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"CLEAR-CUT AND TOTAL VICTORY" FOR CONSERVATIVE GOP WOMEN IN CALIFORNIA COURTS

"Clear-cut and total victory" for conservative GOP women in the California courts was how the press described the remarkable victory of Mrs. Grace Thackeray and her supporters in the now-famous Orange County court case which has been fought for the past 14 months. On January 15, Superior Court Judge Charles A. Bauer

fully upheld the actions of Mrs. Grace Thackeray and her board of the Southern Division of the California Federation of Republican Women. The losers were Mrs. Dorothy Gary and her allies, Mrs. Pat Hitt and Mrs. Dorothy Goodknight.

The issue at stake was the autonomy of local clubs



TALKING IT OVER—Mrs. Dorothy Gary, seated, president of moderate Republican Women's group, discusses court action with Mrs. Pat Hitt, former national committee woman. Mrs. Gary's challenge of federation dissolution was dismissed Monday.

Los Angeles Times photos



VICTORY SMILE—Mrs. Grace Thackeray, former president of California Federation of Republican Women's Southern Division, chats with one of many women who attended court proceedings involving a suit over dissolution of a moderate faction. Court upheld Mrs. Thackeray and allowed the dissolution.

Los Angeles Times photos

Conservative Victory In California Courts

(Continued)

in the National Federation of Republican Women. The anti-conservatives, who called themselves "moderates," had seized control of the Orange County Federation Board and used this power to defy the wishes of the conservative majority and to discriminate against conservative clubs. Unit club presidents representing two-thirds of the Orange County membership, therefore, petitioned Grace Thackeray, as president of the Southern Division of the California Federation of Republican Women, to restore the autonomy and rights of the local clubs. After careful consideration of the proof of these charges, Mrs. Thackeray took action to reorganize the Orange County Board in order to establish a fair representation of the local clubs.

Then the anti-conservatives who called themselves "moderates" took a very immoderate and unprecedented step. They filed suit in the California courts against Grace Thackeray and all her Southern Division Board members. Using the war cry "unity," the "moderates" dragged their fellow Republicans into court, and thereby gave the liberal press a field day to snipe at Republicans. The "moderates" demanded a court injunction to prohibit Grace Thackeray from recognizing the newly-organized Orange County Board of Directors.

FIRST VICTORY

On January 13, 1967 (a year ago), the Court "denied this injunction in its entirety" and ruled that Grace Thackeray and the Southern Division Board did have authority to take action to restore the autonomy of the Orange County unit clubs.

This should have ended the matter. But there was no unity in the hearts of the immoderate "moderates." They refused to abide by the Court's decision, and they continued the litigation and legal harassment of Mrs. Thackeray and the California conservative women. The anti-conservative "moderates" attacked their Republican clubwomen not only in the courts, but also in the press, unleashing a continuing campaign of smears and character assassination. This was a brazen violation of California's Eleventh Commandment, "Thou shalt not speak ill of any Republican." The immoderate tactics of the "moderates" would have caused those of less moral and physical stamina to crack — but not Grace Thackeray.

The Orange County court case was viewed by both the participants and the press as an integral part of the Schlafly-O'Donnell contest for the presidency of the National Federation of Republican Women. Mrs. Pat Hitt and Mrs. Dorothy Goodknight, the chief negotiators for the anti-conservative faction, were also the National Campaign Chairmen for Gladys O'Donnell. At the famous NFRW Convention in May 1967, Mrs. Dorothy El-

ston supplied Mrs. Dorothy Gary with a sergeant-at-arms badge and assigned her to patrol the California delegation.

Several attempts were made to negotiate the differences, but all were unsuccessful. The immoderates would rather fight than unite.

FINAL VICTORY

After 14 months of expensive litigation, three days of trial ended on January 15, 1968 with total victory for Grace Thackeray. The Court decision completely vindicated Mrs. Thackeray's actions from the beginning and gave the conservatives full control of the Orange County Federation.

These 14 months of harassment and hardship (both financial and psychological) have taught Republican women some valuable lessons.

