

If the federal government weren't already carrying out a certain program, would it be created today?

Can we pay for whatever we decide the government ought to do?

Do states have sufficient resources and capability to resume the full role under the Constitution?

What should be the balance between the private sector and the public sector?

If we undertake this effort, I think we will be getting at the core of what bothers American about government and its performance. And we would be undertaking a comprehensive, objective review of the federal government that is clearly long overdue. We might not only get better government, but also government that is more broadly supported by the American people.

FEARLESS JACK'S WAR ON "NON-CRIMES"

HON. ANDREW JACOBS, JR.

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 14, 1995

Mr. JACOBS. Mr. Speaker, the following Mike Royko column appeared in the Indianapolis News on June 8, 1995.

Apparently we should still seek the distinction between headlines and substance.

[From the Indianapolis News, June 8, 1995]

FEARLESS JACK'S WAR ON "NON-CRIMES"

(By Mike Royko)

If any criminal mastermind in Chicago has been planning a big-time caper, this might be an excellent time to get it going.

I've never given advice to a criminal before, but why shouldn't a newspaper try to be of service to all of its readers?

There is good reason to believe that the time is right. It can be found in a list of cops, prosecutors and investigators who are said to be working on the case of U.S. Rep. Mel Reynolds, D-Ill.

This list was provided to defense lawyers, as the law requires, by the office of Cook County State's Attorney Jack "Fearless Jack" O'Malley.

It is an impressive list. It appears to be almost as long as a college football roster.

On it are 10 Chicago police detectives and their supervisors.

There are 24 detectives from the state's attorney's investigative office.

And 10 assistant state's attorneys are listed as helping the two lead prosecutors assigned to the case.

We shouldn't forget the O'Malley publicity specialists, who show up in court for every Reynolds hearing and whisper advice to TV reporters on how to best extract a thrilling sound bite from that day's proceedings.

All of this manpower is devoted to proving beyond a reasonable doubt that U.S. Rep. Reynolds did indeed have a go at a woman, now 19, who says that she willingly hopped in the sack with him when she was 16.

The woman since has recanted her charge, but that hasn't discouraged Fearless Jack O'Malley. He's determined to prove that Reynolds did the dirty deed and persuaded the woman to change her story.

And that's why this army of investigators and prosecutors is scrambling for any information that could be used to nail Reynolds—or at least generate TV footage that makes him appear to be the most dangerous fiend since Vlad the Impaler, which he very well might be.

Only last week, O'Malley's office trotted out Reynolds' disgruntled former secretary,

who screamed at the TV cameras that Reynolds beat his wife.

The wife since has indignantly denied being beaten and says the ex-secretary is a nasty, politically motivated liar. But what does a mere wife know about such matters?

Of course, this is a noble pursuit of justice. I can't think of anything that could make the streets of Chicago and its suburbs safer than a successful proof that Reynolds frolicked with a consenting young bimbo. We finally could return to the good old days, when we didn't have to lock our doors at night.

It is comforting to know that investigators are out there knocking on doors and asking every female to whom Reynolds ever has said "howdy-do" if he ever leered, pinched, nibbled, oggled, drolled or breathed heavily in her presence.

And Fearless Jack is to be commended for his devotion to duty. Not only commended, but touted for higher office, which is the highest praise a Republican prosecutor can get for skinning a Democratic congressman.

But it is obvious that if you have limited manpower and payroll and you assign a dozen fulltime prosecutors, two dozen investigators, your publicity experts and political sex scandal—as earth-shaking as it might be—they can't find time to be gathering clues in Chicago's many cases of murder and mayhem.

Not that I believe for one minute that murder and mayhem and heavy dope dealing are as terrible a threat to the delicate fabric of our society as Reynolds allegedly having a tryst with a consenting tart who now says she doesn't give a hoot.

But as humdrum as murder, mayhem and other crimes can be, they still have to be dealt with. Even if the killers, maulers and dope profiteers beat the raps, as many of them seem to do, O'Malley still has to go through the motions. We can't have judges sitting around in empty courtrooms telling each other doctor jokes.

And who knows, some of the accused killers, maulers, dope profiteers and other lesser-known felons might have even more serious skeletons rattling around in their closets.

It's very possible that when you investigate a gangbanger for blowing away a rival, you also might discover that the nasty fellow has been doing you-know-what with a 16-year-old gun moll.

Ah, then you are really on to something. So the Reynolds case might only be the beginning of something really big.

Today Reynolds.

Tomorrow jaywalkers.

Go get them, Fearless Jack.

MEMORIAL DAY

HON. DUNCAN HUNTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 14, 1995

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call the attention of the House to speeches written by some young students at Alpine Elementary School in my district. Jessica Herold, Kimberly Shoemaker, Tasha Voeltzel, and Travis McGrath have written what Memorial Day means to them and their words are something we can all be proud of. I ask that their speeches be submitted into the RECORD.

(By Jessica Herold and Kimberly Shoemaker)

Good morning Congressman Hunter, Mr. Miller, Teachers, Guests, and students.

We were asked to write about our flag or Memorial Day. We found it difficult to separate the two because both of these represent our nation and its beliefs.

We are a country because we wanted our rights and freedom. Many wars have been fought to keep us a free nation.

Students in the past have said the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag, today we continue to say the pledge. When we make this pledge, we are saying we believe in our country.

On Memorial Day, we salute the men and women who have fought for our freedom. It is our hope that each time you say the Pledge of Allegiance, you remember its meaning and that you take the time to think about the men and women that have fought to keep us one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

WHY MEMORIAL DAY IS IMPORTANT

(By Tasha Voeltzel)

Good morning Congressman Duncan Hunter, Mr. Miller, staff, and students.

I think Memorial Day is important because it is a day that we need to salute to the people who have died, trying to save our country so we could be free. My dad fought in the Vietnam War while he was in a wheelchair, even though he didn't get hurt, I still salute him being that brave, and having the courage to fight for our country. I will always remember Memorial Day and look back to the wars and giving everyone who is dead or alive, the salute for freedom.

MEMORIAL DAY; A DAY TO REMEMBER THOSE WHO PAID THE ULTIMATE PRICE TO KEEP AMERICA FREE

(By Travis McGrath)

To us kids, Memorial Day weekend has come to mean several things. Sure it's a three day weekend. One more day added to the weekend that gives us the extra freedom to go on a picnic, to visit a special friend or relative, to go to the beach, the river, or the mountains. Freedom to relax, freedom to play.

Many Americans take to the road on Memorial Day. They sometimes drive hundreds of miles to visit a theme park, a national monument, another country or special place. Memorial Day has also come to signify the time of a special once a year event, like the Indianapolis 500.

For whatever reason Memorial Day may be significant to us all, let us not forget the real reason that this day is celebrated. Memorial Day is the day we honor and remember the men and women of the armed forces who have given their lives in the defense of liberty and freedom, home and abroad. From the battlefields of Bull Run to the sands of Iraq and Kuwait, brave Americans have fought for this Monday in May and all the days of the week to keep us safe and America free. So today, let us not forget that the freedoms we enjoy on this holiday and all year long have been paid for by Americans who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

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HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 14, 1995

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, there are debts that our country owes, and chief among them is the debt owed to our veterans. If it were not for the sacrifice made by many in the name of freedom and democracy, we would not be able to stand here and enjoy the wonders provided by our great Nation. I want to call special attention to the fact that Saturday, June