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Why Don't Conservatives Do Their Homework?

The ordeal that Judge G. Harrold Carswell has been put through by the liberals for a campaign statement he made 22 years ago emphasizes again a major difference between liberals and conservatives. It is an unpleasant truth for conservatives to face — but the fact is that liberals “do their homework” in their determination to keep conservatives out of public office — whereas conservatives are usually too easygoing, too gentlemanly, too unsuspecting, and too tolerant, to do the necessary detective work, to rake over the past, and to mount the attack against a liberal appointee.

Watch how the liberals have operated against Judge Carswell, and before that against Judge Clement F. Haynsworth, Jr., and before that against Otto Otepka, and before that against Admiral Lewis Strauss whom President Eisenhower appointed Secretary of Commerce, and against Clare Booth Luce when appointed Ambassador to Brazil, and against innumerable other conservative appointees through the years. The liberals spend money, hire investigators, go over the appointee's background with a fine tooth comb, dig up all the old skeletons in the closet, examine every statement he made in his life, and make the best case they possibly can to prevent a conservative from being appointed, or confirmed, or elected. The liberals reacted with Pavlovian promptness against Judge Carswell because he is (1) a Southerner and (2) probably a conservative, and they use any club to beat him with, such as the ridiculous charge by Democrat Congresswoman Patsy Mink that he is “anti-women.”

The big question is, why don't conservatives “do their homework” in like manner when liberals are appointed to high public office? When President Lyndon Johnson appointed his crony, Abe Fortas, to the Supreme Court, his closet was full of skeletons, including secret payments of large sums from smut peddlers and other interests, and a curious deferment from military duty during World War II. Why didn't conservatives in and out of the Senate “do their homework” and expose these skeletons immediately? If they had, we would have been saved three years of bad Fortas decisions while he was on the Supreme Court.

When Earl Warren was appointed to the Supreme Court, the most cursory review of his career would have disclosed his participation in the most glaring violation of civil liberties in U.S. history — the forcible imprisonment without any trial of thousands of American citizens of Japanese descent, solely on the basis of race, during World War II. Yet, when one Senator announced that he wanted to hold extensive hearings about Warren's fitness to

serve on our highest Court, the liberal clique shouted that this was unnecessary. The Warren critics were intimidated and only a superficial hearing was held.

Conservatives complain a great deal about the bias of the media. Much of it is biased, as so forcefully and specifically spelled out by Vice President Agnew. But that isn't the whole story. Conservatives are losing a large part of the media battle by default.

A recent issue of the *Chicago Tribune* contains a complaint from the program director of WTTW-TV, Ed Morris. “Let's take a specimen case,” says Morris. “We had a recent program called Open Forum on Vietnam, a two-hour program with a panel and a studio audience.” The Defense Department promised to send an officer for the panel, but the day before the program the Pentagon notified the station that no one was available. The station could not find a good substitute. For the audience, the studio sent out 400 letters to various organizations including 60 American Legion posts, the Young Republicans, and the Young Americans for Freedom. Out of the whole list, only one man spoke up for the conservative point of view — a member of the Young Republicans.

There is much truth to this station manager's complaint. These talk shows, debates and forums on television and radio are extremely important opinion-molders. Yet, every time I appear on one, the station says, “We would like to present more speakers of your point of view, but honestly we can't find conservatives who are willing and qualified to handle public questions and debates.”

When the schools and colleges were in a turmoil last fall about the Vietnam Moratorium, most of the high schools honestly tried to present some kind of a balanced program. I ran myself ragged trying to uphold the anti-Communist side of the Vietnam War at high school after high school — because no other speaker seemed to be available in this entire metropolitan area of some two million people. Yet, the liberals were always ready at a moment's notice with a battery of pro-Moratorium speakers.

Every station is subject to the fairness doctrine. This means that, if an editorial opinion is expressed on a controversial question, any qualified person has a right to ask for and be given equal time to present the opposite view. I have done this with many radio stations and been courteously received and promptly granted equal time. But after I answer the liberal editorial of Monday, there should be others to answer the editorials on the other six days of the week.

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Sex Education Legislation

California and Illinois both passed state laws last fall which give parents the absolute legal right to keep their children out of all sex education classes.

