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WASHINGTON

August 22, 1984

Dear Mr. Chen:

Thank you for your letter of May 23 and please excuse my delay in replying.

First, let me assure you that President Reagan shares with you a strong aversion to racism and bigotry, wherever it may be found. In a White House address to Asian-Americans last February, the President vowed that this Administration "will continue to fight against discrimination, wherever there are any vestiges of it remaining, until we've removed such bigotry from our entire land." The President reaffirmed his stand earlier this month in a specially prepared videotaped message to the Asian Pacific American Chamber of Commerce Convention in Washington, D.C.

Let me also assure you that the President is committed to more than just talk about protecting civil rights for Asian-Americans, he is prepared to act. It is the policy of this Administration to act vigorously to enforce the civil rights laws that make it unlawful to interfere with a person's constitutional and statutory rights. Just recently, the Criminal Section of the Civil Rights Division of the United States Department of Justice successfully prosecuted an individual for violently interfereing with a Chinese-American citizen's right to use a public accommodation, resulting in his death. United States v. Ebens and Nitz, Cr. No. 83-CR-60629, (E.D. Michigan). While sentencing has not yet occurred, we believe the prosecution has already had an important impact.

Again, thank you for sharing your comments with me. You can be certain that the President will not pass up any appropriate opportunities to reaffirm his strong stand in support of full protection of civil rights for Asian-Americans.

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Dear Mr. Kojelis:

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Dear Mr. Kojelis:

As one of the participants of the White House Briefing for Asian Americans Educators on April 19, 1984. I would like to express my deep appreciation for an excellent program which was so effectively conducted by you. I also would like to thank you for arranging an autographed President protrait that was sent to my daughter, Andrea. She was overjoyed to receive it and has proudly shared it with her classmates.

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While President Reagan has made many great achievements in both international and domestic areas, I am alarmed by the increasing signs of resurgence of racism and bigotry across country. There is no doubt in my mind that President Reagan is a person of compassion and sensitivity. To prevent hatred and prejudice from grasping this nation again, President Reagan has an urgent task to provide a stronger moral leadership in support of human rights and civil justice.

Enclosed is a copy of the cover and an article from the May issue of the National Review. This is just an example of the severity of my concern as stated above. We, the Chinese Americans and the ethnic Americans, would like to see that President Reagan makes a public statement condemning this type of senseless exploitation of minority groups and consequently restoring human decency for all.

Thank you again, I am

Sincerely yours,

Shium Andrew Chen, Vice President

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An English Language Journal for the Asian American Community

National magazine insults Chinese

By Patrick Andersen

Chinese Americans throughout the country decried a racial epithet published on the cover of a politically conservative national magazine this week.

The word "Chink" was used to describe Chinese on the cover of the May 4 issue of National Review, a conservative magazine edited by William F. Buckley Jr.

The cover was devoted to advertisement of an article entitled, "The Underhandedness of Affirmative Action," by Henry C. Mansfield Jr.

A sort of checklist runs down the left-hand side of the cover: "one (1) black, one (1) woman, two (2) Jews, one (1) cripple; one (1) Hispanic, one (1) Chink, one (1) Vietnamese, two (2) Indians, one (1) Tiura dei Fuegor."

"For you to print such an Insulting and degrading racist slang is to offend Chinese Americans and Chinese people everywhere," - wrcte San

Franciscan Terry Lee, who is a counselor at California State University in Hayward.

"I don't think this was just done tongue-in-cheek," said Robert Wu, national president of the Organization of Chinese Americans, from his office in New York. "I think it betrays a very strong undercurrent of their true feeling, and that they think it is okay to offend Chinese but not Jews, blacks or Hispanics."

Linda Bridges, assistant manager of the National Review, said an editorial board usually reviews all material for the magazine's cover before publication. She refused to say whether Buckley was part of the group which approved usage of the offensive word, and refused to identify any of the board's members.

Buckley was unavailable for comment.

"It (the cover) was an attempt to parody (former Interior Secretary) James Watt. We didn't realize it would be considered offensive," Bridges told Asian Week.

Bridges said the editorial board has no plans for issuing an apology for use of the term. "I guess that depends on whether any letters come in complaining about it. I've been told there have been a couple of phone calls so far," she saic.

National Review has been publishing since 1955 and claims a circulation of about 100,000.

Tom Wong, press officer for the Chinese Chamber of Commerce in Chicago, ridiculed Bridges' claim that the editorial board of a nationally circulated magazine would not know that the word "Chinese Americans."

"The people of Chicago are aware that you just do not use that word," Wong said.

Rep. Gary Locke of the Washington State House of

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Representatives agreed.

"There is no way any rightminded person — no matter what his political persuasion might be — would not be aware that that term is derogatory," Locke said. "I think this is just indicative of how racist Buckley and other right-wing conservatives like him really are."

"I think it's outrageous and unacceptable, but it's also in line with the overall trend of violence — both physical and verbal — against Asians in this country," said Peter Kiang, program director of the Asian American Resource Workshop is Boston. "The Reagan presidency and the rise of conservativism have made it possible for something like this to be on the cover of a national magazine."

"I think (the magazine) is cowardly. If they're going to use ethnic slurs, why don't they go ahead and use 'Hymie' and 'rigger.' i think they thought they could get away with insuiting Chinese but weren't willing to risk it with anyone else." said Wu.

Gloria Hom, a member of the

California Board of Education and a Republican candidate for Supervisor in Santa Clara County, said the National Review is "not one of my favorite magazines."

"I'm surprised that in this day and age they would do a thing like this," she said. But Hom was hesitant to make any further comment before reading the magazine herself.

Maeley Tom, chief administrative officer for the state Assembely in Sacramento, said she could not believe a national magazine "or especially Buckley" would be unaware of the offensiveness of the term.

"They probably would have checked with blacks, Hispanics or any of the other groups they mentioned, to find out whether a term would have been offensive. Their carelessness in this case is indicative how they think less of the Chinese," Tom said.

Dr. S.B. Woo, a candidate for Lieutenant Governor in Delaware, called for the magazine to "give the Chinese American community an immediate formal apology."

"I think this is indicative of the disregard for minorities that people like Buckley have," commented Steve Wing, an attorney for the Asian Law Alliance in San Jose. "The portion of the public that they are trying to reach probably would not mind if the magazine didn't publish an apology."

Against Affirmative Action

The article which started the controversy attacked Affirmative Action as a burden on the people of the United States.

"Affirmative Action is settling down in our constitutional polity like a determined guest seeking to establish squatter's rights," Mansfield wrote, setting the tone for the rest of the article.

Henry Der, executive director of Chinese for Affirmative Action, pointed to the cover of the magazine and scoffed at Mansfield's assertion.

"I think their use of that word on the cover of the magazine clearly indicates the strong need for Affirmative Action in this country," Der said.

Republican Daniel Wong, city councilman and former mayor of Cerritos in Southern California, gave a limited defense for Affirmative Action.

"Affirmative Action has its good points and its bad points," Wong said. "It is definitely needed up to a point, but I think that when you pass that point you should stop depending on it."

Wong added that he personally is not too worried about the general use of the term "Chink," and said that he has not had to contend with overt racism since he became a doctor. "But if somebody pointed their finger directly at me and use that term to purposely insult me, i would be quite upset," he said.

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Straight Cable

Thanks for the excellent nuts-and-bolts article, "Gutter Politics in the Global Village," by Richard Armstrong [April 20], on the political uses of cable TV. NR's theoretical or philosophical articles are always interesting, but it's nice to see something practical too. The article was fair warning to conservative candidates running this year. It would be a shame if conservatives lost by default, through ignorance of modern technology. I for one hope that I can bypass the liberal news media, and get my information on this election straight—on cable.

Catherine Venable Moore New York, N.Y.

Name-Calling

I expected that my views on reindustrialization [April 6] would be controversial, and I welcome open discussion. It is no surprise that economists disagree, even conservative economists. NR has provided a matchless forum for such debates over the years. However, when Milton Friedman refers to "Hawkins and his fellow socialists" I must cry, Foul! This is a mere resort to name-calling and is unworthy of Professor Friedman. It is an attempt to pre-empt debate rather than engage in it.

Socialism is based on two main points: I) the abolition of private ownership of the means of production, and 2) the redistribution of wealth and power on the basis of equality. I hold neither view. In fact, I consider the second point to be the most foolish and dangerous ever to be raised in political philosophy. I do have a "collectivist" loyalty to the United States, but that is more accurately termed nationalism. It is common for leftists to brand as "fascist" (or "crypto-fascist" in one famous incident) anything with which they disagree, but do those on the Right have to copy such behavior by an indiscriminate hurling of the epithet "socialist" over every point of contention?

Failure to draw proper distinctions destroys the meaning of words, thus making reasoned discussion impossible. Unfortunately, slips like Professor Friedman's are not uncommon. That is one reason why economics continues to be the Achilles heel of conservatism.

William R. Hawkins Radford, Va

Be Good, Be Better

In a recent "For the Record" [March 9], in listing mayors who had endorsed Mondale, the writer alluded to Philadelphia Mayor Wilson B. Goode. His correct name is W. Wilson Goode. The W. stands for Willie. The author apparently lapsed into thoughts of the Chuck Berry rock 'n' roll hit of the Fifties, "Johnny B. Good."

Best wishes. Keep 'em flyin'.

Jim Panyard Upper Darby, Pa

Coming Up . . .

