

From "European Press Review," regular program by
Helga Lohr-Bailey:

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A rather astute analysis, to my way of thinking, comes from Sabina Litzmann, the Frankfurter Allegemeine Zeitung's* official correspondent in this country. In essence she is convinced that the Eagleton affair was the Chappaquiddick of Senator George McGovern, and that beyond this he never was really able to get the Democratic machine behind him after the Democratic convention, unlike John F. Kennedy in 1960. Litzmann also maintains that McGovern was never able to shake off the label of being a radical. Some of his early proposals, later corrected, seem to her to have damaged him too much. "For the citizen of middle America," Litzman writes, "McGovern always remained what one enraged reader wrote to Life Magazine, 'the representative of an America where one can have a homosexual affair, where one deserts from the army, where people have abortions, and where as a reward for smoking hash one can collect \$1,000 annually from those poor madmen who still believe in the work ethos.'"

If at this point I may make a personal comment, having faithfully and with much hope labored in the McGovern garden, this is exactly what I believe defeated us. In a commentary for BBC I have termed it a preventive counter-revolution against changes in a presumed way of life, which appeared so threatening to values which society, family, church, school, etc., have imposed, that it obliterated even Vietnam (especially if the individual was not personally affected), unemployment and all the other woes of our country.

Litzmann reminds her readers that a month after the Democratic convention some big labor leaders agreed with Mayor Warty of Los Angeles that - quote - "McGovern threatens the Democratic party with suicidal radicalsⁱⁿ." At the same time big business made sure that its own horror of the McGovern nomination got plenty of exposure in the media.

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