In California, Governor Ronald Reagan signed the law which defines sex education as "any class in which human reproductive organs and their functions and processes are described, illustrated or discussed, whether such class be part of a course designated 'sex education' or 'family life education' or by some similar term, or part of any other course which pupils are required to attend." Thus, the protection of this law applies to sex education in science, health, history, English and any other classes, as well as those specifically labelled sex education. A surprising number of schools have allowed teachers to include discussion on sex education in classes in these normally academic subjects.

Parents who do not want their children to attend such classes may obtain the full protection of this law by writing to their children's school requesting that their children be excused from all sex education classes. A teacher who fails to honor this request may lose his teaching credentials. Parents who wish to examine the materials to be used in sex education classes before deciding are guaranteed the opportunity to do so. Each parent or guardian must first be notified before any sex education classes are held, and any written or audiovisual material to be used in the class must be made reasonably available to each parent or guardian for inspection in advance.

In Illinois, Governor Richard Ogilvie signed a similar law. Several bills on this subject were introduced into the Illinois Legislature after a Harvey, Illinois youth was expelled from school when his parents refused to permit him to attend sex education classes.

The following is a sample of many Resolutions which have been passed on this subject:

Sex Education In The Schools

Whereas, the role of sex has been greatly overemphasized of recent years and the overemphasis is continuing,

Whereas, sexual perversion, premarital sexual intercourse, and extramarital sexual intercourse are being presented as permissible in a modern progressive society, and

Whereas, there is a national movement principally promoted by *Siecus* (Sex Information and Education Council of the U.S.) to introduce instruction in sexual technique and "*Family Living*" into all grades of the schools, without accompanying moral or religious instructions, and

Whereas, such premature and improper instruction can harm young people irreparably and permanently and thereby weaken the family and the nation, and

Whereas, it is immoral and unwise to separate sexual conduct from moral concepts, which are properly within the jurisdiction of the family, and

Whereas, compulsory education in sexual permissiveness in Sweden has caused medical leaders there to deplore the results, and

Whereas, it is a matter of serious concern, to society when technical sexual information is prepared and presented in such a manner as to appeal to the prurient interests of people in conflict with the moral order as embodied in Jude-Christian ethics;

Therefore, Be It Resolved that the House of Delegates of the Association of American Physicians and Surgeon, Inc. opposes incorporation of instruction in sexual technique or "*Family Living*" into the schools of the nation.

Panama Canal

The following Resolution regarding the Panama Canal is pending in the U.S. House of Representatives. It is labelled House Resolution 599, introduced by Congressman Durward Hall of Missouri, and co-sponsored by Representatives Gross, Johnson of Pennsylvania, Scott, Rhodes, Hunt, Talcott, Dickinson, King, Hutchinson, Thompson of Georgia, Del Clawson, Betts, and Saylor. It has been referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, and we urge your support.

Whereas it is the policy of the House of Representatives and the desire of the people of the United States that the United States maintain its sovereignty and jurisdiction over the Panama Canal Zone; and

Whereas under the Hay-Pauncefote Treaty of 1901 between Great Britain and the United States, the United States adopted the principles of the Convention of Constantinople of 1888 as the rules for the operation, regulation, and management of said canal; and

Whereas by the terms of the Hay-Bunau-Varilla Treaty of 1903, between the Republic of Panama and the United States, under the authority of the perpetuity of use, occupation, control, construction, maintenance, operation, sanitation, and protection for said canal was granted to the United States; and

Whereas the United States has paid the Republic of Panama almost \$50,000,000 in the form of a gratuity; and

Whereas the United States has made an aggregate investment in said canal in an amount of over \$5,000,000,000; and

Whereas said investment or any part thereof could never be recovered in the event of Panamanian seizure or United States abandonment; and

Whereas under article IV, section 3, clause 2 of the United States Constitution, the power to dispose of territory or other property of the United States is specifically vested in the Congress; and

Whereas 70 per centum of the Canal Zone traffic either originates or terminates in United States ports; and

Whereas said canal is of vital strategic importance and imperative to the hemispheric defense and to the security of the United States; and