My compliments to Mr. Williamson for his thoughtful review of my book, America by the Throat ["The Right Books." March 9]. In a few words, he gives a fair and surprisingly broad summary of my case against bureaucracy.

My emphasis on the "economic argument" should not be narrowly understood. The profit principle as I defined it spans all human urges to self-betterment: spiritual and aesthetic as well as material. From this impulse we not only bake our bread but erect our cathedrals. It is in this larger sense that our freedom is the contrapositive to bureaucratic coercion, as the organizing principle of society (the focus of the book). There are no other alternatives. It was essential to contrast the two modes in detail. I concluded that either we defend society organized by free choice and contract and informed by moral law, or bureaucracy will ultimately march us into military dictatorship. History appears to offer no escape from this doom.

Mr. Williamson is surely correct that a "rationalistic and positivistic ethos" impels our age into the bureaucratic anthill; and correct again that I did not pursue my quarry that far into the fever swamps. In America by the Throat, I undertook nothing so ambitious. However, I believe the time has come for a penetrating look at the "whole picture," and I am at work on a modest contribution to that effort.

George Roche Hillsdale, Mich.

Ripe and Ready

Conservatives continue to write off my state as a lost cause ["Reagan Today," by John McLaughlin, March 9]. I could tear my hair out.

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THE COVER

The Underhandedness of Affirmative Action

> It's an insult to self-government. It amounts to a standing accusation against all white males. It contradicts its own avowed premises. Yet we continue to countenance it. Harvey C. Mansfield Jr.

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THE UNDERHANDEDNESS OF AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

FFIRMATIVE ACTION is settling down in our constitutional polity like a determined guest seeking to establish squatter's rights. Though the issue is far from settled, controversy has subsided. The Supreme Court has pronounced indecisively on several occasions and in several voices. The Democratic Party, trying to exist on a faded and confused memory of itself, has lost its early enthusiasm for affirmative action, but remains "committed" to it in the routine sense of that word—stuck with it. And the Reagan Administration, elected in a spirit hostile to affirmative action, has found it necessary, or merely convenient, to tolerate it, even to truckle to it.

Former Interior Secretary James Watt's fatal remark about a coal-leasing board he himself had appointed ("a black, a woman, two Jews, and a cripple") helped to bring the Administration's attitude to public attention. Secretary Watt should have been ashamed of himself, and perhaps under his boastful cynicism he was. But, in the usual manner of shame, he seemed to put the blame on others, on the groups clamoring for such treatment. To supporters of affirmative action, this was "insensitive," and insulting. Secretary Watt should have appointed the same people, minus the Jews, but without saying why. He should have known that to state the true purpose of his appointments was to render them useless for that purpose. He should have known that affirmative action works only when it is concealed and lied about. He should have known that, because everyone knows it; the concealment and the lies are all the more necessary because everyone knows the truth.

Affirmative action is obviously a way of helping people who are considered insufficiently capable of helping themselves. But just as obviously, this fact cannot be admitted. Or, if it is admitted in general—as when Justice Marshall said in the Bakke case that "meaningful equality remains a distant dream for the Negro"—it must be denied in all particular cases. The reason for wanting to help people is that we hold them to be equal in some sense, hence deserving of equal treatment, but if we help them, we imply that they are unequal in some sense, hence undeserving of

equal treatment. Government and management must therefore give help through affirmative action while denying that they give it, indeed by denying that they give it, in order not to hurt the pride of the beneficiaries. Their pride, and America's recognition of their pride, is not beside the point: It is the point.

Affirmative action is a question of pride, more than has been realized on either side of the debate. So far, most of the argument has been about its justice. Proponents say that because of past injustices, blacks, women, and others on a lengthening list deserve to get a break-partly for revenge, and partly because their suffering has left them unprepared to take advantage of the opportunities that it is admitted they now have. Opponents have replied that past injustice will not be remedied by new injustice of a similar kind, in which people are treated as representatives of groups rather than as individuals. The justice of affirmative action is affirmed by a majority of intellectuals and denied by a majority of the American people. In such a contest, I have no doubt where my sympathies lie. But the injustice or wrongness of affirmative action does not reach the depth of its evil.

The problem of affirmative action appears less grave than it is because its proponents present it as a matter of mere justice: They merely ask us to live by the principles we profess. They pass over the means to get us to live by our principles, and opponents of affirmative action have been content, for the most part, to dispute them over principles rather than means. But the underhandedness of affirmative action is what is worst in it. Even if justice were secured by such means, the result would not be compatible with the dignity or pride of free citizens. Such means, moreover, whether or not declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court, are a threat to constitutional government, which is concerned as much with means as with ends—and the threat is all the greater for not being widely understood.

To understand that threat, let us return to the necessity that affirmative action conceal the help it renders its beneficiaries. As a policy, it cannot claim success, because to announce an "affirmative-action appointment" as such is to insult the recipient by implying that he would not have got it on merit. It is a peculiar policy indeed where the administrator cannot admit he has done nothing, since this is hardly "action," yet cannot boast of doing something, lest his actions insult the beneficiary. Since the beneficiary

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aries—the blacks, women, and others protected by affirmative action—cannot admit that they are incapable and undeserving, the only remaining solution, it seems, is to accuse the American people, or what is left of it after the protected groups have been subtracted, of discriminating against their fellow citizens on grounds of race, sex, or national origin. The unprotected must admit their guilt so that the protected do not have to admit their incapacity.

But the unprotected include many white males who favor affirmative action; they cannot be guilty of racism and sexism. White males who oppose affirmative action must be the guilty ones, responsible for all the ills that affirmative action seeks to correct. Not that those guilty white males do anything discriminatory; any overt action to discriminate would be illegal without affirmative action. Rather, it is their bad attitudes. Those white males glare balefully at the protected groups, wounding and disabling them with negative vibrations and looking out for any chance to do them in by wishing them ill.

This ludicrous picture of America, according to which opportunities for blacks and women have multiplied while racism and sexism have continued to run rampant, is what supporters and beneficiaries of affirmative action are required to believe. If opportunities were not open, we could not know that affirmative action beyond opening opportunities was needed; but since affirmative action is needed, the same Americans who opened them must secretly desire to close them. At a time when no American can publicly defend segregation, the most powerful Americans are supposed to desire it and to have succeeded in imposing it. Accusing one's fellow citizens of racism and sexism has become so routine, to be sure, that the seriousness of the charge has been forgotten. But to make a serious charge

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lightly is so far from an excuse as to be an aggravation. To accuse a group of "institutional racism" reveals a frivolous attitude in the accuser that is worse than the casual malice of which he complains.

None of this is meant to deny that prejudice exists in America. In one way prejudice is much greater than we know: Since we live in a democracy, prejudice exists not only against those held inferior but also against people we suspect of superiority. But affirmative action, under the guise of opposing racism and sexism, inflates those attitudes by imputing them to other citizens as the sole cause of remaining inequalities. Although affirmative action claims to be a temporary policy, it has a vested interest in the continuation of prejudice. "Progress" in race and gender relations is made doubtful because each advance occurs not by the gradual disappearance of prejudice but with a triumph over it. The beneficiaries are encouraged to think that they got jobs or promotions not on merit but as punitive compensation, like the recovery of stolen goods from thieves. This may be cause for satisfaction in the beneficiaries, but it cannot be the occasion for pride. The unprotected Americans—the "guilty" ones—are not ashamed; they are humiliated. They are not asked to live up to their ideals; they are forced to do so because it is assumed that they have not done so and will not do so on their own. This is a recipe for resentment.

To combat the prejudice it inflates, affirmative action has two modes, which Nathan Glazer has distinguished as hard (quotas) and soft (pressure without quotas). These are two modes of the same policy rather than two policies. Affirmative action with quotas will often be opposed because it is too blatant, although the policy as such is by no means so honest that its proponents will admit that merit is no longer the first consideration. Instead, they try to redefine merit: It no longer means the best, or the best available; it is made to mean acceptable, or beyond a certain minimum. Sometimes "merit" is defined as what society needs, and society's needs are more big shots who are blacks and women; ergo, promoting them is promoting merit. They serve as "role models," and the role they model is that of being patronized by white males.

Still, despite these evasions, quotas are too blatant. They have been tagged as "reverse discrimination," not to say racism and sexism. Affirmative action therefore retreats to less obvious methods that, it is hoped, will save face for both employer and employed. For example, in my "place of employment"—Harvard University—affirmative action is said to amount to no more than an earnest attempt to "identify and consider" the protected candidates. Similarly, according to Justice Powell's majority opinion in the Bakke case, universities may "consider race" for admissions, but may not "use" it explicitly.

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But this soft mode does not persist either. After time has passed, noses are counted, and if too many are found to be of the wrong color or sex, the order comes down to quit stalling, to find one now, lest quotas be imposed. This order comes down but does not go out. Soft and hard modes of affirmative action agree in their lack of candor; they vary only in the degree of pressure, as push differs from shove.

To manage its two modes, to coordinate the uses of insinuation and threat, affirmative action has its very own bureaucracy. Affirmative-action officers are to be found in the employ of almost every large company and university. They are paid by the employer but they do not work for him. They work toward the achievement of affirmative action, no matter what that does to their employer, because their job is to see that their employer abides by federal regulations. Their job is not like that of a lawyer, who might advise his employer on how to stay within the law while keeping his best interests in view; nor is it like that of a policeman, who enforces the law impartially and is paid by the government. Like everything else about affirmative action, its officers are in between. Their job is neither to advise nor to enforce, but to exert pressure.

