it no longer!" These are my own words, words of a beguiled conservative sickened by the plague of bloodsucking liberals abounding in our society.

What I can stand no longer refers to numerous items, but major among them is

not being a superior California Review staff member. I must cure this yearning and offer my services (vague indeed) as a writer, or whatever may be fitting.

So my friend, the time has come! In all my glory, I hereby pledge to do what I can to deface, accurately depict, and exterminate the parasitic dredge of the earth: liberals.

In health,
Bryan Alan Bloom
La Jolla



Bill Lowery

Joseph Sobran, Bohdan Lewandowski



California Review:

This is the best paper I've read in my life. Keep up the good work.

John Michno III
San Diego
June 1984

Dear Sirs:

Having discovered your publication on a recent foray into the liberal wasteland of UCSD, I was delighted to have finally gained access to a conservative perceptions regarding issues with which the nation is currently grappling. I appreciate the alternatives your publications offers.

Your Obedient Servant,
Donn E. Headley
Cucamonga, CA
April - May 1985

Dear Sirs,

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George Gilder/John K. Singlaub

I am extremely interested in problems concerning conservative thought and practice in the USA but there is no possibility to obtain current literature here. Is it possible for you to send me come current and back issues of California Review.

Sincerely yours,
Wieslaw Polakiewicz
Poznan, Poland
June 1986

The Immorality of the New Anti-War Movement

By Brandon Crocker

Deployment of U.S. forces to the Persian Gulf has given the various members of the anti-war coalition the opportunity to demonstrate in the streets and garner network air time. So far, despite the generous media coverage, the protesters have not made much headway in swaying public opinion in their direction. It would be dangerous, however, to underestimate the potential of these activists, and even if their chances of affecting U.S. foreign policy is slight, their arguments expose an ill-informed and essentially immoral position that should be refuted at every opportunity.

The biggest and most effective weapon in the anti-war groups' rhetorical arsenal is casting the Persian Gulf crisis in economic rather than political or moral terms. In general, the American public perceives fighting for economic interests as "dirty." If Americans fight, they want to believe that they have a moral cause. So the protesters make liberal use of the slogan "Should our young men and women lie to keep gasoline at \$1.25 a gallon?" Of course, the economic impact of Saddam Hussein dictating the price of world oil, which he would be able to do if the U.S. and the rest of the world were to back down, would be far greater than merely raising the price of driving our cars. But, unfortunately, slogans (just like 30 second TV spots) have a great impact on how a large number of Americans form their opinions. This argument is rather peculiar, however, as it implies that if economic interests are involved, then we should ignore all other political and moral reasons to use military force.

Why are the Egyptians in Saudi Arabia? Why are the Moroccans, and the Pakistanis in Saudi Arabia? Certainly not because they want to keep gas prices in the West low. Great Britain is self-sufficient in oil. These countries see clearly the political and moral reasons for opposing Saddam Hussein--the same reasons, *in addition* to economic ones, that justify current U.S. policy in the Gulf, and, if necessary, the use of military force.

Just as it is impossible to deny that potential Iraqi control of a vast portion of world oil reserves plays a role in U.S. policy in the Gulf, it is also impossible to deny that there are significant political and moral reasons to oppose Saddam Hussein militarily. Saddam has made it clear that he desires to unite the Arab world under himself. Since most of the rest of the Arab world does not care for this idea, Saddam Hussein has, and will continue to use force. He invaded Iran at great human cost. He has used chemical weapons both against Iranians and dissident groups within his own country. Now he has invaded Kuwait, primarily to seize its oil and economic assets, but also to threaten Saudi Arabia. The U.N. sanctions and the freezing of Kuwaiti assets abroad have prevented Saddam Hussein from seizing some of Kuwait's wealth. Still, Iraqi soldiers have looted the country (reportedly including removing infants from life supporting medical equipment so that the equipment could be sent back to Iraq), and Kuwaiti's (especially young men) routinely are

tortured, murdered, or disappear in the hands of Iraqi authorities. In short, Saddam Hussein is willing to commit any atrocity to advance his vision--a fact which takes on even greater significance when one considers Iraqi efforts to develop atomic weaponry. None of this, however, seems to upset the moral consciousness of the anti-war protesters.

If and when Saddam Hussein "unites" the Arab world under his leadership the obvious first target of his new Arab superpower would be Israel and its supporters. (Anyone who seriously believes that Saddam Hussein's ambitions are limited and of no consequence to the United States would have us relive World War II--but this

form of government which has the support of the Kuwaiti people. Democracy (which is not practiced in its pure form in any country), is not the sole standard of legitimacy (or of good government). One should only have to be reminded that Hitler came to power through a parliamentary system, and that, if given the chance, a majority of Iraqis probably would vote for Saddam Hussein. Just as electoral victories do not give governments the moral authority to take unprovoked military action against its neighbors, countries with non-elected governments are not, by that fact, unprotected by international law and fair game for anyone to invade.



time in an age with weapons of mass destruction).

