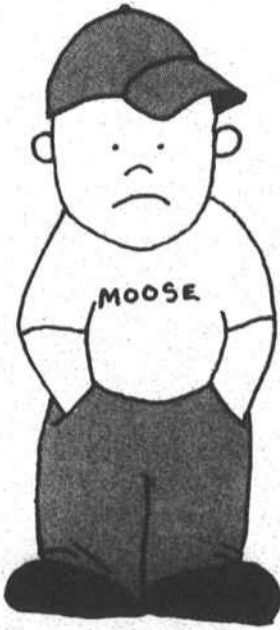


Opinions

"You know it's rained enough, when you can't even play in your own backyard..."



'Cause you don't know how to swim"

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Memorable speech needed

What has happened to eloquence? Not for the past two decades has anyone in the White House possessed the oratorical elegance displayed by John F. Kennedy on that cold, bright January day as he began his inaugural address:

"We observe today not a victory of a party but a celebration of freedom, symbolizing an end as well as a beginning, signifying renewal as well as change."

Even his Boston brogue did not detract from that clear, confident challenge:

"Let the word go forth from this time and place, to friend and foe alike, that the torch has been passed to a new generation of Americans, born in this century, tempered by war, disciplined by a hard and bitter peace, proud of our ancient heritage, and unwilling to witness or permit the slow undoing of those human rights to which this nation has always been committed..."

And this address included the most memorable words of all:

Lucien Coleman



Things That Matter

"And so, my fellow Americans, ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country."

Then, there was Franklin Delano Roosevelt. For years the nation remembered the maxim in his first inaugural address, "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself."

In Roosevelt's second inaugural address were these well-honed words: "We have always known that heedless self-interest was bad morals; we know now that it is bad economics."

But my vote for the greatest political orator of this century, certainly in the English-speaking world, would have to go to Sir

Winston Churchill, Great Britain's stalwart leader during those black years of World War II.

Who could ever forget the stirring challenge contained in his first speech to the House of Commons after he became Prime Minister:

"Victory at all costs, victory in spite of all terror, victory however long and hard the road may be; for without victory there is no survival."

That same speech contained the immortal words, "I have nothing to offer but blood, toil, tears and sweat."

In a later speech to the House of Commons, Churchill uttered the famous words, "if the British Empire and its Commonwealth last for a thousand years, men will still say: 'This was their finest hour'."

As we go through another season of politicking, as we see the media glutted with the rhetoric and shenanigans of vote-seekers, I fervently hope that someone, somewhere, will come up with a memorable speech -- just for old times sake.

Reagan hard to cast as villain

Last August Congresswoman Pat Schroeder (D-Colorado) accused President Reagan of "perfecting the Teflon-coated presidency. He sees to it that nothing sticks to him." Since then, the President's ability to deflect criticism has been termed "the Teflon factor."

Richard A. Viguerie

This talent makes him the envy of politicians at every level of

government. But to a large degree it is Ronald Reagan's opponents who are responsible for his current high ratings in the polls. They keep attacking him for the wrong things.

In 1980, presidential candidate Ronald Reagan spoke of the U.S. involvement in Vietnam as a "noble cause" and expressed doubts about the theory of evolution. The Democrats pointed with pride to the fact that Jimmy Carter had called Vietnam a "racist" war and that he believed in evolution. The national media were filled with reports that Reagan's "gaffes" on those subjects might cost him the election.

Instead, those remarks solidified his support among veterans, traditionalist Christians, and others fed up with the false intellectuals who are glad that Vietnam fell to the communists and who support without question whatever theory of Creation happens to be fashionable this week.

Last year, when the President liberated Grenada, people across the country cheered. In one bold stroke, the President freed a gentle people from communist tyranny and ended the threat of a Soviet-Cuban airbase in Grenada. In addition, his action may well have saved us from another hostage crisis. But it seemed that all Mr. Reagan's critics in the media could talk about was how reporters were kept away from the island for a couple of days.

Recently, when President Reagan remarked that an unborn child suffers pain during an abortion, five different writers attacked him in *The Washington Post* for his stupidity. Reagan, wrote columnist Edwin Yoder, is "profoundly ignorant...oh dear, the ignorance!" It turned out that Reagan, not Yoder, was correct.

Even the attacks against the Reagan Administration based on the so-called "sleaze" issue have fizzled, and with good reason.

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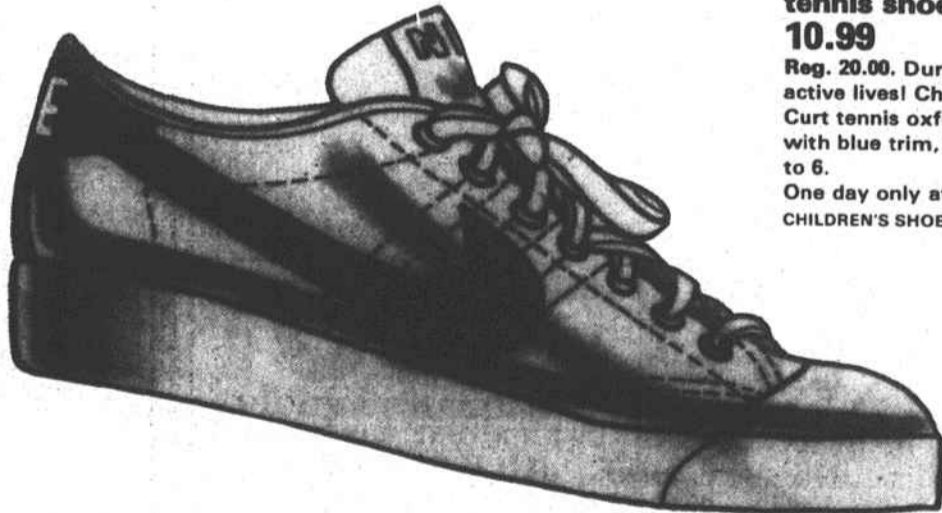
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