

THIS ELUCIDATES WHY BUSCH CONDUCTED SUCH A "WHITEWASH" GRAND JURY INTO THE GIRHAN EVIDENCE.
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Two candidates for District Attorney

Vincent Bugliosi

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Vincent T. Bugliosi, a hard hitting vivacious deputy district attorney, condemns his own office for protecting the rich and prosecuting the poor. He, like Marge Buckley, is running for the office of District Attorney and has a similar program to the social activist. But, unlike Marge Buckley, according to polls and to him, he has a chance of winning the office over Establishment incumbent Joseph Busch.

"If you want to throw away your vote, vote for Marge Buckley," he told the independent, underground, and alternative press in an exclusive interview oriented to the youth sub-culture and to political dissenters.

Bugliosi contends that his platform is essentially the same as

Buckley's but he is a serious candidate who can win. Polls give him 20 percent, Busch 22 percent, Buckley 4, and Christopher Smith, a black candidate, 2 percent. More than 50 percent of the voters, as of last week, indicate no preference.

Given this reality, Bugliosi questions Buckley's purpose in running. "She is hurting the cause of



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change. I'm seriously beginning to question Marge Buckley's motivations" for running. He raised the possibility of self-aggrandizement, common to most political candidates. He also said this is his first candidacy and indicated it would be his last. "Politics stink," the young attorney

said. He failed to understand that Buckley attracts much of the "underground," radicals and revolutionaries because she is connected with movements for social change. Bugliosi can be supported only on the basis of "faith in the individual." He has no class, sex, or race base. He is also supported by the L.A. County Democratic Central Committee. Bugliosi thinks there are "good and bad people everywhere" and does not indict an economic system or a party of capitalists as does Buckley.

Regardless, Bugliosi is definitely not a "lesser of two evils" candidate. He indicts the political system as corrupt and says he wants to prosecute the rich and police when they break the law. "If a policeman beats someone when arresting him, he is as guilty of a crime as anyone else."

He asserts that Lockheed was not prosecuted for serious felonies when seventeen workers were killed in the Sylmar tunnel incident because they are among those who finance Busch's campaign.

"Fifty-four workers were killed in industrial accidents in L.A. County last year. Despite this tragic loss of life, there were no prosecutions of employers by the DA's office. Labor leaders and inspectors for the Division of Industrial Safety have told Bugliosi and his staff that they have brought cases to the District Attorney for filing, but the present DA refuses to prosecute the employer whose gross negligence caused the death of the employee," Bugliosi's campaign literature reads.

Bugliosi pointed out that Busch has received about \$500,000 in campaign donations, more than any presidential candidate will spend in L.A. County, while Bugliosi has \$50,000. A personal friend is his largest contributor, donating \$5,000. The United Auto Workers Union is among the major contributors with \$1,000. Two-hundred and twenty-one corporations have contributed to Busch, including a Lockheed top attorney, the major oil companies, auto companies, etc.

Corruption in the "Queen Mary" affair is another issue which Bugliosi hits hard. It was supposed to cost the taxpayers \$8,500,000, but costs have already risen to \$53,000,000 with "Long Beach Mayor Wade giving contracts to personal friends

with our competitive being...
...close knit clique controls that
...order to benefit itself and
...friends... said Bugliosi about the
...Green Mary Incident... And Busch
...refused to investigate because three
...key persons involved are major
...contributors to his campaign.
...Attorney Joe Ball and businessmen
...Alfred Bloomington and Howard
...Carr...
...each... Busch says he would
...prosecute companies creating
...violations of industrial
...laws... violators of
...fraud... committing
...violence and other... stop
...prosecuting... crimes
...social... (although
...he is not too...
...moral... and...
...would respect the... of privacy
...and... permit... under
...circumstances compatible with
...recent... Supreme... Court
...decisions...
...He would also... organized
...crime in L.A. which he contends
...must exist here since it does in
...every other major city... the
...candidate had no proof that the
...mob... here... but he would
...investigate...
...Bugliosi believes that crime is a
...symptom... not a disease and until we
...cure the disease... will remain
...on the increase... that
...poverty... and...
...to use the DA's...
...an office for...
...He would...
...to the alternative... and...
...that is... terrible... that they haven't
...been allowed them...
...He would also investigate charges of
...corruption in the Mayor's office such
...as the forged letters... story... in
...the Free Press last week...
...The prosecutor became famous
...when he prosecuted Charles

Manson, and thirteen other murder
cases. He wants to enforce "law and
order" but keeps justice in the
forefront. He believes we live in a
"corrupt system" and wants to take
"them" on. "There are skeletons in
the closets of the big people in this
country. Busch won't take them on,
but I will. They are piling money into
Busch to keep me out. They're not
afraid of Marge Buckley. They are
afraid of me, because I could win."
Bugliosi points out that only 10
percent of hard core crime is
resolved, that conviction rates are
far below normal in LA County, and
that he would not prosecute the
innocent. He is also for prison reform
and opposed to "special treatment"
of political prisoners. He also
endorses Proposition 9.
While he condemns "the big
people" (he is angry at the
corruption of having a "scrub woman
paying more taxes than her
employer Standard Oil, which paid
no taxes last year") he does not
know why these people control
society. He does not attribute this
corruption to an economic system of
capitalism or imperialism. While he
opposes the war in Indochina he
does not see any economic or
military necessity for it given the
nature of corporate profits and
expansion needs.
Buckley, on the other hand, comes
closer to understanding why
Lockheed etc. does what it does
and why it gets away with it, and she
is connected to movements and
organizations seeking a genuine
alternative to this system. However,
Bugliosi is not tied to the system,
apparently. He is a loner, an irate
establishmentarian on the order of
"Z." He would buck the system and
his office would be open to the
social changers if elected. Bugliosi
epitomizes the concept: Politics is
the art of the possible.