

Looking for a Better Way of Life

By William Gildea

Bay Buchanan, sister of White House consultant Patrick J. Buchanan, is planning to leave Washington next week and emigrate to Australia because she is disillusioned with United States politics.

Miss Buchanan, 25, who worked on the Committee to Re-Elect the President for four months, said yesterday she doesn't like the "snobbery" she finds among people involved in Washington politics. She also cited United States crime as a reason for her move.

Miss Buchanan said her opinions about American politics began to take shape when she worked for the re-election committee in a bookkeeping position. "I didn't like a lot of the people," she said. "A lot of people were trying to get themselves promoted, not to get the President elected.

"A lot of people who hang around politicians are phonies. Washington has a snobbery atmosphere. The higher person you know, the more I want to know you. Everybody's impressed with themselves, whose A.A. they are. There's a lot of garbage going on."

Miss Buchanan recently told the Melbourne Sun's Washington correspondent Peter Costigan, "I am very disgusted with the Watergate mess. It was a ridiculous move that gained very little and it deepened my disillusion with American politics."

The article disclosing Miss Buchanan's plans was published over the weekend in the Melbourne paper.

She told Costigan that American politics can change a person. "They

stand up and try to be whatever their audience wants them to be. They lose something of themselves with every speech. When they get to a real position of power, they lose their own personalities. On the way up, they have to appease so many people. There are very few American political figures I have any trust in."

Miss Buchanan told The Washington Post yesterday she was not talking about President Nixon. Or her brother, Patrick.

"I'd vote for him again," she said of Mr. Nixon. "He's doing a terrific job in foreign affairs." She said the press is concentrating too little on that aspect of Mr. Nixon's administration and too much on what his role is in Watergate.

"I don't think he's involved," she said. "At least, I'd like to think he's not. I think his choice of persons (around him) was not fantastic."

She said of her brother, "I appreciate what he is trying to do," and added that he wasn't at all like others he comes in contact with.

"These are people I've met because of him," she said. "I've been out in the evening with him and people talk to him. They're not his friends. They may think they're his friends. Obviously, he's so much different than that."

Miss Buchanan was a mathematics teacher at Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School the past year.

She has no job lined up in Sydney, where she plans to live, but expects to find one. She said she has "always had some mysterious attraction to Australia" and believes that country

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Bay Buchanan with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William B. Buchanan, who she says at first tried to talk her out of moving to Australia.

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"is the way the United States was several years ago."

She has traveled before, spending almost two years in Montreal obtaining a master's degree in mathematics at McGill University and she spent two summers in San Francisco. She went to Montreal because she "didn't want to stay near East Coast people," likening them to "politicians."

Miss Buchanan is the seventh of nine children of Mr. and Mrs. William B. Buchanan of Washington and got her nickname of Bay as an infant when an older brother could not pronounce "baby." She never uses her first name, Angela, she said.

Though still a Republican, she said Patrick Buchanan "calls me a liberal," adding with a laugh, "Next to him a lot of people are liberal."

She said her parents at

first tried to talk her out of her move, but recently haven't. She has an Australian immigrant's visa that entitles her to work, describes her stay as "indefinite" and says she has no plans to give up her United States citizenship.

Though her family preferred that she try her new way of life for "three months to a year," she has a one-way ticket and no plans to return.