1. Victory is not won by compromise.
2. Controversy has not hurt Orange County. At the end of the Republican year of 1966, Orange County had 3,774 members in 25 clubs. Today, after 14 months of legal hassle, there are nearly 7,000 members in 31 clubs.
3. Freedom and local autonomy are the most attractive conditions for the growth of the Federation.
4. The so-called "moderates", who preach "unity" but practice dissension, wage a continuing battle to control every branch and level of the Republican Party. This same faction which lost in the Orange County courts is now trying a power grab through the Elston-O'Donnell Proposed Changes of the NFRW Bylaws in order to empower the Washington office of the NFRW to do what two courts have ruled that justice does not permit.
5. Conservatives are most fortunate to have had one of the courage and fortitude of Grace Thackeray to lead them to final victory in the Orange County case. Such leadership is rare, and is deserving of the loyal support of all conservatives.



SAFE—NOT SORRY

Phyllis Schlafly Draws Great Campaign Issues For '68 in Timely Book

THE campaign document for 1968 is now in print and available, and every American constitutionalist should have it.

SAFE—NOT SORRY is the title, and it was written by the same Phyllis Schlafly who produced A CHOICE, NOT AN ECHO for the 1964 campaign . . . the difference, if any, being that the new book is harder-hitting and a more effective campaign tool.

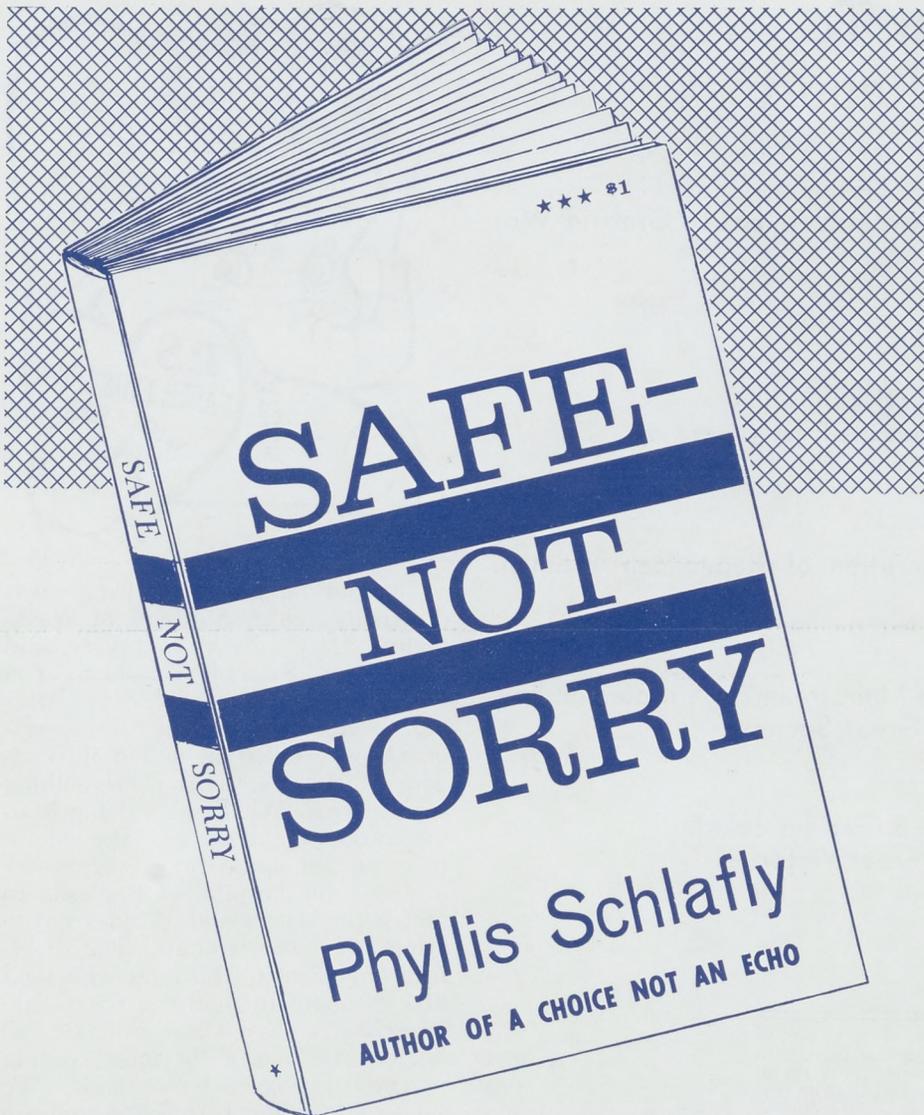
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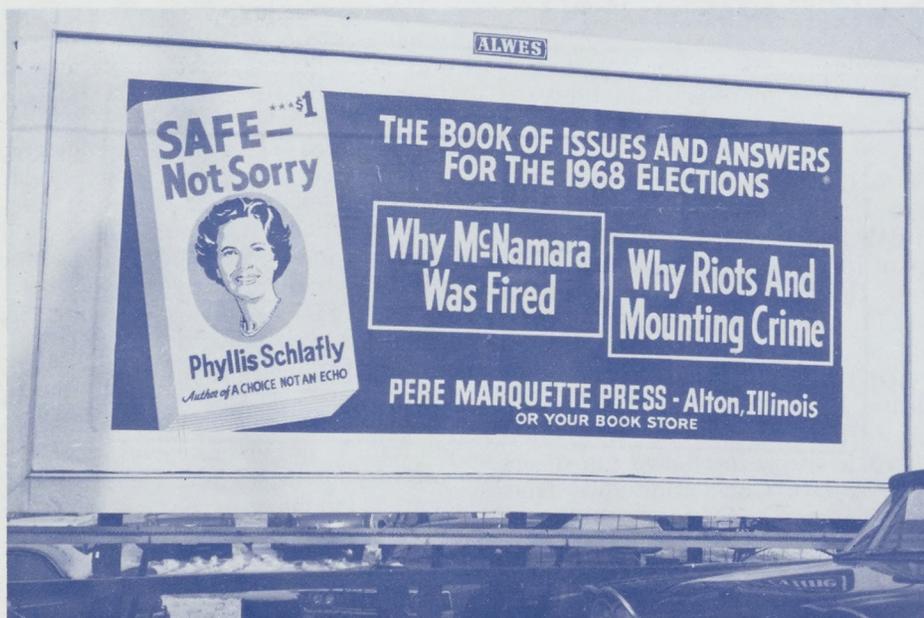
Space limitations in this issue preclude an adequate review of the fourth Schlafly book (previous efforts include CHOICE, GRAVEDIGGERS, and STRIKE from SPACE); let it suffice that she covers such pertinent and winning issues as the civil violence of recent summers, and how they were subsidized by taxpayer's money; the TFX contract and payoffs; the pressures exerted by political machines on office holders; why the Administration will not win the war in Vietnam; the current missile gap; and many others.

