



# Brayings from the Left

For years now this revered journal of social conscience has courageously espoused the worthiest causes--always in the name of justice, always against the tide of prejudice, and always against apparently insuperable odds. Our victories have been many, our defeats few and trivial. But one just cause continues to defy our indefatigable genius--the cause of conservation.

Admittedly today we have aroused more compatriots on behalf of conservation than ever before, but lamentably it might now be too late. Extinction appears inevitable for several of the world's rarest and most valuable species. Our colleagues at the World Wildlife Fund and the Fauna Preservation Society tell us that the majestic Mexican grizzly--historically a major antidote to Mexico's minatory population explosion--has now gone the way of the dodo. Further, the Red Data Book of the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources fears for the western giant eland of Senegal, the orangutan and the American liberal. Predatory man stalks the first two. The third is the victim of a kind of reverse evolution.

The American liberal, though dating back only to about 1763, was one of nature's most marvelous creations. Endowed with a wondrous cerebral agility, intuitive sense of grace and natural compassion, he was, alas, always subject to diseases like populism or demagoguery. And at times he took himself a bit too seriously. Yet today he seems destined for the tar pits because his progeny have evolved to a lower form variously referred to as radical intellectuals or idealistic youth. Taxonomically they are all Ritualistic Liberals, and their declivity is evident in their journals.

From the following examples you will probably conclude, as we did, that the devolution of liberalism has about reached the level of the jackass. Consider these zany tidbits from that distinguished old journal--once inhabited by so many majestic liberals--The Nation. In The Nation alone there appears enough arrant bosh to fill this column forever. Now is it not time to collect any specimen of America liberalism still lumbering around the Republic, uttering intelligent if passe mating calls, and stuff him for one of our great museums?

## THE NATION

Straightfaced description of the young political geniuses who make bombs and assure George Wallace his constituency, from a fairy tale reporter at The Nation (subscription price \$10 yearly):

Radical activists tend to have sophisticated notions of political theory, strategy and tactics. Their outrage has been disciplined into organizational activity; they are typically too "rational" to become "adventurists."

Ingeniously the editors of The Nation expose the behind-the-scenes motives for development of the supersonic transport (SST):

In the meantime, measures for increasing pollution, as on the development of the supersonic transport, go on apace.

Even the anti-Nixon forces of The Nation attribute genius to this great man:

The new Nixon is but an ingenious version of the old Nixon.

These are sorry times. The drug cult seems to have spread even to the austere offices of The Nation, whose writers now are listening to "rumbling" gaps along the Potomac. What next?

Before Mr. Nixon has been in office a year and a half, the rumbles of a credibility gap are heard along the Potomac.

Temporarily abandoning the worries of this world the fun-loving Nation reports on Mr. Nixon's attendance at a concert with its typical mad cap humor:

The concert opened with Hail to the Chief--all players standing--and closed with Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture. That's the one with the cannon fire, and the Valley Forge Military Academy band joined the orchestra to add martial overtones. Mr. Nixon presented Mr. Ormandy with the Medal of Freedom.

Rueful dispatch from a leading American historical review:

By all the available evidence, Richard M. Nixon will never inspire the nation to great deeds, nor formulate principles to excite the admiration of mankind.

## THE NATION

America, it is just possible, can be mobilized to repudiate the futile policies that have deranged its values in the last thirty years.

You'd just never guess what great liberal journal has crusaded for these "futile policies" for thirty years, would you?

"Wake up America" as roared by a group of Concerned Citizens over at The Nation:

The American system economically--fails to meet the

elemental needs of one-third of its people while engaging the others in a frantic cycle of excess work and excess consumption. Politically, it generates impotence, ignorance, and mediocrity among leaders and followers. Socially and psychologically, the American system divides men against one another and against themselves. It is, by and large, a cultural disaster.'

## THE NEW YORKER

A humorous little quip from the rustic New Yorker:

It is important to remember when the effects of bad conduct by the judge are weighed against the effects of bad conduct by the defendants that the trial could not possibly have resulted in the defendants' putting the judge in jail.

## NEW YORK REVIEW OF BOOKS

A heavenly vision recently beheld on Chicago's Michigan Avenue by the saintly Murray Kempton, D.D.:

...Rennie Davis will come to speak to them and his voice will come across the street. "Free Huey, Free Bobby, Smash Capitalism"--the face so young, so serious, so sweet, indeed so brave in the twilight as to seem to give him every right to talk about the shadow of prison upon him too, and still, stubbornly, he will not talk about himself.



