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Goldwater Hits Liberal 'Smears,' 'Double Standard' in News Media

NEW YORK, Jan. 31 (UPI) — In a magazine article published today, Barry M. Goldwater said American liberals had "piled up a record of

smear and distortion that gives the lie to their every utterance of pious moral superiority." Writing in the current Sat-

urday Evening Post, the former Republican presidential nominee also accused some segments of the news media of following a double standard in denouncing political smear and distortion.

As an example, Goldwater chose the reaction to liberals to the play "Macbird!" which opens here Feb. 8.

After the assassination of President Kennedy, Goldwater's aid, liberals denounced hate for breeding such violence. But now, he continued, the double standard has gone to work as their dislike for President Johnson has increased. This resulted in the play, which casts the Johnsons as plotters of Mr. Kennedy's assassination.

"And what does the author, one Barbara Garson, have to say about this 'funny idea'?" asked Goldwater. "It doesn't worry me if people think he killed Kennedy," she is quoted as saying. Do liberals rush to heap hate labels on her and her work? Not at all.

"The highly regarded liberal critic Dwight Macdonald calls it 'the funniest' political satire he's read in years. The New York Times and The Washington Post, the fountainheads of liberal restraint, have glowed over it, and Yale's school has given the authoress a \$5000 fellowship. Sic semper hate!"

The former Senator also listed examples of what he called the "liberal double standard" on network television last November.

"I think anyone could remember David Brinkley's hound dog look as the votes piled up for Ronald Reagan, and certainly everyone will remember the doomsday look of Eric Sevareid," he said.

Goldwater criticized CBS correspondent Daniel Schorr and the New York Times for "untrue" reports of a Goldwater speech in Germany in 1964 and the wide quotation of a letter by United Auto Workers President Walter Reuther describing Goldwater as "mentally unbalanced."