It goes without saying that affirmative-action officers must be members of protected groups. No white male could be trusted to have the necessary impartiality for that position, not even if he were a proponent of affirmative action. He might wish to do his best, but some tincture of bias would surely inhibit him in the pursuit of justice. Besides, an unsuitable affirmative-action officer could not provide the necessary support and reassurance to the blacks and wom-

en who are his protégés. They might get the wrong idea that white males are not prejudiced against them.

All the bluster against discrimination conceals the fact that the civil-rights movement has lost its high idealism and has descended to a mundane concern for jobs and bonors. The result is demeaning, but worldly ambition can keep its aura of heroism if it can be said to struggle against racism and sexism. That struggle not only justifies appointments not based on merit but also dignifies the seif-interest of those who accept them. In reality, prejudice is now at a low point in our history. Most affirmativeaction programs do their best to kick in an open door at which personnel officers, suppressing their supposedly wicked hatred for the blacks and women they have bent every effort to enlist, stand ready with effusive greetings and all-consuming grins. Where hostility is met, it is more often resentment at affirmative action than prejudice against the protected groups as such. And when it is hard to find a job. as it frequently is, the reason is usually not prejudice but the scarcity of jobs. Tokenism, in fact, is an understandable, even a reasonable desense against routine accusations of discrimination. One insincerity creates another -and deserves another.

As bents its underhanded nature, affirmative action has an undernanded history. Although it is now a centerpiece of government policy, affirmative action never made its way through the legislative process with public notice and decate. As is well known, Hubert Humphrey and other managers of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 expressly denied that quotas or preferential treatment were required by Title VII of that act, and they put that denial into the language of Title VII. "Affirmative action" began as an undefined, apparently innocuous, phrase in an executive order with no direct reference to any duly passed law, and it just grew, with the eager cooperation and inventiveness of the courts. Even now it has no fixed meaning, and, as I have said, its proponents find it convenient to avoid fixing one, adopting hard or soft meanings depending on whether affirmative action is on the attack or the defensive.

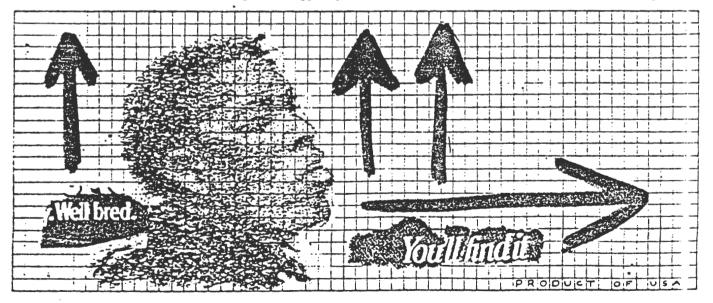
While the meaning of affirmative action was being arbitrarily expanded, its protection was arbitrarily extended. Whereas the Civil Rights Act of 1964 represented a national consensus, the culmination of a grand struggle by

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and for blacks, other groups have since taken advantage of the consensus on blacks to include themselves among the. formerly oppressed and the currently bewildered. The women's movement, in particular, has taken a free ride on the injustices done to blacks. It provides no forthright argument that a society in which women stay at home is inferior to one in which they take paid jobs outside the home. Instead, the movement concentrates on "raising consciousness," which consists of showing women and men how they have always assumed women should be as they always have been. But slaves who can gain freedom merely by raising consciousness were never slaves. Men have in fact meekly surrendered, or eagerly offered, their privileges—only to be told that this is not enough. Men are still guilty, guilty, a thousand times guilty of sexism. Thus, affirmative action is both expiation of male guilt and a newfangled gallantry that many women deign to acceptthey do not wish to push revolution too far. Women recognize that moderation is the way to have the best of both worlds. Let us hope they do not get the contrary; failing to keep the traditional courtesies they continue sexistically to prize while failing to gain, or savor when gained, an equal or greater-than-equal share (why not play to win?) of the top honors of this world. At the moment it is hard to think why they should not expect the worst of both worlds.

With such a dubious history, affirmative action has not been presented by its proponents as the fundamental change that it is. President Johnson spoke of the need for "equality of result" as something beyond "equality of opportunity," but the new equality was to be the result of living up to established principles. It was not a challenge to equality of opportunity but an improvement needed, it was said, because people do not have equal opportunities if they cannot take advantage of them equally because of a disadvantaged background.

"Background" is the key to the innovation made by affirmative action. One's background is the sum of one's nature, including both individual and human nature, and nurture, including both individual upbringing and the hab ts inherited from the history of a group. Equality of opportunity presupposes that nature is more powerful than nurture, that we have a fixed human nature, enabling an in-



dividual to overcome an upbringing of poverty and a history of deprivation. All the individual needs is an opportunity; his nature permits him to make a "fresh start."

Thomas Jefferson went so far as to conceive of a natural aristocracy to be elicited in the American republic through tests of merit. This reliance on nature has seemed too confining to more recent liberal reformers, many of them influenced by Marxism. They have concentrated on its limitations, particularly its self-interest, the selfishness of the old Adam. They have attacked the notion of a fixed human nature as reflecting a belief in original sin, which is bad because it is conservatism. Yet certain historically minded conservatives, with an exaggerated devotion to tradition, have joined these liberals in attacking the notion of a fixed human nature.

For both of these parties, history has proved to be a trap. The conservatives now have to admit that Communist revolution has an increasing share of contemporary history; so if man is history, our history is carrying us into revolution. The liberals, while meaning to extend reform by denying the limitations set by human nature, have in effect limited reform by calling into question our capacity to take advantage of it. Most liberals seem not to appreciate fully that affirmative action does not add to previous reform but criticizes it, and that the reform being criticized is liberal reform. They are used to thinking of progress in reform, by which one reform, inadequate or incomplete by itself, suggests another. With the advent of affirmative action, however, previous reform is declared ineffectual, not merely inadequate, and progress itself becomes dubious.

Those who favor affirmative action do not profess that they are abandoning equal opportunity; on the contrary, they promise to make opportunities really equal for the

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first time. They say that the natural endowments of the disadvantaged cannot overcome their histories right now, but at some time in the future, when those disadvantaged histories have been overcome by affirmative action, merit can once again be our standard and quotas be discarded. Affirmative action is thus professedly not an abandonment but a temporary postponement of equal opportunity. To say otherwise would be to admit that races and genders are permanently unequal.

But how long will it take to equalize the histories of blacks and women? At Harvard, the official policy is to continue affirmative action "until we have demonstrated to our own collective satisfaction that hiring decisions are absolutely color-blind and sex-neutral." Absolutely is a word not often heard at Harvard, where many people commonly say they do not believe in "absolutes." But the extremism of this absolute, which is necessary to the idea of affirmative action, has to be savored to be appreciated. It is not enough for us to decide, as best we can, on the basis of merit; each of us must be blind to his own color, neutral

as to his sex. None-of us can be trusted to decide on merit until each of us has repressed in himself any qualities that might possibly cause him not to decide on merit.

How is this marvelous repression to be achieved? Well, precisely by feeding the pride of race and sex in blacks and women and guilt of the same in white males. One state of mind-being absolutely color-blind and sex-neutral -is to be achieved by practicing its contrary. This is what is meant when we are asked to live up to our principles, to "close the gap between reality and ideals" (as the Harvard policy puts it). Since the goal is absolute, the policy adopted to get there will take a very long time to succeed, if it can ever succeed. And since the means used by the policy contradict the goals, even progress is unlikely. Affirmative action begins with the assertion that despite civil-rights legislation, prejudice continues and has got worse; then it concludes that despite the strength of prejudice, prejudice can and ought to be abolished; and last, it decides that abolition of prejudice can be accomplished by inflating it.

Some might think that the cure for the underhandedness of affirmative action is "open government," a policy of keeping nothing secret from the people. Not in the least! Open government was the means selected by the late, lamentable Carter Administration "to make government as good as the American people." It is also the operative ideal of the media, and it has a respectable source in the political philosophy of Kant. Open government, it is said, will make government more moral by making it more visible. This is just what affirmative action claims to do when it attempts to bring to light the informal truth behind a formal commitment to equal opportunity. It is no accident that affirmative action was most emphatically affirmed in the Administration that was devoted to open government.

Under affirmative action the same thing happens as under open government generally. A visible action that is at first taken as a sign of morality becomes a morality itself. A visible affirmative action taken to overcome racism, such as appointing a black to office, instead of being understood as a sign that racism is gone, is mistaken for a blow at racism. Attention is thus shifted from motive to result ("equality of result"), and it is wrongly concluded that we can destroy racism by appointing blacks—only the result matters, not the means. What begins as an attempt to infuse our public and private lives with morality ends as indifference to the means so long as the end is achieved; it ends as indifference to morality. The gap between reality and our ideals is not closed; it is merely papered overwith bureaucratic forms, in which empty accusations are answered by insincere protestations. The perfect example of this immoral moralism is the "consent decree"—an exymoron if there ever was one-describing the treatmen of a defendant who does not admit he is guilty but ag ces under compulsion to act as if he were.

It would go too far to say that, in the matter of affirmative action, government by consent decree is replacing government by consent. But we have perhaps plumbed the depth of the harm done by affirmative action when we understand how it negates the principle of government by consent. The right to consent to government is often presented as a matter of justice, and rightly, because it is justice to count each person as one. But the right to consent is also a matter of dignity, because each person must

count for something in order to be counted as one. It is the right to be treated as a person worthy of being taken seriously, as a rational creature capable of choice, who deserves to be persuaded and not taken for granted.

