

# Opinions

## Foreign policy essential to Democratic victory

By Richard A. Viguerie

It has been demonstrated time and time again that a Democrat can win the presidency only if he is perceived as tough on questions of foreign policy. Jack Kennedy talked of the alleged "missile gap" between us and the Soviet Union; likewise, Jimmy Carter attacked the Kissinger foreign policy and President Ford's "liberation of Poland." When a Democrat is considered at least as tough as his opponent, he can win a national election.

But when the Democrat is thought to be less resolute in the face of the communist threat -- like Adlai Stevenson in 1952 and '56, George McGovern in 1972, or Jimmy Carter in 1980 -- he loses.

Assuming that Walter Mondale is the eventual nominee of the Democratic Party, the Democrats are in trouble. On what issue is Mondale prepared to attack President Reagan for his lack of toughness? On what issue is Mondale prepared to be tough on the Soviets?

Will Walter Mondale criticize President Reagan for agreeing to an eventual cutoff of arms sales to our loyal ally, the Republic of China on Taiwan? Will he accuse the President of a weak response to the Soviet murder of the passengers on Korean Airlines Flight 007? Will he attack the U.S. bailout of the virtually bankrupt Polish government? Will he try to pin the blame on Reagan for the Soviets getting the blueprints for our space shuttle?

Fairly late in his Administration -- to get himself reelected -- Jimmy Carter took some actions

that indicated a growing awareness of the communist threat. He imposed a grain embargo, withdrew from the propaganda-show Olympics in Moscow, and called for increased defense spending. Will Mr. Carter's vice president point with pride to those actions, or will he disassociate himself from them?

Most political observers will be surprised if Mondale does anything to put himself to the right of President Reagan on any major foreign policy issue. His entire campaign has been a study in liberal orthodoxy -- never deviating for one moment from the "accepted" liberal position -- and it's not likely to change now.

Mondale believes that "we should sell the Russians anything they can't shoot back at us" (but what about computers?) He is against the MX missile, the B-1 bomber, non-nuclear defense based in space, and almost every other weapons system that has been proposed in the last 20 years. He said the liberation of Grenada "means that we have no business even criticizing the Soviets for their invasion of Afghanistan," and he admitted that "I cannot understand -- it just baffles me -- why the Soviets these last few years have behaved as they have. Maybe we made some mistakes with them."

Mondale's softness on communism went virtually unchallenged during his fight for the Democratic nomination. His major opponents, Jesse Jackson and Gary Hat, seemed even more blind to the nature of communism.

The fact that no strong anti-communist Democrat made it past mid-March in the 1984 campaign reflects an important change in the

nature of American liberalism. For decades, liberals were in the forefront of the fight against communism. Liberals joined together to kick communists out of the unions and to thwart attempts by the communists to take over the motion picture industry. When communists sought to infiltrate the civil rights movement, liberals like John and Robert Kennedy worked to keep them out.

Liberals used to understand the difference between freedom and communism, between the U.S. and its enemies. While traveling in Indonesia, Robert Kennedy was once asked if it wasn't true that both the U.S. and the communists were interested in world peace, and wasn't there then an identical objective and purpose in our two systems? Weren't we very much alike?

"The communists," he replied, "are interested in peace only when it serves their purpose. Their objectives are far different from ours. They will take any steps, internal subversion or external force, in order to achieve control of a country. It is only the strength of a number of (non-communist) countries around the world that has kept the peace ... I think as long as the Soviet Union or the communists recognize that if there is atomic war it means immense destruction all around the globe, they will want peace, of a sort. But to say that peace is their philosophy -- I would differ quite strongly with that."

Most liberals today would consider such a statement bellicose rhetoric. What a difference 20 years can make! On Election Day we shall see what the American people think of the change.



## ... Doby still in business

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Also I have no cases pending in Superior Court as was stated in the story.

Robert Doby

### Education should be a top budget item

To the Editor: Education has finally become the top priority among politicians on every level of government, and in every state of the nation.

There are funds available in the 1984 state budget that can be used for education, so now as budgets are prepared and while public

support is positive, we should urge our Legislature in Raleigh to approve the major educational proposals before them, including reduced class sizes, improved classroom teacher salaries and strengthened curriculum.

The citizens of Hoke County are proud of our school system and the professional staff, but are very much aware of our educational needs.

While Hoke County's school budget may not be as great as some other systems, with close scrutiny and common sense, we can take this budget and give our youth the best education we can afford.

The Hoke County public budget

hearing was well attended June 18, and it was great to see our citizens concerned about how tax money is spent and is only natural to want our favorite projects funded without tax increases.

Our county manager and our county commissioners are faced with the difficult task of juggling funds to benefit our many agencies in the county. We are indeed fortunate in Hoke County to have these dedicated people working diligently to use these funds as fairly and just as possible.

Let's work together with them for our mutual concern -- a better place in which to live.

Sincerely,  
Shirley T. Gibson

## June gives longest days

By Cliff Blue

June gives us the longest days, more daylight than any other month in the year. On the 21st, summer arrived, to extend into late September.

The brightness of June is special. New leaves and growth are fresher than any other time of

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year. Because these are the first long, blue-sky days, the contrast is greater than later in the summer.

TY COBB ... The opening surge of the Detroit Tigers this season brings to memory their greatest

star, Ty Cobb, who might have been the game's greatest.

Though the Tiger star may have been the best ever, his 4,191 hits may be surpassed next year by Pete Rose. But Rose is playing more games a year and hitting a lively ball. As with Ruth and Aaron, the comparison isn't really accurate.

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