Whereas, during the preceding administration, the United States conducted negotiations with the Republic of Panama which resulted in a proposed treaty under the terms of which the United States would shortly relinquish its control over the Canal; and

Whereas there is reason to believe that the present dictatorship in control of the Government of Panama seeks to renew negotiations with the United States looking toward a similar treaty; and

Whereas the present study being conducted by the Atlantic-Pacific Interoceanic Canal Study Commission may result in a decision to utilize the present canal as a part of a new sea level canal; and

Whereas any action looking toward an agreement with the Government of Panama which would be premature prior to the submission of the report of the Commission in any event: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That it is the sense of the House of Representatives that the Government of the United States maintain and protect its sovereign rights and jurisdiction over said canal and that the United States Government in no way forfeit, cede, negotiate, or transfer any of these sovereign rights or jurisdiction to any other sovereign nation or to any international organization.

Should Women Take Sides In Primaries?

Articles have appeared from time to time in this *Report* and in Phyllis Schlafly's books making the argument that volunteers in politics should back specific candidates in the primary — NOT fall for the line that women should work only in the general election, backing any candidate who happens to receive the Party's nomination. Now that primary time is upon us again in this vital election year of 1970, we are reprinting an excellent letter received from a former U.S. Congressman from California which states the subject very clearly.

My dear Mrs. Schlafly:

I am enclosing an unsolicited contribution as a "reward" for the August issue of your *Report* and particularly for that part of the lead article which calls attention to the weakening results of the theory that the women should not take an active part in the Primary. This "principle" was adopted by the women during my years in public office and I have opposed it openly and continually since its adoption. Originally I think it was intended to apply only to the *officers* of local clubs, but it was rapidly translated into meaning all of their members. Why the women should think that the vacuum thus created would remain unfilled has always remained a mystery to me. It is promptly filled by well-organized (and usually well-financed) groups and their paid lobbyists. As a result we have put ourselves, wherever this principle is applied, into the same category as the ovine citizens of Russia who are given only one candidate to vote for in an election. The Primary is the *only* time and the *only* opportunity the voters have to select their own candidates.

I held public office for 26 years, local, state legislature and Congress, and each time the vote of the women *in the Primary* was the deciding factor in a succession of victories. It amuses me to look back to 1942 when I first ran reluctantly for the Congress. Several other candidates had what they thought were prior rights! The Republican women were urged

to stick to the absurd principle of non-involvement in the Primary. "Pro-America," on the other hand, announced bluntly that if they were going to vote for me in the final election, they were going to work and vote for me in the Primary. In more recent years there have been evidences that the women's vote which now has a major effect in many elections, could have changed the results if they had worked more actively in the Primary.

Cordially yours,

**John Phillips,
Rancho Mirage, Calif.**

Campaign Handbook

The Grass-Roots Campaign by David W. Gater is an excellent how-to-do-it handbook of mechanics and techniques for the less-experienced candidate and his manager at the lower levels of partisan and non-partisan office.

Most references and texts on campaign techniques are too long and detailed for the novice candidate for local office, too oriented toward large expenditures for professional managers and specialists, and too theoretical with little application to practical situations. Not this booklet. Mr. Gater's handbook presents basic techniques in plain, simple language in order to help the scores of new candidates who will emerge this year for local and regional offices. It is very useful to the first-time candidate, and we recommend it.

Please order directly from Starter Publications, P.O. Box 6372, Anaheim, California 92806, \$1 per copy.

Conservatives

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It is vitally important that conservatives in every community develop and train a corps of qualified, attractive speakers on the major issues of the day so we can engage the liberals on the battleground of the media. Each community should have a bat-

Marilu Smith Appointed To Education Board



Mrs. A. Edward Smith of Columbus, Georgia has been appointed to the Georgia State Board of Education. Marilu Smith is well known to many readers of this *Report* as Republican National Committeewoman for Georgia 1964-1968, and as Third District Campaign Chairman for Barry Goldwater.

Marilu Smith will make an outstanding contribution in any field she enters, and the schools of Georgia are fortunate indeed that she is willing to give her time to education. She has previously given state and national service of distinction for numerous civic activities, including the Girl Scouts, the Red Cross, and the Tuberculosis Association.