One cannot presume, therefore, how the right to consent will be exercised. One cannot suppose, for example, that blacks, because they are blacks, must want this and not want that. Of course, it is not always practicable to take a vote. It may be defensible to presume tacit consent in a situation from which one draws benefits, but consent that is presumed because of one's social and economic characteristics is an outrage. Whereas the first presumption declares what you have apparently consented to, leaving intact your right to withdraw consent, the second says what you would consent to, thus making actual consent unnecessary and bothersome. It is hardly surprising, and not reprehensible, that blacks should vote for blacks, but for them to do so automatically is no merit and deserves no praise. For the government to presume, as a matter of law, that blacks will do so is no mere prediction of how they will vote but an unthinking usurpation of their right of consent.

In the recent extension of the Voting Rights Act (1982), Congress flirted with the idea of affirmative-action consent that would have given protected groups the representation it presumed they would and should vote for. According to this bright idea, the government should no longer confine itself to guaranteeing the right to vote, but should now look to see how that right is exercised, in case voting by one method or another should deprive a minority of its

Research shows that a woman has the potential to double her strength,

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fair share of representation, as calculated without reference to elections. This was an attempt at mandated racist voting, and it was narrowly and only partially defeated.

It is not enough to describe our problem as a gap between reality and our ideals. Such a description overlooks the right to consent, which is the key to all our other rights. Our problem is in one way greater than a gap between reality and our ideals, and in another way more honorable. It is a gap within our ideals, a gap arising from the right of consent and reflecting the reality that free men are not free of prejudice.

Since this is so, and is likely to remain so, do we want to conclude that freedom should be withheld until all prejudice has been abolished? That is the totalitarian way—which says, in contradiction of itself, that men are worthy of freedom but not of gaining it on their own. But then, if we avoid this contradiction and allow that people should have "freedom now," and not have to wait until government has declared them worthy of it, we must respect their right of consent. We must respect that right even in those who are prejudiced (and of course in those we merely disagree with). To do so is not merely a practical necessity—as if we were merely recognizing the gap between reality and our ideals—but a moral imperative derived from our central ideal, the right of consent.

Living together in freedom requires more than justice, for after justice has been exacted, people are not always in a mood to live together. To put ourselves in the right mood for free society we must recognize the dignity of other citizens. We must treat them, to repeat, as worthy of being persuaded. This morality of consent requires us to consent, for the sake of our morality, to a gap between reality and our ideals. It also provides a necessary check on our moralism, when we try to rush into reform too confident that those who are opposed are merely prejudiced. Moralism gives morality a bad name and makes free citizens angry and impatient with one another.

Properly understood, the right to consent neither prevents us from resorting to compulsion when necessary nor disables us from attempting reform when desirable. In this proper understanding, consent has its forms and procedures whose observance makes it necessary to persuade one's fellow citizens. Consent must be registered in legal elections to offices in bodies established by law so that it is clear who are the winners and losers. The point is to leave the majority capable of action after the minority has been heard. A person's right to consent is not violated when he has been outvoted, and his dignity has not been denied when he has been outargued. The forms and procedures of a free government give definition to the dignity of free citizens. It knows when it can act, and we know when we have been consulted.

All these forms and procedures, together with the spirit in which they are practiced, have been called constitutionalism. They ensure respect for the means by which the right of consent is exercised, and thereby they secure respect for the right of consent. They constitute a free society; without such forms a society might be tempted to believe that freedom is doing as one pleases, or doing what one thinks is required by justice.

Affirmative action has no regard for the forms and procedures that serve as protection of the right of consent. It

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major for 16 years) to the Supreme Allied Command. He wasn't infallible, and Ambrose scores his several strategic failings-particularly his patience with Montgomery, who not only failed to secure Antwerp but squandered men and matériel in the disastrous Market Garden operation. Too, the author is appalled that Ike refused to beat the Russians to Berlin. But he hastens to add that no other Allied commander would have been so well suited for the role of winning the war while keeping everyone happy. The case with which he achieved his and the nation's objectives, however, had made him the indispensable man. Hence his retirement plans were delayed for another 16 years as he served his nation in a variety of offices, culminating in two terms in the Presidency.

ALAN L. MILLER

The Collected Stories of Colette, edited by Robert Phelps (Farrar, 605 pp., \$19.95)

ROBERT PHELPS, who edited an influgraphical writings called Earthly Paradise, is still at it, the latest product of his industry is a collection of one hundred pieces of "short fiction" by Colette. (Colette's "fiction" is very hard to categorize, and Mr. Phelps goes so far as to divide it into four overlapping genres: autobiographical sketches, chroniques, "lyrical meditations whose mode is not narrative," and short stories proper.) Thirty-one of these stories appear in English for the first time; 29 are newly translated by various hands. Mr. Phelps's selection is sensible and his introduction—though too short—is astute. Colette has never been properly appreciated in the United States; The Collected Stories of Colette is a good way to get acquainted with the uniquely personal style of the author whom Glenway Wescott once called "a kind of female Montaigne."

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has no patience with them when they seem to get in the way of justice, and no compunction about multiplying them when they are thought to advance justice. Any old procedure may be altered, any new procedure may be added: all that matters is the result. Thus,

our government becomes ever more intrusive even as it increasingly shirks the task of persuasion.

Those who agree with some, or most, or all of what I have said against affirmative action may still think that something needs to be done, and I believe they are right. In the first place, the case of blacks should be separated from those of all the rest. They are the only ones who were brought to America against their will and then enslaved. True, they were later freed; but still they were held down as secondclass citizens. How can they be made into first-class citizens? But is it not evident that this question should be rephrased as, How can they make themselves into first-class citizens? To which the immediate answer must be, Not by affirmative action: not by receiving justice from others so much as by claiming their own places in the name of pride.

Blacks should look more at what they contribute to America, less at what they want from it. Their wants make them dependent and force them to accentuate the negative, so that they humiliate themselves in the very act of demanding their due. They should consider what they have done in America and whether this is worthy of being continued. They should transform their predilections into conscious deliberation, and consider what they can and should do with their lives, given their choices and the range of opportunities America provides.

To claim 11 per cent of every activity on the principle of affirmative action is to say that blacks make no contribution of their own and that America would have lost nothing distinctive if it had sent all its freed slaves back to Africa. But blacks have one sure contribution to make, a valuable addition to their other valuable contributions to our culture. They have been the victims of democratic injustice and have seen freedom from underneath, and in consequence they know what most other Americans can hardly imagine, that democratic majorities can do terrible wrong. This is valuable information for a free people.

In considering what they can do, and want to do, the primary responsibility should be on blacks themselves. The policy I suggest is as far from "benign neglect" as from intrusive interference. It is that blacks should be asked to affirm their own actions.



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June 20, 1984

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THIS IS REMARKABLE NEWS THAT SHOULD GIVE US CONFIDENCE WE ARE SETTLING INTO A PATTERN OF STRONG AND STEADY ECONOMIC GROWTH WITHOUT RENEWED INFLATION.

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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

May 28, 1984

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MEMORANDUM FOR DODIE LIVINGSTON

FROM:

ROBERT M. KIMMITT Roh

SUBJECT:

Rome Liberation Day Message

The NSC staff has reviewed and concurs with the draft Presidential statement, as modified, commemorating the 40th Anniversary of the liberation of Rome

Attachment

Tab A - Draft Statement

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Draft Statement from the President

I am proud to extend, through the distinguished American delegation, my very warmest wishes to all Italians who are today commemorating the fortieth anniversary of the liberation of their historic capital city. I salute the President of Italy, himself a valiant partisan in the struggle for Italian liberty, and all of his ministers, who symbolize the fruits of a long and costly effort to restore free government and an open democratic society to the great Italian nation.

We also honor the memory of General Mark Clark, under whose command the First Special Service Force, composed equally of American and Canadian soldiers, was the spearhead of the Allied army that entered Rome in June 1944. In his own account of the enthusiasm and excitement of that day, General Clark has told how he first arrived in St. Peter's Square. There he met an American priest who indicated the route to the Capitoline Hill. A young boy on a bicycle than led the jeep bearing Ceneral Clark to the Town Hall, where he pounded on the hig door, which was looked, before he was received as the liberator of Rome.

So I wish to add my voice to yours in marking this joyous anniversary for all Romans and for all Italians. My fellow countrymen and I join you in spirit today in celebrating the abiding friendship between our two peoples and the free over the last four decades. alliance which has bound us together in the intervening years since 1944. Italy and the United States are together striving to preserve our hard-won liberty and the free, open, fair and

to preserve our hard-won liberty and the free, open, fair and prosperous societies that our democratic systems have made possible. I am particularly happy on this day to renew my dedication, on behalf of the American people, to the continuing success of this sacred endeavor of our two great nations.

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

ACTION

May 28, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT M. KIMMITT

FROM:

TYRUS W. COBB

SUBJECT:

Rome Liberation Day Message

Attached at Tab I is a memo from you to Dodie Livingston forwarding a modified draft Presidential statement commemorating the 40th Anniversary of the liberation of Rome.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the Tab I memo to Dodie.

Approve ____

Disapprove ____

Attachment

Tab I - Memo to Livingston
Tab A - Incoming Correspondence

THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON



May 25, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR:

BOB KIMMITT

FROM:

DODIE LIVINGSTON

SUBJECT:

Rome Liberation Day Message

We have been asked to provide a Presidential message for a ceremony celebrating the fortieth anniversary of the liberation of Rome on June 2.

