



The most frustrating factor in writing for a weekly is the utter disdain newsmakers have for the paper's deadline... The Republican Convention holding forth in Miami, Florida this week is a prime example. Think they would consider convening a couple of days earlier so that the VOICE would have the results of the nominations for this issue? Not a chance. But this circumstance is no dire Republican plot. The same thing will be true when the Democrats gather in Chicago later this month.

I don't know whether I'm becoming jaded or that the national political conventions are becoming duller. This confab in Miami, so far, has been pretty much of a bore. Every indication is that Richard Milhouse Nixon will be the '68 Republican standard bearer. The tumultuous applause accorded Barry Goldwater at his appearance on the lectern clearly indicated that delegates to the convention are unlikely ilk to embrace the philosophical republicanism of New York's Governor Rockefeller. As we go to press, it would seem the only speculation is over who will be the vice-presidential nominee.

When the Democrats convene, don't look for the good will and unanimity of spirit which exists in the '68 Republican Convention, in contrast by the way, to the '64 GOP debacle in San Francisco.

Senator McCarthy supporters, who act as though they are on the payroll of the Republican National Committee, apparently are hell bent on destroying the Democratic Party. There can be no doubt McCarthy supporters are intent upon disrupting and discrediting the Democratic National Convention.

You can add Senator McCarthy's name to that of Governors Laxalt and Reagan as political figures whose appeal to voters completely mystifies me. He is as petulant and whiney as a schoolboy who, if he isn't given the key position in the game "ain't going to play". Moreover, before he became a presidential candidate, the man never had a real conviction in his life.

EVEN MORE bewildering to me is how supporters of the late Senator Robert Kennedy can offer allegiance to the man who so bitterly resented Kennedy and begrudged him the great popularity the vigorous Kennedy enjoyed.

I know of what I speak. A long time political friend who left California to work in Washington for McCarthy's candidacy called me several weeks before the California primary to ask if I could offer the McCarthy camp any suggestions on how to derail the Kennedy bandwagon among the minority groups in the California election. The animosity against Kennedy was fearful. It went far beyond the bounds of natural desire of one candidate to wrest victory from another.

When I told him it was futile to attempt to swing the minority vote against Robert Kennedy and that, in my opinion, Kennedy was a lead pipe cinch to win the California Primary, he said that if Kennedy and Nixon were the nominees, McCarthy would start another party.

Now that death has removed the Kennedy threat, McCarthy supporters have turned their venom on vice-president Humphrey. The Wisconsin Senator's strategists have engaged in every known tactic to discredit Hubert Humphrey's candidacy for President and have stooped to a new low even for political campaigning in bludgeoning Democrats into acceptance of McCarthy as the presidential nominee.

Delegates to the National Convention have been deluged with letters from an organized campaign to bend the will of the delegates. All the letters state that if McCarthy is not the nominee, the writer and her (or his) spouse, or family will have to vote Republican in November. Demonstrations against Humphrey in his campaign appearances have been diabolically organized and staged.

If the most virulent of McCarthy supporters, who really believe Hubert Humphrey will win the nomination all their bravado notwithstanding, are successful in making a shambles of the National Convention in Chicago, they will have paved the way for launching the 'peace' party and will have affected the destruction of the Democratic Party.

## Kit Carson Headstart Graduates Face The Future



REALIZATION OF THE CHALLENGE AHEAD appears to have sobered the playful antics of these darling capped and gowned graduates of the Kit Carson Headstart program after receiving their diplomas last week... And doesn't this somber moment come to all graduates and particularly to such a responsible group as is pictured here who all received perfect attendance awards along with their "Headstart Sheepskins"... Two youngsters seated are Cassandra McClair (left) and Annette Earl... Standing, from left, are Marilyn Jordan, Gregory L. Bass, Terra Jones, Yvette Sewell, Debra Earl, Ramona Greene, Lena Whitehead, Paula Brooks, McKinley Turner, and Annie Lee Henry.

Beaming parents and guests are, from left, Mrs. I. W. Wilson, Mrs. Terry, Mrs. Rozener Cooper, Mrs. Katie Mae Trimble, Mrs. Louise Earl, Peter Sampson, Mrs. Leola Greene, Mrs. Bessie L. Brooks, Mrs. Gloria Turner, and Mrs. Annie Lee Henry.

Dear John, Nelson, and Laurance:

*For a long time I have had very much on my mind and heart a certain subject. I meant to bring it up at prayers and then later have it for a question to be discussed at a family council; but the right time, because of your father's illness, has never seemed to come.*

*Out of my experience and observation has grown the earnest conviction that one of the greatest causes of evil in the world is race-hatred or race prejudice; in other words, the feeling of dislike that a person or a nation has against another person or nation without just cause, an unreasoning aversion is another way to express it. The two peoples or races who suffer most from this treatment are the Jews and the Negroes; but some people "hate" the Italians, who in turn hate the Jugoslavs, who hate the Austrians, who hate the Czecho-Slovaks, and so it goes endlessly.*

*You boys are still young. No group of people has ever done you a personal injury; you have no inherited dislikes. I want to make an appeal to your sense of fair play and to beseech you to begin your lives as young men by giving the other fellow, be he Jew or Negro or of whatever race, a fair chance and a square deal.*

*It is to the disgrace of America that horrible lynchings and race riots frequently occur in our midst. The social ostracism of the Jew is less brutal, and yet it often causes cruel injustice and must engender in the Jews a smouldering fire of resentment.*

*Put yourselves in the place of an honest, poor man who happens to belong to one of the so-called "despised" races. Think of having no friendly hand held out to you, no kindly look, no pleasant, encouraging word spoken to you. What I would like you always to do is what I try humbly to do myself: that is, never to say or to do anything which would wound the feelings or the self-respect of any human being, and to give special consideration to all who are in any way repressed. This is what your father does naturally from the fineness of his nature and the kindness of his heart.*

*I long to have our family stand firmly for what is best and highest in life. It isn't always easy, but it is worth while.*

Your mother

(Abby Aldrich Rockefeller)