**ON THE GOLDWATER CAMPAIGN:**

**“In those days American conservatives, dreaming of the glorious possibility of a Goldwater victory, envisioned the scene on the Capitol steps during the Inauguration ceremony. ‘Do you,’ says Supreme Court Justice Earl Warren, addressing President-elect Barry Goldwater, ‘solemnly swear to defend the Constitution of the United States?’ Answers President Goldwater: ‘I do. You’re under arrest, Warren.’”**

**QUOTATIONS FROM CHAIRMAN BILL  
The Best of Wm. F. Buckley, Jr**

Compiled by Ray... quotes arranged by topic, including some 300...

**A sampling of the topics and quotes in this bonanza (including 19 karate chops at Lindsay, 16 at LBJ, 7 at Arthur Schlesinger, 6 at Javits) ...**

**Education**

College graduates favor Nixon over Humphrey 46-39, which is the best thing anybody has recently remarked about the values of a college education. On the other hand, alumni of graduate schools favor Humphrey over Nixon 41-29, which confirms the worst suspicions we harbor about over-education.

**Catholic Church**

The crisis of the Catholic church is much written about. *Look Magazine* celebrates it every couple of issues, and its editors have even volunteered to rewrite the Apostles' Creed, reaching a new high in reader service.

**Complaining**

I profoundly believe it takes a lot of practice to become a moral slob, and that if there is anything the American people are diligently engaged in acquiring, it is that skill, that indifference to things minor which carries over to things major. We simply don't complain about little things; and so a part of our nervous system becomes inert - the part which should be tingling and on edge if we are to escape totalitarianization by those who exercise great power. . . . Start with the little things. Don't become a grouch. But don't let them push you around. If absolutely necessary, refuse to fasten your seat belt.

**Mayor John Lindsay**

Mr. (Charles) McWhorter is a longtime enthusiast for John Lindsay - they were young Republicans together back when the destruction of New York City was only a gleam in Lindsay's eye.

**Lyndon Baines Johnson:  
After Two Weeks As President**

The editors of *National Review* regretfully announce that their patience with President Lyndon B. Johnson is exhausted.

**And more, more, MORE . . .**

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|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Jimmy Breslin      | Nuclear War         | James Wechsler      |
| Academic Cranks    | Joseph R. McCarthy  | Village Voice       |
| Norman Mailer      | Eldridge Cleaver    | John Kenneth        |
| Henry Luce         | The Minimum Wage    | Galbraith           |
| Capital Punishment | Castro              | Greek Junta         |
| Pablo Casals       | Wm. F. Buckley, Jr. | SAHE                |
| Negro Militants    | D.A.R.              | Sexual Revolution   |
| Jack Paar          | Nelson Rockefeller  | James Baldwin       |
| Israel             | Dr. Spock           | Sen. Fulbright      |
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| Gore Vidal         | Jack Newfield       | Milton Friedman     |
| Young Americans    | Harry S. Truman     | Cassius Clay        |
| for Freedom        | The Beatles         | Harold Wilson       |
| Bobby Kennedy      | The Assassinations  | Washington Post     |
| JFK                | CIA                 | Harold Stassen      |
| FDR                | Susan Sontag        | Walter Reuther      |
| God                | Steve Allen         | Pope Paul VI        |
| Shelley Winters    | The Telephone       | Tax Reform          |
| Richard Nixon      | Company             | Fornography         |
| The Constitution   | David Susskind      | Clare Boothe Luce   |
| Drugs              | Urban Renewal       | Swiss Bank Accounts |
| Civil Rights       | Irish Catholics     | Pavlov              |
| Mayor Daley        | Intellectuals       | Eugene McCarthy     |
| Martin Luther King | Henry Cabot Lodge   | Stoughton Lynd      |
| Private Schools    | Walter Cronkite     | Gen. Douglas        |
| John Wayne         | Herbert Matthews    | MacArthur           |
| Spiro Agnew        | New York Post       | Dick Gregory        |
| Joseph Alsop       | Ombudsmen           | James Hoffa         |
| American Civil     | Parents             | Liberal Republicans |
| Liberties Union    | Peace               | The Pueblo          |
| Johann Sebastian   | New York            | Harvard             |
| Bach               | Conservative Party  | Harry Golden        |
| Walter Lippmann    | Hippies             | Charles de Gaulle   |
| Arthur Goldberg    | Robert S. McNamara  | George Wallace      |
| Libel              | Welfare             | Ronald Reagan       |
| Roy Cohn           | Haight-Ashbury      | Columbia University |
| New Frontier       | Hubert Humphrey     | Whittaker Chambers  |
| Owen Lattimore     | Huntley-Brinkley    | College Chaplains   |
| Eleanor Roosevelt  | George Romney       | World Council of    |
| Adlai Stevenson    | Westbrook Pegler    | Churches            |
| Yalta              | Billy Graham        | Ted Sorensen        |
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