I am forwarding the package and would appreciate your advice.

As you will notice, the package is a little confusing and inconclusive as to the Presidential delegation and all. It came to us through Joe Selgado and John Herrington in Presidential Personnel.

We are happy to help in any way you feel appropriate.

World War II buffs unite!

United States Department of State

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Washington, D.C. 20520 May 16, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROBERT C. MCFARLANE AND MR. JOHN S. HERRINGTON THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Presidential Delegation to Commemorate the Liberation of Rome, June 2, 1984

Veterans of the First Special Service Force have been planning to commemorate their spearhead role in the liberation of Rome with the installation of a special plaque at the site of their entry into the city on the 40th anniversary of that event. Recently the Italian Government decided to convert this event into an important political ceremony that will involve both President Pertini and Prime Minister Craxi.

Ambassador Rabb has pointed out the potential symbolic importance of this event for Italo-American relations. He has suggested we use this occasion to emphasize the role of U.S. forces in the liberation of Italy and to recall for new generations of Italians the historic connection between the U.S. and the rebirth of Italian democracy.

Ambassador Rabb has recommended that the President name an official delegation that will represent him at the ceremonies, to be held in Rome on June 2. The Department strongly endorses this recommendation, with the suggestion that the delegation be kept small and that it be drawn largely from those with a close connection either to the Italian campaign or to Italy.

We consider the following to be appropriate members of a Presidential delegation. All of them have already indicated an intention to attend the ceremonies:

Ambassador Maxwell Rabb

General John W. Vessey, Jr., Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, who received his battlefield commission in the Italian campaign

Secretary of the Army John Marsh

Lieutenant General David E. Grange, Jr., Chairman, Office for Coordination of Army Historical Observances, who served in the Italian campaign

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Ambassador at Large Vernon Walters, who was aide to General Mark Clark during the liberation of Rome

We suggest that this core group be supplemented, if possible, by a number of other prominent officials, including members of Congress. In this regard, seven members of Congress served in the Italian campaign. (A list is attached). All have been contacted previously by Ambassador Rabb and declined to attend. We believe some might reconsider if approached to serve on a Presidential delegation.

As possibilities for a chairman of delegation who would be most effective politically in Italy, we particularly recommend Senator Dole, Representative Fascell, or Senator D'Amato (not an Italian campaign veteran, but an Italo-American political figure who is extremely well known in Italy). We suggest that a senior official, able to speak for the President, seek a commitment from one of these three to serve as chairman.

We suggest that the delegation carry with it a statement from the President which could be read at the principal ceremony. A draft is attached for approval.

The Department of Defense concurs in the above recommendations.

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Charles Hill Executive Secretary

Attachments:

1. List of Members of Congress

2. Draft Statement from the President



Members of Congress who Served in the Italian Campaign

Senator Dole

Senator Bentsen

Senator Inouye

Senator Matsunaga

Representative Kazen

Representative Horton

Representative Fascell

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May 23, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. McFARLANE

FROM:

STEVEN E. STEINER Sever

SUBJECT:

Presidential Statement on MBFR Resumption

As I mentioned at the staff meeting this morning, the resumption of MBFR tomorrow gives us another good opportunity to stress once again the Western interest in moving forward in arms control. In specific MBFR terms, this also gives us a chance to stress the responsibility of the East -- now that they have had a break between rounds -- to respond constructively to the new Western initiative.

Bob Sims believes we should release this late today, embargoed until tomorrow morning, so that we can maximize the play in Europe. This is an excellent idea, as these statements have been helping us there. Our last CDE statement, for example, was referred to extensively in a German government statement and quoted both publicly and privately by Genscher.

I have cleared this with the Presidential Speechwriters.

RECOMMENDATION

That you approve the MBFR statement at Tab I and authorize its release today.

Approve _____ Disapprove ____

Bob Sims, Walt Raymond, Karna Small, Sven Kraemer and Don Mahle concur.

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Tab I MBFR Statement

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The attached is approved by Bud for immediate release (embargoed until fornour morning).

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Presidential Statement on MBFR

Today in Vienna, negotiators from East and West resume the talks on Mutual and Balanced Force Reductions, or MBFR. The purpose of these talks, in which 18 NATO and Warsaw Pact nations are participating, is to reach an agreement to reduce conventional forces in Central Europe.

On April 19, near the end of the last round, the West presented a major new initiative aimed at moving these negotiations forward. The new Western proposal seeks to overcome the longstanding disagreement over the number of Warsaw Pact soldiers in Central Europe. Our proposal will permit the two sides to focus initial attention on counting just their most highly structured and visible forces, since this is the area where East and West are already closest to agreement.

The timing of this offer gave the Warsaw Pact the opportunity to study it in their capitals during the break between rounds. We therefore hope that the Soviet Union and its allies are prepared now to respond constructively to our initiative and to move the negotiations forward. By reaching agreement on lower, equal and verifiable levels of conventional forces in Central Europe, we will be able to enhance the security of both sides and to strengthen peace and stability in Europe. The force reductions themselves and the associated verification measures called for in the Western proposal would enhance mutual confidence between East and West.

The MBFR negotiations resume at the same time that another part of the East-West security dialogue, the Conference on Confidence and Security Building Measures and Disarmament in Europe (known as CDE), is continuing in Stockholm. There, too, the West presented a package of proposals that would enhance confidence and trust among the 35 participating countries. And in both Stockholm and Vienna, the West is fully prepared to discuss any serious counterproposals from other participants.

The West is doing its part to achieve progress in other areas of arms control as well. In the same week that we made the new MBFR proposal, Vice President Bush presented to the 40-nation Conference on Disarmament in Geneva a comprehensive U.S. proposal for a global ban on chemical weapons. This proposal will again be under discussion when the Conference on Disarmament reconvenes in June.

We are just as prepared to move forward in negotiating reductions in nuclear forces. But the Soviet Union still refuses to return to the START and INF negotiations which it left last fall. I repeat what I have said on many occasions: we are prepared to resume those negotiations at any time and without preconditions. We again invite the Soviet Union to return to the negotiating table to resume the serious work of reducing nuclear arsenals and the risks of nuclear war.

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June 14, 1984

Hollywood talent agent Maxwell Arnow died Wednesday, June 6 and was buried Friday, it was reported today. He was 81 years old. Reports suggest the President knew him and we have been asked for a reaction from the President.

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THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

TO: Biff Henley

FROM: KATHY OSBORNE

Personal Secretary to the President

DATE: 6-18-84

Please file in RR's personal handwriting file. I have given copies to Mark Weinberg.

Thanks.

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President's response regarding Maxwell Arnow's death:

"I was shocked and saddened to hear of Max Arnow's death. He was the man, as casting director of Warner Brothers, who gave me a screen test and signed me to a contract that ran for thirteen years. He was known throughout the industry as a man whose word was his bond. I was proud to have his friend-ship."

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June 13, 1984

MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

KATHY OSBORNE

SUBJECT:

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Media Relations had an inquiry from <u>Runner's World</u> magazine — they are doing a special article next month on "What The Olympics Means To Me." They are asking this of several prominent people.

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Thanks.

Dear Dr. Adams:

Thank you for inviting me to participate in the First Baptist Church's hour of silent prayer this Independence Day.— I sm a strong believer in intercessory prayer and the five things I consider most in need of remembrance are as follows:

- 1. Almost 12 years ago, a decision was made in the highest court of this land which has cost, and continues to cost, the lives of 1.5 million unborn children each year. We must pray for a stop to the evil of abortion. As Christians, we cannot refuse to reach out to these innocent victims and to their mothers, who need our friendship and support. No cause is more deserving of our prayers and our concern.
- 2. This nation has strayed far from the values which helped to found it and make it grow to greatness. The family is the building block of any civilized society, and I see mighty efforts today to undermine and destroy its vitality. Our prayers are needed to help restore family values to their rightful place in society. Sadly, we can look about in our own communities and see the terrible by-products of the denigration of the family unit broken homes, drugs, child abuse, pornography and a host of other problems.
- 3. I do not believe that either of the above problems would be prevalent in our society if we had not lost sight of the place of religion in our daily lives. As a Christian, I believe that Christ must have a place in every phase of our lives and our dealings with our fellowmen. He must be part of everything we do -- not just an hour of devotions on Sunday. In the Bible we have a clear blueprint for our lives which was intended to be our guide and our goal. We are asked to keep his Sabbath holy, but that does not exclude the rest of the week. I urge your congregation to join me in praying that Christ will influence every aspect of our personal lives.

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- 4. Our Founding Fathers were men of great purpose and they made enormous sacrifices to reach their goals. We traditionally celebrate their victory on July 4, which we call "Independence Day." We are commemorating our freedom from tyranny and our birth as a new nation. America has grown into the most powerful and generous country on earth. But, along the way, we have often lost that special spirit which inspired our forefathers. Too many Americans have forgotten that the words "government of the people," in the Gettysburg Address, are followed by the completing phrases "by the people, for the people." We must never let government become so intrusive as to become tyrannical. We must realize that every time we allow the government to do something for us, we give up just a little of our freedom to make decisions for ourselves. Our history is replete with examples of heroes who died rather than give up one iots of liberty. I have enormous faith that the American people are striving to recapture our spirit of independence. This cause well deserves our prayers, for it is essential to the good of our nation.
- 5. Perhaps by now, some of you are wondering when I will mention peace. I have been mentioning peace all along the peace of our conscience, the peace of our homes, the peace we make with God, and the peace which comes from dignity and a sense of self-worth. Neither last nor least is the peace which we desire among peoples and nations. I pray that someday everyone on earth shall live in peace and freedom. I do not believe that we as Christians can be satisfied with the absence of war and call it true peace unless our brothers and sisters all over the world share in the freedom which has been our birthright.

