

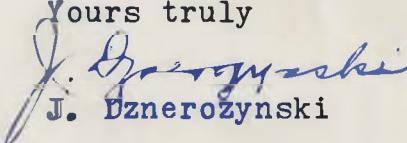
Oxnard, California
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Ventura County Democratic Central Committee
Ventura, California

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The attached is an interpretation of a recent newspaper article forwarded for your information.

One question comes to mind in this matter, " Was it necessary to dignify the needling tactic of your opponent by answering the questions "?

Yours truly

J. Dznerozynski

Oxnard, California
June 18, 1961

Chairman,
Ventura County Republican Central Committee
Ventura, California

Dear Sir,

It has been interesting to note your recent bid for accomplishment of political ambitions as exemplified in your questions to the Ventura County Democratic Central Committee relative to regulations for the conduct of Armed Services personnel.

The intriguing part of it all however, is that this ambitious zeal has apparently impaired the power of reason which is so necessary for political success. As you should know, we average citizens at times are prone to read between the lines. By so doing we often find the real meaning of things. In years gone by the logic that the end always justifies the means was accepted reasoning. Unfortunately some fool made a more advanced educational system available and as a recent very important election has shown, we, average citizens, resent an insult to intelligence.

Can it be that political ambition coupled with party zeal are responsible for your presentation of an argument which is completely devoid of factual truths? In reality, do you really believe that we, average citizens, are so lacking in intellect that we are gullible to the Nth degree? Frankly, in your very respected political position we, average citizens, naturally expect a much more understanding of our potential.

Naturally your recent needling of the Ventura County Democratic Central Committee was partially for the publicity value. Since you have presumed upon my time consumed in the reading of an article published in The Press-Courier on June 15, 1961, wherein you were quoted, it follows that since you used this means to solicit political support you are more or less obligated to extend the courtesy of hearing my interpretation of presumably sincere efforts on your part.

After analysis of what could have been between the lines in the recent publicity of your position I am impressed that;

a. You do not have any criticism of the Democratic administration over the long standing regulations of the Defense Department governing the conduct of both Military and Civilian personnel. Nor do you have valid basis to substantiate the accusation that we, average citizens, are not being adequately lectured on effective ways to combat Communism.

It could be that the needling is being employed to cover party ire over the contrast between Vienna and Paris conferences which displayed extremes in Soviet conduct. Of course, at Vienna we were not carrying press notices about balancing the budget at some hazard to National Security.

As for lectures about the dangers of Communism, I ask, Who needs them? Everyone in the Free World is quite aware of them. After several years of waiting we now have a combat team started.

b. You seem to ignore the fact that Communism has been a threat to the democratic way of life for over forty years. It's goals have never changed. Naturally some progress was made over the years by Stalin while the Free World was apathetic. Historians can tell our grand children that the greatest Communistic gains were made between 1953 and 1961. It is most unfortunate that the advantages of the democratic nations were far less important than balanced budgets.

c. Your expressed desire to have the Department of Defense send members of the Armed Services to lecture against the Communists is direct divergence from your party's insistence for balanced budgets and the economy in Government plank. Surely you realize that sending Armed Services personnel hither, thither and yon to make speeches in conjunction with privately produced motion pictures will be more than a small unnecessary drain on the taxpayers contributions as well as inadvertently making our Government the sponsor of unauthorized material. You can make a notable impression by encouraging the Armed Services to do less politicizing so that more time may be devoted to Military as well as scientific accomplishment.

d. Publicity given you in The Press-Courier of June 15, 1961 can be construed to mean that you encourage the showing of motion pictures which are anti-Communist. This is very patriotic. However, we average citizens most sincerely hope that the various committees of political parties will leave the selection of the official films to proper Government personnel. The June 17, 1961 issue of the same Press-Courier gives evidence, in Voice of the People column, that our most sincere citizens can be duped.

e. By emphasizing the restricting of speeches by our Armed Services personnel it was admirable of you to extend an invitation for political support. However, it would be unfortunate if someone were to suspect that, by innuendo, there could be a suggestion for insubordination.

Periodically we average citizens are quite important. It is hoped that the next time our votes are so ~~meticulously~~^{carefully} solicited that we shall not have to look back at a campaign on the drum beating about Communism's horrors which was an art in rabble rousing. All about us today are evidences of this very Stalinistic technique. No American has to be furnished statements with which he is expected to combat the Moscow Maurader. When you can understand the meaning of an expression attributed to one of our great Presidents, "All we have to fear is Fear" you may be better equipped. Of course, I do realize that a reference to this former President is affording another opportunity for someone to once again malign his memory.

Yours truly

J. Dznerozynski