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# EDITORIALS

## The Spectator

By Edward DeCourcy

The day's at the morn;  
Morning's at seven;  
The hillside's dew-pearled;  
The lark's on the wing;  
The snail's on the thorn;  
All's right with the world.

Robert Browning

More crime is being committed against persons and property in the United States than at any other time in history.

All's right with the world

The government of the United States is operating with the greatest financial deficit in its history.

All's right with the world.

The national debt of the United States is greater than it has ever been.

All's right with the world.

The United States of America is spending more than four thousand million dollars this year to drop bombs in Vietnam to guarantee the right of the people of South Vietnam to have the government of their choice.

All's right with the world.

The President of Vietnam has abolished local elections, jailed those who ran against him or his people in elections, shut down scores of newspapers that hinted at criticism of him.

All's right with the world.

Food prices in the United States are at an all-time high.

All's right with the world.

The government of the United States refused to approve an increase in the price of milk. The milk industry made a substantial contribution to the Republican Party. The government of the United States approved an increase in the price of milk.

All's right with the world.

The government of the United States was preparing anti-trust action to prohibit ITT from taking over Hartford Insurance. ITT made a substantial contribution to the Republican Party. The government of the United States did not oppose ITT's taking over Hartford Insurance.

All's right with the world.

The government of the United States arranged to sell large amounts of wheat to Russia. Large corporations were told about it in advance. Small farmers were not.

All's right with the world.

Five men wearing surgical rubber gloves were caught inside Democratic Headquarters placing electronic spying apparatus. A check contributing money to the Republican Party was deposited in the bank by one of them.

All's right with the world.

Government snoops are prying into the private opinions of private citizens in the United States.

All's right with the world.

The people of America, who used to vow with Voltaire, "I disapprove of what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it," are now being conditioned to say, "I disapprove of what you say, and I think the government should stop you from saying it."

All's right with the world.

Early in 1969 the Administration received a report on the SST prepared by a panel of scientists headed by Richard L. Garwin, industrialist-physicist. The Administration held the report secret while it pressed Congress to appropriate \$290 million for the SST, even though Congress asked to see the report. In May, 1971, Congress finally denied the request. In August, 1971, two and one-half years after it received the Garwin report, the Administration released it be-

cause the Court so ordered. The report recommended that the government not support SST.

All's right with the world.

The people of America were told that the 45,856 Americans who gave their lives in Vietnam did so to stop communism. When the head communist visited Hanoi our bombers were ordered not to bomb Hanoi so they would not hurt him.

All's right with the world.

The New York Times reported Monday that a survey conducted for it by Daniel Yankelovich, Inc., showed President Nixon leading Sen. McGovern by 39 points, 62 to 23 persons.

—The Angus-Champion, Newport, N.H.

## It Is Great To Be A Winner

The editorial reprinted below refers to the same Arlen Specter who as Chief Counsel for the Warren Commission; and sold the Commission on the famous "single bullet" theory. Specter seems to have lost none of his clout in continuing to destroy this once great democracy.

Editorial reprinted from the Dallas (Pa.) Post

## The Hot Knife

It couldn't have been more than three weeks ago that we received a press release outlining Philadelphia DA Arlen Specter's plan to re-establish the death penalty in Pennsylvania. We read the release carefully and filed it away, assuming that the wheels of the Pennsylvania legislature would turn in their usual slow manner and that we wouldn't have to worry about this particular bill for some time. No sooner had the release been filed away, it seemed, than it was announced that the Statehouse had voted 157-38 in favor of the bill. No haggling, no political compromises, no amendments. Like a hot knife through butter the bill was a third of the way to becoming law. Our heads spun.

We have done considerable research into the issue of capital punishment and its value as a deterrent to crime, and it may surprise some of our legislators to know that the issue is extremely

complex. Add to this the moral implications of taking a man's life, and you have enough food for thought to keep most inquisitive minds occupied a long time. To our knowledge there hasn't been a study done on the subject of capital punishment that supports the popular claim that execution deters crime, but there have been many studies, both here and abroad, that clearly disprove the efficacy of criminal execution. In any case, none of this seemed to have slowed down our legislature.

It is ironic that it took the Specter plan only two weeks to pass the house while one of the most progressive pieces of legislation to be introduced in this state in a good long time has been suffering the slings and arrows of outrageous politics for nearly two years without success. We refer to the now watered down and compromised Shapp (Denenberg) no-fault bill. The irony of this is that the bill has had the overwhelming support of this state's unions, newspapers, radio and television stations, consumer groups, and almost every other organization except the Trial Lawyers Association, to whose tune a good many of our representatives dance. As this is written it looks like we may finally get a no-fault bill after all this time, but it has been an uncertain struggle all the way.

It is a significant commentary on the art of politics that a bill like Arlen Specter's can be passed almost without argument while no-fault insurance can be manhandled by special interests for nearly two years and still be unsure of passage.

## Location Of The Reserves

Shortly after the shooting of John F. Kennedy, one lone radio report by a Dallas policeman notified his headquarters that a man was on top of Cobb Stadium with a rifle. The Saturday Evening Post of Dec. 14, 1963 shows what appears to be a man with a rifle on what is now the S & H Stamp center, just across

the street from Cobb Stadium. These two buildings are on opposite sides of Stemmons Expressway in Dallas and on the President's route to the luncheon engagement.

Since I think the planners of the assassination were military men, I therefore think no military man worth his salt would overlook the waterfall beer sign also on Stemmons Expressway near Cobb Stadium. Several gunmen could have been placed in this brushy area with perfect concealment, and good elevation above the automobiles.

One must remember the North Dallas Tollway was not constructed in 1963.

Military men never place all their guns on one line. Some are always held in reserve--just in case.

The gunmen might have had a problem with speed of the vehicle containing the President, so this problem was not overlooked. About fifty youth, with tape over their mouths, were on Stemmons at this location. A crack young newsman from Dallas interviewed the leader of the young men and was told: "Kennedy has sealed our mouths, and we are here with tape across

our lips as a silent protest." \*

We think this is crap. Those young boys, whether or not they knew it, were there to slow the President's vehicle in order to give the gunmen a better chance for a fatal shot. The car would have been slowed, in our opinion, even if the leaders had to shove a few of the boys into the path of Kennedy's car.

The car was further marked by the fact that Mrs. Kennedy had the only red roses in the motorcade--handed to her by Lyndon Johnson. Texas had just run out of yellow roses, carried by the other women in the motorcade, it was said.

As it turned out, the precautionary gunmen were not needed.

\* This young man was later hounded out of journalism by harassment from the FBI.

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THIS PHOTOGRAPH WAS TAKEN atop the Pearl beer sign on Stemmons Expressway where we think the reserve rifles were waiting for President Kennedy on November 22, 1963. The S&H Green Stamp Building is shown in extreme left of pic.

Cobb Stadium is at extreme right. Dallas Tollway across foreground of pic was not built at time of the assassination. Traffic in picture is on Stemmons Expressway.

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