Thank you and your congregation for asking me to join with you in petitioning God for these vital needs. Nancy and I are cheered by nothing so much as the knowledge that we are lifted up in prayer by our fellow Americans. It gives us comfort and hope. Thank you again, happy independence Day, and may God bless and keep you.

Sincerely,

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The Reverend M. L. Adams, D.D. First Baptist Church Post Office Box 687 Union City, Tennessee 38261

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First Baptist Church P.O. BOX 687 - UNION CITY, TENNESSEE 38261 DR. M. L. ADAMS Pastor May 29, 1984 Dear Mr. Reagan, On July 4, 1984 our church will be conducting a unique prayer time. We are planning about an hour of silent prayer for the specific needs of our nation. I am writing to you to discover some of the things which you consider to be of significance. Please help us to direct our prayer time. I would like you to list the five things which you consider to be most needful for the prayer life and civic life of our nation. Please

be as specific as possible.

Our church will be made aware of the needs which you have expressed and they will spend time on July 4, praying for these needs. It would be helpful if you could return your responses by June 15. Thank you for your valuable time.

Sincerely,

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Ns. Ida Honorof Consumer Awareness 2901 Los Flores Boulevard Lynwood, CA 90263

Dear Ms. Honorof:

President Reagan has asked us to respond to your June 24 letter to him about the book "Modern Neat" and requesting a ban on subtherapeutic uses of antibiotics.

The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) of the Department of Agriculture (USDA) is responsible for ensuring that meat and poultry products are safe, wholesome, and accurately labeled. FSIS enforces the Federal Meat Inspection Act, the Poultry Products Inspection Act, and the regulations that implement the Acts. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) of the Department of Health and Human Services has jurisdiction over most other foods, and also approves the use of veterinary drugs, including hormones. Enclosed for your information are some materials about FSIS that may be of interest to you.

Producers are allowed to use approved drugs in livestock and poultry raising. FSIS, however, closely monitors meat and poultry products for residues of chemicals and drugs. We conduct the National Residue Program to prevent the marketing of animals containing illegal drug and chemical residues. FDA and the Environmental Protection Agency (RPA) set "tolerance" levels of residues—based on the amount that is considered safe in food consumed by humans—and prohibit the use of substances that present dangers to human health. FDA is responsible for evaluating the safety of animal drugs; EPA avaluates the safety of posticides and industrial chemicals. FDA also has established withdrawal periods for drugs used in the therapeutic and subtherapeutic treatment of animals. (A withdrawal period is the amount of time necessary to reduce drug residues to below tolerance levels before slaughter.)

Once EPA and FDA have established tolerance levels for specific substances, FSIS randomly samples livestock and poultry at slaughter and tests for these residues. This monitoring program shows the extent to which controls over drugs, pesticides, and industrial chemicals have been successful. When problems are identified, FDA or EPA is notified, the circumstances are investigated, and additional animals potentially exposed must be tested before release of their products into commerce. Under the Federal meat and poultry inspection acts, any raw meat or poultry shown to contain residues above the established tolerance levels is considered adulterated and must be condemned.

Recently, we have expanded the scope of the residue program to emphasize producer education and prevention through a new approach known as the Residue Avoidance Program. To complement the producer education program, we intend to add new compounds to those already surveyed in the residue monitoring program to increase the information available to industry and Government agencies on potential problem areas.

Ms. Ida Honorof 2

Hormones approved for use to promote growth in meat and poultry production fall into two categories. In the first group are synthetic steroids, which are chemically equivalent to naturally occurring sex hormones. The commercial names of approved estradiols are Synovex S (used in steers); Synovex H (used in heifers); Compudose (used in heifers); and Esmopal (used seldom, if at all, in domestic chickens).

In the second group are synthetically prepared drugs that are chemically different from estrogens, but have activity that resembles estrogens. The commercial names of drugs in this class are Ralgro (zeranol, used in beef cattle and feeder lambs); and MGA (melengestrol acetate, used in beef heifers). Another synthetic drug, diethylstilbestrol (DES), has been benned for use in livestock since 1979 and in poultry since 1959. In the United States, all of these compounds, except DES, are available in commercial form at feed and supply stores.

To address your request for a ban on subtherapeutic uses of antibiotics, we have referred your letter to the FDA because that Agency is responsible for approving the use of animal drugs. If you want to write directly, the address is Bureau of Veterinary Medicine, FDA, HFV-200, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, ND 20857.

We hope this information is helpful. If you have any questions, please let us know.

Sincerely,

(s/ Ronald E. Engel

Ronald E. Engel Deputy Administrator for Science

Enclosures

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June 24, 1984

President Ronald Reagan

White House

Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President JUL 6 A8: 54

I have just finished reading Orville Schell's book "Modern Meat" and I would recommend it highly to you.

I will be reviewing the book on my radio show "Consumer Awareness" which is aired on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 5PM, and which reaches from Santa Barbara to San Diego.

Inasmuch as I understand that you are very selective in the meat you eat—it must be free of all antibiotics and growth hormones—I would appreciate a statement from you asking for the immediate ban of all subtherapeutic uses especially of antibiotics.

As the President of our Great Country, I think it would be exemplary for you to deal with the problem so that not only you are protected, but so are the over 200 million persons who eat animal protein that contains "superbugs" which are potentially harmful.

Please let me hear from you. "Modern Meat" is published by Random House (N.Y. 10022) and if you write to them I imagine they will send you a complimentary copy, in case you haven't already received it.

Ida Honoroi - "Consumer Awareness"

Sincerely

2901 Los Flores Bl. Lynwood, CA 90262

PS: Please respond with a statement asking for the ban of all subtherapeutic uses of antibiotics.

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FROM:

CARLTON TURNER

SUBJECT:

Statements By The President

My office is preparing an index of statements by the President regarding the drug abuse program. Attached is the list of speeches/statements we have compiled.

Please furnish copies of the speeches/statements indicated with an "X." In addition, if you know of any other occasion in which the President mentioned drug abuse or drug trafficking please note and furnish a copy.

Thanks for your help.

- March 6, 1981 The President's News Conference.
 Establishes priority and philosophy of drug abuse program; roles of supply and demand reduction.
- X 2 April 8, 1981 Proclamation by the President on Victims Rights Week (4831).
- X 3 September 28, 1981 Remarks of the President to the International Association of Chiefs of Police. Outlines six steps federal government can take against crime and major points of strategy against drug abuse and drug trafficking; includes policy concerning use of herbicides in eradication efforts and military assistance in detecting drug traffic.
- X 4 January 26, 1982 State of the Union Address by the President.
- X 5 January 27, 1982 Remarks of the President to the Association of Independent Television Stations, Q & A's at White House Briefing. Crime initiatives and evidence.
 - 6 January 28, 1982 Statement by the President. Establishes South Florida Task Force.
- X 7 February 26, 1982 Remarks by the President to the Conservative Political Action Conference.
- X 8 April 14, 1982 Remarks of the President on National Safety Belt Campaign & Creation of Drunk Driving Commission. Toll of drug driving and importance of grassroots action.
- X 9 April 14, 1982 Proclamation by the President for Crime Victims Week, 1982.
- X 10 April 16, 1982 Remarks by the President at a luncheon for Editors and Broadcasters of Southeastern States.
- X 11 April 23, 1982 Remarks of the President at the Signing Ceremony for Victims of Crime Executive Order #12360.
- X 12 April 23, 1982 Victims of Crime Executive Order #12360.
 - June 24, 1982 Remarks of the President Regarding the Drug Abuse Program. Establishes philosophy and direction of 1982 Federal Strategy for Prevention of Drug Abuse and Drug Trafficking.
 - 14 August 20, 1982 Letter by the President. Prefaces 1982 Federal Strategy.

- September 11, 1982 Radio Address of the President to the Nation. War on crime and legislative initiatives to strengthen criminal justice system.
- 16 September 13, 1982 Remarks of the President on the Omnibus Crime Bill. Legislative initiatives to strengthen the criminal justice system.
- October 2, 1982 Radio Address of the President and the First Lady to the Nation. The 1982 Federal Strategy for Prevention of Drug Abuse and Drug Trafficking is announced.
- October 14, 1983 Remarks of the President from the Great Hall of Justice on Crime. Announces 8-point program to combat drug trafficking and organized crime.
- 19 November 17, 1982 Remarks of the President to Miami Citizens Against Crime and South Florida Task Force.
 Citizen involvement and initiatives against crime and the drug traffic.
- X 20 November 17, 1982 Remarks of the President to U.S. Coast Guard Base Personnel and Dependents. Impact of South Florida Task Force.
- X 21 December 13, 1982 Remarks of the President at the National Drunk and Drugged Driving Week Event. Effectiveness of citizen action.
- X 22 December 13, 1982 National Drunk and Drugged Driving Awareness Week Proclamation by the President. The seriousness of the problem, especially during Holiday season.
- X 23 January 1, 1983 Radio Address of the President to the Nation. Private initiative and drunk driving.
 - January 14, 1983 Memorandum of Disapproval. Outlines reasons for veto of "mini-crime bill" (H.R. 3963).
- X 25 January 25, 1983 State of the Union Address by the President.
 - 26 January 31, 1983 Remarks of the President to the National Religious Broadcasters.
- X 27 February 25, 1983 Remarks of the President at a Q & A Session with High School Students.
- X 28 March 16, 1983 Message to the Congress upon Transmitting the Comprehensive Crime Control Act of 1983.