SAFE—NOT SORRY, is published by Pere Marquette Press, P.O. Box 495, Alton, Ill. 62002; \$1.00 per single copy, 3 for \$2.25, 10 for \$6.00, 20 for \$10.00, 100 for \$30.00.

This review of *Safe—Not Sorry* is reprinted from the newspaper SUCCESS, December 4, 1967.



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THE CASE OF THE 3RD VICE PRESIDENT

On January 22, the National Board of the National Federation of Republican Women named a 3rd Vice President to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Genevieve Leveton who had been elected to that office at the May 1967 Convention. There is quite a story behind this news item.

When the NFRW Nominating Committee presented its slate at the NFRW Convention in May 1967, they nominated Gen Leveton although they knew that, sad to relate, she then had terminal cancer and would not live to serve the term to which she was elected. Ill at the Convention, Gen Leveton was not even able to complete her existing term as NFRW Treasurer. She died in No-

vember after months of inability to serve.

It is the measure of the desire for control that the ruling clique in the NFRW forced Gen Leveton to participate in their Convention plans, because this enabled them to name a vice president without an election.

Gen Leveton was a woman of integrity and independent judgment. One of her last efforts in the Federation was to try to change the site of the May 1967 Convention away from Washington, D. C. because she realized a wrong decision had been made which did NOT represent the wishes of the majority. Her passing is a great loss to the Federation.



The darling girl elephant was drawn by Shirley Starbuck of Washington, D. C., New York City, and Charleston, South Carolina. You would like to know Shirley. After her youngest brother, a Marine sergeant, was killed in action in Vietnam, Shirley wanted to do something for America. What she is doing is an inspiration to all of us. She volunteers all her spare time every week at the Navy hospital at Bethesda to sketch the sailors and Marines recovering from war wounds. The drawings are given to the boys who send them home to mothers, wives and sweethearts. Red Cross officials call her efforts "one of the most exciting morale projects we've had." We salute a wonderful American and are proud to have her as an "Eagle."

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