Of course, there are those in the anti-war camp who argue that we should *never* resort to violence to solve disputes because violence is wrong no matter who uses it. These people live in a fantasy world where everyone is rational, reasonable, and fair. The real world, however, is not such a nice place. Saddam Hussein is not a misunderstood morally upright leader. He is a practitioner of the theory that raw power and ruthlessness can be used effectively to get one's desires. In such an imperfect world, to argue that it is morally wrong for the United States ever to resort to military action is to argue that it is morally acceptable to have the world run by Saddam Hussein and others who are quite willing to be ruthless. To call such a position "moral" is perverse.

Others, not quite so radical, argue that though there are occasions that justify the use of military force, defending a non-democratic state like Kuwait is not one of them. Of course, to regard the crisis in the Gulf as merely a question over the future of Kuwait is rather myopic. But this aside, Kuwait is a legitimate state with a legitimate

U.S. and world action against Saddam Hussein clearly has moral authority on its side. The position of the rest of the anti-war protesters boils down to a blind refusal to accept the fact that the actions of an aggressive tyrant half way around the world will, ultimately, affect U.S. interests, and that military action is sometimes necessary to keep the likes of Saddam Hussein from trampling over world order.

There is *no* higher morality in the position of the anti-war protesters. The assertion that we should allow Kuwait to be sacrificed to Saddam Hussein and leave the rest of the Gulf states at his mercy is myopic at best and *immoral* at worst. If the United States refuses to stand against naked aggression that threatens its vital interests, then the U.S. is no longer a world power in any sense. And if the new and better world made possible by the apparent end of Soviet expansionism is to have any hope of coming in to being, Americans must have the foresight and the courage to reject the slogans of the anti-war movement.

Brandon Crocker is CR's *Imperator Emeritus*.

Natural Rights and Atheism

By Sherry Lowrance

Human rights have historically been sager in societies based in the natural rights of man. America, for example, was founded on Lockian natural rights theory, and though far from perfect on human rights, has done better than other societies. Europe in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries was freer and more just than the feudal societies that Lockian liberalism supplanted. And certainly when we look at the Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union of the recent past, which did not recognize human rights at all, it is obvious that liberal societies, at the worst, do not compare to the Stalinist disregard for human rights and life.

Although we are currently witnessing the apparent triumph of natural rights in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union, up until recently the trend in most of the world was towards communism and military dictatorships. And in spite of the communist world's apparent rejection of socialism, much of the Western world is still moving in that direction.

One of the main reasons for this is the rejection of the natural rights theory as explained by John Locke. He put forth the idea that Man was created by God, who gave Man reason and the ability to exercise it. Therefore, each man, regardless of rank, has rights inherent in being a human (the right to "life, liberty and property") given to him by God. This theory arose against the

existing feudal system, in which man was inherently equal, but still stands in contrast to socialism, in which each man is forced to be equal.

Socialism appears to have a tacit admission of some form of natural rights, although most socialistic theories either deny or do not acknowledge the existence of a God as the source of these rights. Communism denies outright the existence of a God and any form of inherent human rights. This is one reason why the brutality in the name of communism has been committed by many communist leaders. The softer forms of socialism recognize only one "natural right" (of unknown origin): the right of each person to be absolutely equal in condition. This is in direct contrast to Lockian liberalism, which allows for inevitable differences in the abilities of people and the outcome of their activities.

That the denial of Lockian natural rights allows the growth towards socialism seems clear, but what causes the denial of natural rights may not be. The strength of atheism in the Western powers, though not the only factor, certainly is a very important part of the waning of Lockian liberal theory, and thus the increasing dominance of socialism. Atheism, which denies the existence of a God who bestows inherent rights on humans, requires a different theory. Either each person is naturally equal because of a

common lack of meaningful origin, resulting in socialism, or no person has any natural rights, which paves the way for tyranny.

This is not to say that societies based on a belief in God are not ever tyrannical. History has shown many examples of tyranny in the name of God. Early Puritan colonies were often guilty of religious intolerance. The Church of medieval Europe was oppressive and full of corruption, and the Muslim societies, which until recently did not separate church and state, never have been known for good human rights records. But these societies were not based on a theory of inherent human rights; they were attempts at theocracy.

America, however, is a country founded on the theory of Lockian natural rights. Take, for instance, the words in the Declaration of Independence: "...the they [Men] are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these, are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness." Denying these rights could not only lead to socialism, as said above, but could also undermine the foundations of our country. What effect this could have in unknown. It could go entirely unnoticed, or it could lay the foundations for despotism. It would probably be better to not have to find out.

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