

## Dea's Dissent

# Champies support "off the wall"

Editor's note: This commentary was received in response to an Oct. 10 "guest shot" column in The Print, written by Dan Champie.

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It isn't surprising that Mr. Champie was having some difficulty convincing his friends that Senator Ted Kennedy should be our next president.

The arguments he uses are, in my opinion (and apparently Florida's) certainly "off-the-wall."

Do you, Mr. Champie, truly believe that because of the threat of the "New Right," we should then swing to the ole' left? Haven't we all had a pretty good taste of Kennedy liberalism already?

As for the Senate Judiciary Committee, in my opinion we need a chairman who isn't afraid to do more than "slap

wrists" of congressmen who degrade our legislative body.

Why do you believe that voters "would stay away (from the polls) or vote for Reagan?" You will find many voters have very weak feelings toward the Republican or Democratic parties today, and the numbers of voters registered as "Independent" are rising even though this causes them to miss voting in the primaries.

Citizens are becoming more and more aware that party affiliations mean very little until it is time for re-election. Witness—even the congressional members cross-over party lines in their voting practices.

Why should anyone believe that to have a Republican president and congress would be any worse than having a Democratic president and congress? Certainly you are controlled the congress for over

a decade and have refused, aware that Democnrats have repeatedly, to deal with either inflation or energy problems.

Mr. Champie seems to have some inside information regarding Senator Kennedy's thinking, for I have failed to come up with a statement which indicates what Kennedy would have done regarding price controls on the oil industry, inflation or energy, for that matter.

As for more governmental intervention (which translated means bureaucracy), do we really need more people on government payrolls, or do we, American citizens, need more self-control in areas of personal debt and energy uses?

If Kennedy is going to run, why doesn't he declare himself in the race so he will have his campaign funding more scrutinized, as are the other

candidates', and stop being a "bank walker."

Then, talk with British medical personnel, as I have, and you will find that care is minimal, costs high, and it has actually become a status symbol to afford your own private medical care. To carry the thought of government control of medical care one step further, who, if the government was in charge, would have anything to say about the practice of euthanasia if the politicians someday decided there were too many U.S. citizens?

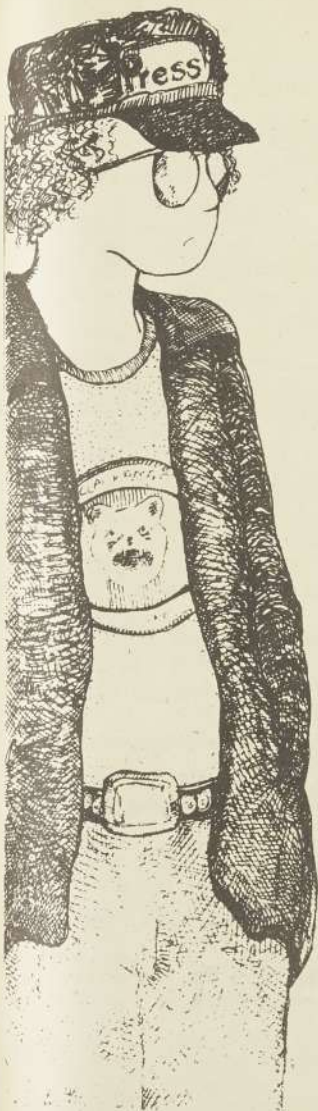
When are we, ordinary citizens, going to awaken and realize that the more government control, i.e., medical and welfare plans we "fall for," the more our personal freedoms are eroding?

Kennedy's Health Plan would be more costly than any

of us could imagine. Take a close look at the inequities of the government-controlled medical and welfare plan which we are paying for now, multiply those costs and unfair practices several times over, and you have a good picture of what Kennedy's Health Plan probably means—and who in hell will pay for this, Mr. Champie?

I, for one, want to hear the platform he has composed. Right now all he seems to be saying is, "I'll run if you really want me"; and "I'll see to it the government takes care of all people"—whether they need it or not!

As stated in your commentary, Mr. Champie, "we all have a choice to make. We can either go extreme right or moderate left." The question is—if, after all the rhetoric of the campaign, we will have the ability to tell the difference!



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