



...And Justice For All

by Angelique Sanders



It Is No Coincidence "Hypocrites" and "Politics" Sound Similar

I promised to discuss positive topics this week (with the clause that if something significant happened, I would cover that in its stead). However, Dan Quayle's visit Monday evoked nothing positive in my mind.

Before I talk about Quayle's visit, though, let's back up in time and review Bush's May breakfast stop in Portland, as there is more than a thin parallel between Quayle's and his puppetmaster's visit. Bush came to Portland to extract blood money--\$1,000 per person--from willing donors for a breakfast. Stop for a moment and think about what you could do with one thousand dollars (or the \$2,500 it cost to meet Quayle). Most of us are living hand to mouth right now, and we have enough intelligence (or perhaps, we lack the vanity) that even if we suddenly became millionaires, we would not toss one grand out on a breakfast that probably costs \$20 to make. I understand the value of a dollar, and I'm quite certain that if I had the money and the desire to spend that much cash on a breakfast, that I'd invite a few hundred homeless people over to share that meal. If you are religious, think about what God would wish you to do with "spare" money. There are a lot better charities around than Dave Frohnmayer's pocket (which is where the proceeds for the breakfast went). Barbara Roberts, Frohnmayer's opponent, dined that day at Sisters of the Road Cafe, a place that feeds the homeless for \$1.25 per meal, and the needy may work for their meal.

Now, let's examine Quayle's visit. If you've read the story on it, you already know what transpired, so I'll

skip the basics. In his Seattle speech, Danny got all worked up and stated, "Deterrence is working," and went into the exciting details of the war against Iraq. Well, Danny, it appears that what you mean is that death is working, and that if America just kills a few more people in the struggle for cheaper oil, we might not have to tap into "hidden" resources such as the free wealth of the sun's energy or untapped oil fields in Alaska. But telling that to Danny or Georgie would be like telling them, "Let's not stick our noses into every country unless they're pulling something immoral. Why don't we pull out of Iraq and head over to South Africa? Oil prices are inconsequential: we have plenty of other unsought-out resources."

Danny Smith's campaign manager seemed to summarize everybody's main excitement behind Quayle's visit when she said she expected that it would provide a good publicity boost for his campaign against democrat Mike Kopetski.

I think the best way to further my point would be to quote a pamphlet announcing the Quayle visit which, on the front, shows Dan Quayle (this is an actual photograph, not highly publicized for obvious reasons) with a gun that he is ignorantly holding backwards. The caption reads, "Quayle stresses human rights at meeting in San Salvador". On the back, the pamphlet says (and I have no way of knowing if any of this is true, so listen extremely skeptically, but...): "A reputed former pot and LSD user, he now campaigns in the hypocritical "War on Drugs" while CIA operatives continue smuggling cocaine into this coun-

try according to the Chrisic Institute's lawsuit

-While attacking social programs for the poor he also assaults women's rights to make decisions regarding reproduction-forcing the poor and minorities into deeper poverty

-After weaseling out of going to combat in Vietnam he is one of the most right-wing hawks in the country, happily participating in the U.S.'s global terror network responsible for untold deaths, torture and disappearances annually

-He is a homophobic and AIDS-phobic jerk with a lot of power

-By charging 2500 dollars a person to talk with him over lunch he adds insult to injury to homeless and underfed people in our community

-He is both a blithering idiot and the vice-president of a Felini film gone stark raving violently mad called the United States of America.

One last thought: isn't it scary to envision a computer holding captive America's thermonuclear future (with the push of a red button), when one considers that there has never been a computer proven to run without glitches?

Item: I read in a recent copy of St. Louis' Post-Dispatch that it was just discovered that in St. Louis, more people are registered to vote than are actually over 18 and alive ("alive" is the hitch: apparently people have discovered how to vote in names of the deceased). To add insult to injury (and what can the city do now, recall the past few elections' results and call them null and void?), it wasn't even the city's government that found this travesty of an error: it was the newspaper.

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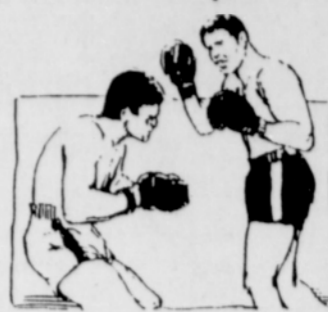
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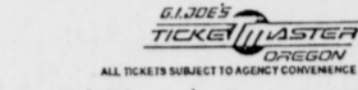
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