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New Democratic Coalition

Evans and Novak, in their column on the "Anti-New Politics Liberals," have accurately reported on the basic thrust of the new Coalition for a Democratic Majority. I want to emphasize, however, that those of us who are organizing CDM are not "anti-McGovern" in the sense of any personal antagonism toward the senator, but are opposed to the New Politicians who attempted to use the McGovern candidacy to attain power for themselves and for their brand of politics.

As a matter of fact, the unkindest cut of all is the effort of these New Politicians, led by Mrs. Westwood, to blame Sen. McGovern personally for the Democratic national ticket's defeat. The fact is that Sen. McGovern was the same honorable, earnest and sincere campaigner both before and after the Democratic National Convention; he was the same campaigner who had previously won four of the five elections in which he had run in South Dakota. The difference was that the Democratic National Convention of 1972 had brought the New Politicians into full public view and that a majority of the American people, who now came to associate Senator McGovern with that group, did not like what they saw.

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