- X 29 March 23, 1983 Announcement by the President of the Creation of the National Narcotics Border Interdiction System.
 - 30 April 5, 1983 Statement by the President. The seriousness of drunk driving and alcohol abuse.
- X 31 April 29, 1983 Remarks of the President to the Cenikor Foundation in Houston.
- X 32 May 12, 1983 Remarks of the President Following Meeting with Prime Minister George Cadle Price of Belize.
- X 33 May 6, 1983 Remarks of the President to the National Rifle Association.
- X 34 May 20, 1983 Remarks of the President at Cuban Day Independence.
- X 35 July 26, 1983 Remarks of the President at the FBI Day Speech.
- X 36 July 28, 1983 Remarks of the President at a White House Reception for the National Council of Negro Women.
- X 37 October 20, 1983 Remarks of the President following meeting with Prime Minister Bettino Craxi of Italy.
 - November 1, 1983 Remarks of the President at a Signing Ceremony for National Drug Abuse Education Week.
 - November 1, 1983 Proclamation by the President for National Drug Abuse Education Week.
 - 40 December 3, 1983 Radio Address to the Nation by the President. The need for strengthening families to reduce the whole range of social problems.
 - December 8, 1983 Remarks of the President to the National Forum on Excellence in Education. Drugs and alcohol deter from excellence in education.
 - December 13, 1983 Remarks of the President in Ceremony for Drunk & Drugged Driving Awareness Week. Presentation of the Final Report on Drunk Driving Commission by Governor Volpe.
 - December 13, 1983 Proclamation by the President for National Drunk and Drugged Driving Awareness Week, 1983.
 - 44 December 17, 1983 Radio Address by the President to the Nation. Alcohol related accidents and fatalities.

- December 28, 1983 Letter from the President to All Federal Employees. Safety on the highways, especially during holiday season.
- X 46 January 25, 1984 State of the Union Address by the President.
 - January 30, 1984 Remarks of the President to the National Religious Broadcasters Convention.
 - 48 March 12, 1984 Remarks of the President to Elected Republican Women Officials.
 - March 19, 1984 White House Office of Policy Information Selected Quotations Regarding Drug Abuse. Presidential statements on all aspects of the drug program.

 - June 20, 1984 Remarks of the President at River Dell High School (River Dell, NJ). Drunk/drugged driving and alcohol awareness.
 - June 20, 1984 Remarks of the President to the 44th
 Annual Informative Conference of the National Sheriff's
 Association. Crime and drug law enforcement initiatives
 with emphasis on drug trafficking.
 - July 1, 1984 Radio Address by the President to the Nation. The economy and drugs.

July 6, 1984

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To the Members of the Ranger Battalions Association of World War II:

I want to thank editor Ray Alm for asking me to contribute a few words to The Ranger for its "D-Day + Forty" issue.

Neither 40 years nor, I think, 40 centuries could dim what you Rangers accomplished at Pointe du Hoc on June 6, 1944, for that was the day the Rangers "led the way" for the Free World in one of the most difficult missions of the Allied invasion of Normandy. You charged onto shore, up those unforgiving cliffs, through the enemy and on to liberation and peace for a captive Europe and a shaken humanity. You and your fallen comrades taught the world the terrible price of liberty, a price you paid willingly. Though 225 of you started out, only ninety were still able to bear arms two days later.

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From the bottom of my heart, thank you -- and God bless you.

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Dear Mr. President:

Watching the heartwarming and very moving scenes of D-DAY + FORTY was something I will remember with great pride. I was a Ranger in B-Company, 2nd Ranger Bn. on Omaha Beach on D-DAY, 1944. I was a S/Sgt of a 60 mm mortar section, and was there when the "Rangers Lead The Way" order was given by General Cota, as evidenced by the enclosed reprint of the June issue of Reader's Digest on pages 6 and 7.

I am also the Editor of "THE RANGER", the official newspaper of the Ranger Battalions Association of World War II. Our summer issue will be coming out shortly, featuring articles, pictures, etc. based on D-DAY + FORTY. Our paper is sent to Rangers throughout the United States and foreign countries, as well as the British Commandos in Canada and England with whom we hold a close bond. They are also mailed to the Ranger training schools, military museums, West Point, and many other departments.

There were a great number of Rangers who could not make the trip back to Normandy due to health, finances or other reasons, but they were there in spirit and prayers. This coming issue of "THE RANGER" will be their link with their comrades-in-arms.

We would be very proud and honored, Mr. President, if you, as Commander-in-Chief of all U.S. military forces, would be willing to share a few words with us for the coming issue, possibly of your feelings as you stood on Pointe Du Hoc and Omaha Beach and saw for yourself what our brave American youth went through to help keep the world free. We commend you, Mr. President, for your continued efforts to do the same.

President Ronald Reagan

Thank you for your kind consideration, and remember that the Rangers of yesterday, today and the future, have been and will always be loyal and ready to serve their country if and whenever needed.

Respectfully yours,

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An article a day of enduring significance, in condensed permanent booklet form

"Every man who set foot on Omaha Beach that day was a hero"

—Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley Invasion Commander, U.S. ground forces, June 6, 1944

These words of Omar Bradley's are simple yet eloquent testimony to the remarkable page of history that Americans (and their Allies) helped to write forty years ago. The passage of four decades has not dimmed the splendor of their heroism on D-Day.

The June issue of Reader's Digest will carry this article to remind millions of the selfless acts of courage performed on June 6, 1944. This special reprint is given to you as a remembrance of that day. Please accept it with our warm compliments, and our deep gratitude.

Sincerely,

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The Legacy of D-Day

By LAWRENCE ELLIOTT

November, the 40th winter since the landings, and I took my little boy. As we walked the lonely beach I held on to his hand,

for he was my connection to present reality.

The guns up in those gray bluffs are harmless now, or gone, and most of the bunkers torn open by the naval bombardment of D-Day of the end, he said, and we must are overgrown. But I could see how they commanded that dark crescent of shore, still called by the wartime code name, Omaha Beach. And sometimes the sounds of the surf and the relentless Channel wind turned into the bedlam of machine guns and shellfire, and in the shadows cast by clouds I saw the ghosts of American fighting men splashing ashore.

"How many soldiers landed here

that day?" Nicholas asked.

"At Omaha, thirty-five thousand. But there were four other beaches under attack, and paratroopers, too, up there behind the cliffs. Altogether, the Allies-GIs, British and Canadians—put about a hundred and fifty thousand troops ashore that first day."

I went on, telling Nicholas how the fate of the free world hung on what happened here, and how thousands of good men never left this strip of sand. I wanted him to understand, but he was only nine years old. When we came to the rusting hulk of a landing craft, he

skipped away to play.

Whenever I remember D-Day, I feel again the aching sense of loss not to have had an active part in it. I was a 20-year-old infantry lieutenant, training in Hawaii for combat in the Pacific. On D-Day, our chaplain told us an Allied expeditionary force-a huge army supported by thousands of ships and planes—had gone ashore in France. It could be the beginning

pray for our comrades-in-arms.

I imagined that vast armada crossing the English Channel, and I felt proud of my country, proud of her Allies. On this day, all Americans knew we were doing what was right and necessary. And it is one of the hallmarks of what went wrong in the years to come that we have never felt the same way about anything again.

THE FIRST American foot soldiers to reach the British Isles in preparation for the invasion arrived early in 1942, just 50 days after the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor, Britain had never seen the likes of these breezy, long-legged Yanks, eventually to be 1.5 million strong. They came with swarms of planes, parked their Sherman tanks in rows ten miles long, and stockpiled six million tons of bombs, guns and ammunition-threatening, the British said, to sink their island. GIs were everywhere, jitterbugging to "In the Mood" and politely inquiring whether there was a trapeze act at Piccadilly Circus. Few could resist their ingenuous high spirits.

To the husky, well-fed GIs, the British looked threadbare, .worn out by war-which, for them, had begun in 1939. The Americans gave away whatever they had: Hershey bars, cigarettes, oranges. But perceptive GIs saw that the local people gave back even more than they received, that every door in every village was open to American

could always get a bean sandwich and a cup of tea."

And then, all at once, the Yanks were gone, riding off in winding convoys of 21/2-ton trucks to camouflaged harbors and hidden airstrips. The streets fell silent, and in the pubs people sipped their beer and hardly spoke.

Aт 9:45 Sunday night, June 4, 1944, Gene Dwight D. Eisenhower, the Supreme Allied Commander, was briefed on the possibility of a 36hour break in the worst gales to sweep the English Channel in 20 years. It would be a month before the moon would again be high enough for the paratroopers, at the same time as the dawn tide was expected to be low enough to expose "Rommel's asparagus"—the mined stakes and obstructions implanted along the Normandy coast between high and low water. "Okay," Ike told his staff. "Let's go."

On the evening of the 5th, Eisenhower was driven out to the airfield where the 101st Airborne Division was loading up. Along with the U.S. 82nd and the British 6th, it was going in behind the German lines by parachute and glider starting at D-minus-8 hours. The mission of some 20,000 men: to seize the key bridges and roads that would assure the seaborne troops an exit

from the beaches.

