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**OPEN LETTER TO  
BARRY GOLDWATER**

**JOHN J. SYNON**

Dear Senator Goldwater:

Some weeks ago — six, perhaps — I wrote you a letter. After about three weeks and no reply, I got off another, this one to the man in your office who parts his name on the side, D. Delos Ellsworth.

It was possible, I knew, that my first letter had gone astray, so I repeated its substance to Ellsworth and asked if he would be kind enough to determine if my first effort had been received. No answer from him, either.

So, I'll try again: I certainly would like an answer to my question.

That question, you may recall from my first letter, grew out of an appearance you made on the TV show conducted by that rolling-eyed Englishman.

You and David Frost rocked along. Twice, in the course of the banter, you identified yourself as a Jew and why you felt called upon to do that, and to do it again, is more than I know. And you told us of your sympathy for the hippies, that you yourself had tried to grow a beard ("but it didn't look right"), and so on.

Quite a new Goldwater, I thought, laughing and scratching with a Left-wing mouthpiece.

Then, towards the end of the show, Frost rather set you back. Or so it seemed to me. In his best oxonian accent your interlocutor wanted to know how you differed from George Wallace.

From the look on your face, I thought the question must have carried an odor as well as an inference.

"Oh", you said, "I wouldn't want to be compared to George Wallace". Horrors!

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"Why not?" Frost pressed. "What do you stand for that Wallace doesn't stand for or vice versa?"

(Forgive me if I have forgotten the exact language that went into this six-weeks-old colloquy).

You pursued over Frost's question for a long moment; a person could see your heavy wheels slowly turn.

Finally, out it came: "George Wallace uses the Bill of Rights to deny Negroes and Jews their rights".

I nearly fell out of my chair. You said — whatever your exact language — George Wallace does deny (or has denied) rights to Negroes and Jews.

And as fast as I could get off a letter to you I did so. I asked you to substantiate your charge, to name the act, the time, and the place.

No answer. Twice, no answer.

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What am I to believe? I still have scars on my hide defending you from the tar brush, particularly that of your being thick headed, slow witted. And here you are, so far as I can determine, engaged in a blatant piece of character assassination.

What sort of person are you, anyway? When that publisher fellow wrote that you were nuts and therefore unfit to be president, you sued him. And now here you are offering a gratuitous charge, an even more despicable charge, against a man whose shoes you aren't fit to lace.

Deny rights to Jews and Negroes, indeed.

Name the instance, Barry Goldwater, name the time, and name the place.

I shall see that a copy of this column is delivered to your office.

If you have a defense for what appears to be an unfounded, unwarranted, scurrilous, snide attack, all of that, I will print it.

Sincerely,

JOHN J. SYNON

## Tribute To Tyrant?

We refer to United Nations Secretary General U Thant, who recently tossed off a gushy tribute to dead Red tyrant V. I. Lenin. The Communist world, with much hoopla, marked the 100th anniversary of that arch-criminal's birth on April 22.

Thant hailed the creator of Russia's slave society as a humanitarian and vigorous fighter for human rights. That is really laying it on with a trowel; even Lenin's cynical syc-

cessors must have blinked in disbelief when they read the words.

Maybe Thant subscribes to the notion that nothing but good should be spoken of the dead. But when there is nothing good to say, even a diplomat has the right to clam up.

If the UN chief hasn't enough self-respect to refrain from uttering such drivel — he should at least show a little regard for the office he holds.

—New York Daily News

## straight talk

By Tom Anderson



### "POLLUTION" IS NOW THEIR THING

The New Left, the Marxists, the liberals, the do-gooders and President Nixon have all embraced pollution as their new "thing."

Let us always keep in mind that, polluted as we are, there are worse things than pollution. Nationally syndicated columnist John Chamberlain touched on this in a recent column:

"One's personal feeling of elan about the coming battle for a decontaminated world, however, is a little dashed when one has one's nose rubbed in the scientific complexity of some of the choices that lie ahead of us. Do we actually know where the balance lies when it comes to applying pesticides, for example? DDT is supposedly bad, for certain species of birds at any rate. But it is also bad for disease-bearing mosquitoes and flies and many crop-eating insects.

"The Federal Government, listening to the anti-DDT clamor, has decided in favor of the birds, which means that the mosquitoes are going to get a reprieve, too. But now a most unusual warning comes from a friend of mine, Robert Sullivan of Sheerlund Forest, Pa., who is in the business of growing Christmas trees. He says that complete elimination of DDT could mean the end of Christmas trees as we know them.