We take this occasion to congratulate Marilu Smith for the consistently courageous leadership she has given the Republican Party in Georgia. She has raised a standard of integrity, of conservative principles, and of dedicated volunteer service that few can match.

tery of conservative speakers on different subjects: the Vietnam War, the ABM, the internal and external Communist threats, taxes, inflation, government spending, welfare, etc.

What One Woman Can Do — Virginia Evers

“Getting people involved” in the business of saving America has been a way of life with Virginia Evers of LaMesa, California for nearly ten years. In the process, there has been practically no field of endeavor in which she herself has not become involved.

Virginia got her “feet wet” politically in 1962 as area chairman for Dr. Max Rafferty. During the Goldwater campaign, she formed several nationwide grassroots organizations, once speaking in five different states within six days. She served on the official Speakers Bureau of Max Rafferty and Ronald Reagan during their campaigns for state office. As vice president of Constitutional Alliance, Inc., she had a regular column for three years in the newspaper called *Success*.

An enthusiastic booster of Phyllis Schlafly for NFRW president, Virginia brought many delegates to Washington in May 1967. In addition, her two feature articles on this subject appeared in several publications.

Mrs. Evers is the mother of six children and the wife of a school principal in the San Diego area, so it is not surprising that working with young people has always been her number-one interest. In December 1968, she



resigned from Constitutional Alliance to direct all her energies toward involving the NOW generation in constructive activities. The November issue of the California School Boards magazine featured her article entitled “A Citizenship Program in Action,” describing the excellent citizenship program used in her husband’s school.

As a founder and sponsor of the highly successful Heartland Youth

For Decency, Virginia Evers believes that this group of young people has proved conclusively that — given a worthy cause and proper guidance — teenagers can be a community’s most dynamic force for constructive action. HYFD’s singing group, called “The Freedom Sounds,” has demonstrated to some fifty audiences throughout Southern California that the fire of love for God and country still burns brightly in the hearts of young Americans. Old Glory is their symbol, and more than 2,000 American Flag lapel pins have been sold by members to support their work.

Among HYFD projects, the most dramatic is the planned War Memorial to the men who have given their lives in Vietnam, which is to be constructed by the members themselves and dedicated on Flag Day. Virginia Evers’ daughter, Denise, was named La Mesa’s Youth of the Year for her dedicated work as chairman of HYFD, and she was also cited by her Congressman, Bob Wilson, in the *Congressional Record*.

Virginia’s own words summarize her formula for success: “I have always tried to concentrate on solutions rather than problems. Eventually we might eliminate the negative by accentuating the positive. *Involvement* is the key.”

YAF Student Contest

You are urged to recommend to all the students you know that they enter the Young Americans for Freedom *Masters of Deceit* Student Contest. The prizes are tempting: first prize is a \$1,000 scholarship; second prize is a \$500 scholarship; third prize is a \$250 scholarship; plus 15 cash awards of \$50 each. The top winner will also receive an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. The judges are Phyllis Schlafly, Herb Philbrick, Rev. Daniel Lyons, Phillip Abbott Luce, and John J. Duncan, Jr.

Who is eligible? All students. Why should students enter? Because the Contest brings them face-to-face with a basic yet factual history of Com-

munist, its spread throughout the world, an explanation of what attracts people to Communism, why members leave the Party but are then reluctant to work against Communism, and the threat of Communism to our freedom. The author of *Masters of Deceit* is J. Edgar Hoover, widely recognized as the world’s foremost authority on Communism.

To enter the Contest, please send \$1.00 for a copy of *Masters of Deceit* and a contest entry form to Gary J. Brown, Young Americans for Freedom, Dept. PC., 1221 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20005. The Contest will close May 31, so you still have time to secure the book and enter the Contest.

Who Is This?

The winner of the “Who Is This?” contest in last month’s *Phyllis Schlafly Report* is Mrs. Kenneth G. Roth of Rockford, Illinois. She was the first to correctly identify the picture of the Stanford University peacenik as the son of former Secretary of Defense Robert Strange McNamara. Congratulations to Mrs. Roth. And thanks to the many others who sent in the correct answer.

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