The men were on the tarmac when Ike appeared. He chatted with Kansan friendliness: "What is

servicemen and, as one put it, "You your job, soldier? Where is your home?" And, heartfelt, "Good luck to you tonight, soldier." Then the big C-47s roared into the darkness. The Supreme Commander had tears in his eyes.

Pfc. William H. Tucker, a 20year-old light-machine-gunner in the 82nd, faced his biggest combat jump. His plane was at 500 feet when the command came to "Hook up!" And then Tucker was standing on the edge of bottomless night, jumping into a crisscross of tracer bullets.

Tucker's regiment, the 505th, was the only one to come down anywhere near its drop zone. High winds, cloud banks and jittery pilots combined to scatter most jumpers miles from their objectives. They groped toward one another in the dark, clicking their dime-store cricket snappers, and listening anxiously for an answering click-clack.

Brig. Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor, commanding the 101st, having finally collected a general, three colonels, some other senior ranks and a sprinkling of riflemen, set out to take a vital causeway. "Never," he muttered as the ragtag band marched off, "have so few been commanded by so many."

At Sainte-Mère-Eglise, a town astride the key crossroads behind Utah Beach, paratroopers were coming down like confetti. German soldiers sprayed the sky with rifle and machine-gun fire, and killed the luckless jumpers who



had landed in trees and dangled there helplessly. But the Germans could not hold out. Bill Tucker, with others of the 82nd, fought his way into Sainte-Mère-Eglise. At 4:30 a.m., the American flag was flying outside the town hall; Sainte-Mère-Eglise had become the first town in France to be liberated.

FOR THOSE landing by sea, the battle had not yet begun. Aboard the transports, 130,000 Allied soldiers, jammed bulkhead to bulkhead.

passed the long night waiting. Toward morning the Channel grew choppy, and men who came topside in a misery of seasickness gaped at the dark shapes of ships, 5000 of them: battleships, destroyers, transports—the greatest fleet ever assembled. "It looked," said one Canadian, "as if you could walk across the Channel and not get your feet wet." Shortly before 6 a.m. rolling thunder from the battleships shook the earth and sea.

In Trévières, four miles from the

beach, a young barber named Pierre Havel, seeing red flashes in the sky, knew his prayers had been answered. Havel, seething under German rule, had for some time been sending information to the Allies. He heard things in his barbershop—where certain artillery bunkers were located, which German regiments were nearby. Periodically he wrote information out on a scrap of paper, fixed it to a homing pigeon—parachuted to him by Allied planes—and, from a se-

cluded wood, released it to fly home to England. On D-Day, though Allied bombs destroyed much of Trévières, including Havel's home and barbershop, there wasn't a happier man in France.

With the Allied navy still pounding inland targets and the landing craft going for shore, an astounding air umbrella flew overhead—more than ten thousand planes wing tip to wing tip. But 329 bombardiers, unable to see through a haze of cloud and gun smoke,

afraid of hitting their own men, delayed the drop-and dumped 13,000 bombs as far as three miles behind the beach. They hardly dented the enemy's defense.

Assault boats foundered. Many. trying to snake through a tangle of obstacles and the geysers thrown up by artillery fire, dropped their ramps hundreds of yards offshore, forcing the heavily laden infantrymen to step armpit-deep into the hard surf. Then the German machine guns opened up. Some men were cut down before they ever cleared the boats, others as they struggled to keep on their feet in cross-currents. Survivors stumbled past the dead and dying.

Those who made it to shore pressed their noses against the sand and sought invisibility. But somehow they found the courage to stand up and push off. "Come on you dumb bastards!" yelled a buck sergeant. "Don't you want to see France before you die?"

There were astonishing acts of bravery that nerved the men to charge the machine guns that had pinned them to the beach. S/Sgt. Raymond F. Alm, a 60-mm.-mortar section leader in the 2nd Ranger Battalion, tells of a big man, brandishing a .45 pistol, striding through the chaos of smoke and small-arms fire and rallying men crouched behind smashed vehicles and abandoned gear. He was Brig. Gen. Norman D. Cota, the 29th Division chief of staff. "Rangers!

Lead the way!" Cota commanded. Alm and his men got to their feet and began moving off the beach, up into the bluffs.

Now the entire Allied assault wave was going forward. On Friday, D-plus-3, in the Canadian zone, a stretcher bearer named Gilbert D. Boxall was killed in action. When his mates recovered his body, they found five dried shell dressings on it: Boxall had been wounded five different times, and each time he had put a bandage on his new wound and gone back to aid others.

Who can speak more eloquently of D-Day now-of valor, of the willingness of men to die for one another in a just cause—than Gil Boxall, silenced forever on June 9, 1944, at the age of 21?

THE town of Tessy-sur-Vire, 28 miles from the beaches, was liberated August 1. When an American officer knocked on Pierre Noël's door and asked permission to set up camp in a wood the Germans had used as an ammunition dump, Noël laughed harshly. "Why do you ask? What would you do if I refused?"

The American's eyes widened. "What do you think we'd'do?" he said in amazement. "We'd go somewhere else."

As the words sank in, Noël found himself overcome. His country had been through four long and degrading years: defeat, betrayal, vassalage, deprivation. Now, in to him: the nightmare was over.

Today, the American military cemetery overlooking Omaha is green and beautiful, but the brooding memories of the invasion are in-

eradicable. They are inscribed in the 9079 names of those who were buried under flawless rows of marble crosses and Stars of David, on a memorial with the names of the 1557 missing, and in the 307 graves of men whose names are known only to God. Nearly all, plus 14,000 other soldiers whose bodies were sent home, died between D-Day and the Allied breakout from Normandy on August 1.

That cemetery is a hymn to America. It memorializes the triumph of decency over evil, liberty over tyranny-the communion of the Western democracies when they were pushed to the wall. It is stark testimony to the desperate price we once paid for an intangible called freedom.

But the years pass. Europeans with personal recollections of how the Americans sent the best of their young men are passing from center stage. Successor generations, having come of age in a world where affluence, freedom and peace were taken for granted, have no emotional commitment to D-Day. Their faith in the United States and the Western alliance cannot be pre-

that one electrifying instant, it came sumed. And, sadly, there are West Europeans who today regard America as a greater danger than the Soviet Union to world peace.

But you would have to walk a long way around the coast of Normandy to find anyone with that



The American cemetery at Omaha Beach

opinion. Pierre Havel, now a round, gray-haired man who drives a taxi, scoffs. "Who can believe that? Would the Russians let us live in peace if not for the Americans?"

Ray Alm came back to Omaha Beach in 1972 with his son, a Vietnam veteran. Together they hiked to the top of Pointe du Hoc, where 225 U.S. Rangers had scaled a sheer 100-foot cliff in the face of desperate resistance. Suddenly Alm was aware of others. Although it was raining, 50 people of nearby villages, having heard that a D-Day Ranger was visiting, had come to pay respects. One woman said she wanted to thank him, for all of them. Ray Alm's eyes glistened.

And, last November, my son and

I climbed up the stone steps from Omaha and walked through the cemetery. In the distance a man stood by a grave, sobbing.

"The D-Day vets take it hard," says Joseph P. Rivers, U.S. superintendent of the Normandy battlefield and cemetery. "They know the price of that strip of beach."

So do many Europeans. It was their land that was devastated, and they who buried women and children as well as soldiers. Last year 1.5 million visitors came to the invasion sites. What does it mean?

Rivers sees a direct connection to the turbulent uncertainty of our times. He believes people come seeking reassurance, as though the silent dead—their last link to a moment in history when men laid down their lives for clear valueshad the answers. And here they see what the liberation of Europe cost Americans. They wonder if they

would come again. . . .

Today, confronted with another tyranny, the West seems unable to find the resolve that united the free world on that June morning 40 years ago. Last year, when NATO responded to the Soviet military buildup by bolstering its nuclear arsenal, bitter anti-American demonstrations rocked Europe. One could feel their fears, yet know that those who put the United States and the Soviet Union on the same moral plane are ignorant of history.

I HAVE COME to the Normandy beaches often, sometimes at critical

points in my life. After my marriage broke up, I lived in Paris for a while. My daughter visited me and I took her to Normandy. I don't know why-D-Day was as remote to her as Bunker Hill.

She was 18 that year, a lovely girl with pale-brown hair, and a moody outlook brought on by the breakup of the family. She was no longer sure she wanted to go to college; there were long silences between us. Standing at the edge of the bluff overlooking the beach, I remarked that the soldiers who came to France that other summer hadn't been much older than she was.

"They were lucky," she said. "They had no decisions to make. Somebody else told them exactly

what to do."

"Yes," I said. "Perhaps things were simpler. But remember: a lot of those young men never went home. They died here so your generation would be free to make its own decisions.'

She looked at me; then her eyes filled with tears. I took her in my arms and knew the crisis was past.

We were in touch again.

Two years later, in July 1969, I remarried, and my wife and I drove through Normandy. The countryside glowed with luxuriant good health; it was hard even to imagine the ruin of 25 summers before.

"What are you thinking about?"

my wife asked.

"I was thinking that if I ever have a son I will bring him here," I said. *****

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I am happy to enclose Mrs. Reagan's written answers to the questions you submitted during our visit to San Francisco last week.

Would you please be so kind as to send me a copy of California magazine upon publication of the story?

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Sincerely,

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Nations have their differences with respect to these matters; as do organized groups within our nations; as do religious groups speaking, in many cases, for world-wide constituencies; as do individuals in our societies. While we have a large area of shared concern, this condition may suggest that all governments and international organizations should respect the judgments of individuals and families, everywhere, in so intimate and personal a matter.

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