"The reason is that, since the growing abandonment of DDT, the gypsy moth is on the move again. It has been infesting progressively larger forest areas of New England, New York, New Jersey, and eastern Pennsylvania, and has been moving into Canada and Virginia.

"John A. Koch, president of the Pennsylvania Christmas Tree Growers Association, tells of one large isolated patch of trees in Centre

County, Pa., that has been completely denuded of foliage.

"Mr. Koch and Mr. Sullivan do not profess to be ecologists. And neither of them wants to witness the 'silent spring' that Rachel Carson predicted if pesticides were to kill off the birds. But unless we can come up with a good substitute for DDT, we may get a 'silent spring' anyway. As Mr. Koch puts it, 'I wonder what all the birds and the bees will be doing when there aren't any leaves on any of the trees?'

"Mr. Koch and Mr. Sullivan, since they raise tree crops, might be accused of making self-serving statements. But Hardin B. Jones, a professor of Medical physics and Physiology at the University of California in Berkeley, who has no Christmas tree investment to defend, thinks that DDT is a 'remarkable compound which has done more than any other chemical to make the world comfortable and to increase the food supply.'

"Of all the pesticides," says Prof. Jones, 'DDT is the safest. At high levels it is destroyed rapidly by body tissues; at low levels it is metabolically inactive and harmless, simply dissolved in body fat. The use of organic pesticides was a significant step of improvement because theretofore many foods were contaminated with arsenic and lead-containing pesticides which probably did have a detrimental effect on health.'

The New Left, of course, is really most interested in destroying the capitalist system and our free Republic. They prefer planting marxism to planting trees.

Our greatest need is not to destroy pesticides but to create an effective pesticide to be used on the New Left.—American Way Features

## The Manion Forum

By Marilyn Manion

### RETREAT



Anyone who attempts to keep up with world events is overwhelmed with the sheer bulk of daily happenings. The newspapers, magazines and reports pile up. One becomes immersed in a particular topic for a day or two—and finds, upon surfacing, that something else has exploded. Where does it all fit together? If only we could back up and see it all in perspective!

Backing up and seeing the forest through the trees is an enviable talent. One who possesses that facility is Mr. Anthony H. Harrigan, who edits the "Washington Report" for the American Security Council. His reports and analyses probe into the condition of United States security. Mr. Harrigan, speaking over the Manion Forum radio program, summarized our country's present condition, which he believes is precarious. Here is what he said:

"The chronicle of political and strategic setbacks in the Sixties is shocking. The Cuban missile crisis of 1962 had the effect of consolidating and confirming a Soviet satellite in the Western Hemisphere. The Turks, a reliable cold war ally, lost faith in American protection when U.S. missiles were withdrawn in appeasement of the Soviet Union. In Europe, the NATO alliance fell into disrepair. In Southeast Asia, thousands of American lives and billions of dollars were squandered because the powers-that-be refused to apply sound strategic principles and direct massive air-sea power at the homeland of the enemy. And on the homefront, the American spirit and confidence has been eroded by the Soviet-inspired clamor against victory in the Vietnam War.

A hundred and thirteen U.S. naval vessels were scrapped in 1969—in what amounted to unilateral naval disarmament—Congress turned down proposals for an adequate ship replacement program. Though the United States has lost absolute naval predominance in the Medi-

terranean and the Soviet Union is close to achieving a breakthrough as the greatest maritime power, the Armed Services Committees in Congress have to fight to obtain each new warship. The Air Force also is threatened. By the end of the 1970 fiscal year, 750 aircraft will be deactivated. In many areas of defense, progress is almost non-existent because of a lack of funding and failure in the 1960's to press for innovation—so that the Soviets have a clear lead.

"There are deficiencies in the equipment of all the armed services. The reason is that for eight of the last 10 years there was no real awareness of the impact of the knowledge revolution on military technology. New ideas were not applied to military systems unless they met an unmilitary accounting test of 'cost effectiveness.'

"This know-nothing attitude, coupled with the notion that the economic burden of armaments is intolerable—as though freedom had to be inexpensive in order to be worth investing in—has severely restricted America's freedom of action as the republic enters a new decade.

"The deterioration of America's military capabilities is not lost on the surrounding world. The arrogance of petty states such as North Korea, which snatched a U.S. warship off the high seas, is a reflection of their awareness that the United States is either unwilling or unable to exercise leadership as it did in the fifties.

"Nothing is more important than the restoration of America's strategic superiority. Yet there is only faint public awareness of the peril in the changed strategic balance, with its shift of superiority to the Soviet Union. The existing and proposed cutbacks in national defense forces compromise the commitments of the United States and the safety of its people."—American Way Features