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Starboard Views



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Clinton turns into Reagan

Ship's Log: Friday, Feb. 2. Location: Whitewater Straits; raining weather, seas rough. Situation: Ship's engines up and running. Skipper Clinton addresses crew on "State of the Ship." First Mate Dole corrects the record. A miraculous materialization occurs in the Skipper's cabin and his lady is summoned ashore for questioning. Helmsman Newt charts new course. Rocks and shoals ahead.

At General Quarters: If one is not fussy about such things as accuracy, facts, honesty and truth then President Clinton's State of the Union address represents the ultimate stratagem for the Democrat party. Only the Wizard Merlin could have employed skill in ruses or trickery that might equal the President's performance before the Congress. Mr. Clinton has gone from being a "new deal democrat," Franklin Roosevelt; to a "give'em hell," Harry Truman; to a "I feel your pain," Lyndon Johnson; to a "new democrat, re-invent government, takeover of health care" Slick Willie; to his latest transformation as a "end big government, balance the budget using CBO numbers (in five, seven, nine or 10 years), tax cuts for the middle class, restore family values, — Republican!" On Tuesday evening Jan. 23, Bill Clinton transformed himself into Ronald Reagan. It was a marvel to watch!

As the litany of fraudulence unfolded most Republicans sat in stunned silence. Having seen the budget deal evaporate they were reduced to sitting quietly with hands folded while the Democrats cheered and applauded. According to Thomas Sowell of the Washington Times, "Mr. Clinton intercepted the Republicans' issues and phrases — and ran them back for a touchdown." Proclaiming the "end of big gov-

ernment," asking us to "cherish our children and strengthen the American family," speaking of preserving "our old and enduring values" and declaring that "deficit spending must come to an end," the President left nothing for the Republicans to say but "amen." Sowell goes on to say, "As for preserving 'our old and enduring values,' these do not include gays in the military, affirmative action, draft dodging, wholesale womanizing or hiding evidence that has been subpoenaed."

Does Clinton's performance match his words? No way — during his time in office he has given us the largest tax increase in the history of the world, continued deficit spending, used his veto to shut down the government and he and his crowd still push policies and values that result in more permissiveness without responsibility, more illegitimate births, more abortions (paid for by the taxpayers), more sexual deviation with special rights, more children living in single parent homes and more welfare dependency programs, a higher national debt and higher taxes. Need I mention the globe trotting luxury trips of Energy Secretary Hazel O'Leary, and how she took \$400,000 in funds destined for nuclear safety to pay for protection for her own precious self? Or Secretary Ron Brown's travel budget that soars into the millions? The actions and lying of this President and his administration illustrate a total disregard of the consequences of their out-of-control immoral values. It's the opinion of this writer that the State of the Union Message was a hoax — pure fiction — masterly delivered by the nation's number one Flim-Flam-Man! Who pays for all this? We do, of course — and our children and grandchildren, unless we

send the Clintons back to Arkansas — ASAP.

Favoring winds?: The Christian Coalition has issued its annual Congressional scorecard. The coalition seeks to reverse the moral decay that threatens our great nation. The scorecard shows how Senators and Congressmen voted on issues identified by the coalition as having an important impact on our families and our nation. A score of zero percent means no support for the coalition's position and a score of 100 percent means support for the coalition position on every vote. Scores: Congressman Goodlatte 100 percent; Sen. Warner 60 percent; Sen. Robb 20 percent. It's surprising to note that both Senators voted in favor of "condoms for children without parental consent" and for "taxpayer-funded pornography!"

Homeport, Richmond: Virginia Del. Creigh Deeds lists his 1996 priorities (The Recorder, Jan. 19). It seems that Deeds' priorities do not include any possible accomplishments or goals other than to serve on two committees and introduce a school funding bill written for him by someone else. His article is pure "Milquetoast." Deeds could have outlined how he plans to actively lobby for passage or outline a strategy to solve a problem that has just been getting lip-service for the past 16 years. He could also state where he stands on more important issues of Virginians (such as those I have enumerated elsewhere in this column).

Ships Log: Scuttlebutt is slopping over concerning Whitewater. More storms ahead. Godspeed until next time.

Sources: The Washington Times, The Recorder, CSPAN, John Elvins Newsletter, The Christian Coalition.