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Where is the outrage?

Ship's Log: Friday, Jan. 31: Location: Navigating through a fog of hypocrisy. Situation: Skipper Clinton petitions high-court to recognize his status as the same as the "divine rights of kings" to remain above the law. Clinton and "Al Gore" begin a new tour in a day filled with pomp, partying, and prevarication. Helmsman Newt survives frantic savaging by the press and felonious Democrats. Weather: Foul noxious winds and dense fog, seas choppy.

General Quarters: Most Americans and even some Democrats believe that it's a duty of government to secure individual rights so every single person has control over his or her life, liberty, and property. This duty is fulfilled through the government's ability to resist foreign aggressors, deter criminal actions and establish laws designed to redress injury, but otherwise let people alone. Americans do not expect the government, or those to whom they entrust this duty, to engage in criminal activity nor to wield the immoral power of legal coercion.

Bedrock of these perceived duties are the ethics and morals of our public officials; those who should symbolize the high ideals to which we all aspire. Unfortunately, we have just re-elected a President who hosts, without

qualms, loyal members of the criminal class at White House dinners to solicit dollars to destroy the hated Republicans and, a Vice President who claimed total innocence in illegally raising \$140,000 at a Buddhist temple last spring, by stating the event was nothing



more than "community outreach."

Wrong! When exposed, the White House says, "Mr. Gore used a poor choice of words." Truth is, these liberals — once open-minded apostles of "flower power, free love, and fun" — have degraded to "deceiving, double-dealing disciples of dishonest."

To make matters worse, the scandalous administration of Clinton and Gore are joined by the unhappy defenders of the status quo, the Democrat leadership in Congress, who are embarked on an "ends justify the means" campaign to destroy the majority's agenda. Anyone who opposes or questions the motives of this bunch runs the risk of being branded mean-spirited, uncharitable, barbaric, Draconian, racist, sexist, and cruelly insensitive to

the plight of the sick, the elderly or to children.

In this column in December 1995 I stated, "His (the president's) code requires him to say anything and do anything to further his personal goals, especially his re-election." Now it's obvious it's true but, how uncharitable of me.

In another December 1995 column I called attention to the Democrats' hit squad, saying, "The hit squad's sole purpose is to work on the 'project.' A code name meaning: get Newt Gingrich."

This noble effort churned up a felonious savaging but, how mean-spirited of me for pointing it out. In a May 1996 column, I said, "Clinton, masquerading as a leader, can sign away innocent life with the stroke of a pen and turn the miracle of birth into infanticide, then the country is in real deep trouble," a death-dealing veto and how barbaric of me to point that out.

I could go on and on but, I'm sure you get the drift. Now, according to *The American Spectator*, "FBI Director Louis Freeh wants to classify anyone harboring anti-government sentiments as a domestic terrorist." According to *the Wall Street Underground*,

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"... they plan to use the FBI, the NSA, the CIA and all the technology of the Federal Government to punish any 'extremists' who might object to sacrificing their personal freedoms in return for a few crumbs of bread."

A Hanging from the Yard Arm: Facts prove the case against Newt is a hoax, but where is the outrage? Fact one: The Speaker has admitted he inadvertently misled the Ethics panel and failed to seek proper legal advice on the use of tax exempt donations to finance a college course. Fact two: The Special Investigator's report to the Ethics Committee makes assumptions and states opinions but, supplies no proof of wrongdoing and no proof to mislead by Gingrich.

Fact three: The Speaker gained no personal enrichment from his actions. Fact four: The Speaker's college course was not partisan nor political. Fact five: The Speaker will receive a reprimand and must reimburse the House \$300,000 for this imaginary horrible non-act. Fact six: Democrat activists illegally recorded a Republican leadership telephone conversation. A felony offense with assists from Rep. Karen L. Thurman, D-FL, Rep. Jim McDermott, D-WA, and Rep. David E. Bonior, D-MI, House Minority Whip and leader of the "Get Newt Project."

Fact seven: All of these Democrats may be guilty of criminal acts in connection with the handling of the illegal tap and its pub-

lic release. Advice to Republicans: Play hardball; punish the felons and start preparing for Clinton's impeachment proceedings now!

In summary, Doug Bandow, of the Cato Institute sees it this way: "After four years in office the Clinton administration remains unable to accept responsibility for anything. Even House Speaker Newt Gingrich, in a limited and reluctant way, has taken responsibility for his actions. But not the president .. it's never his fault. Over the years he has blamed conservative talk show hosts, free market think tanks, and partisan Republicans for his problems; now his wife fingers the media and his aides credit a massive right-wing conspiracy."

There's a strange mood in Washington, the liberal media is having second thoughts about their leftist bias and are now pointing fingers at each other for ensuring Clinton's re-election but they make no mention of their own individual involvement. Hooray for the freedom of the press!

Galley Gossip: Seaman Salty says, "In his inaugural address Bill Clinton spoke of a 'land of new promise.' This from a man who wouldn't recognize a promise if it rolled over him like a Mack truck."

Ship's Log: Godspeed until next time.

Sources: *The Washington Times, Human Events, The American Spectator, The Wall Street Underground, Cato Institute.*

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