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According to the Gallup, Harris and Yankelovich polls the political elitism and extremism of George McGovern are about to be repudiated overwhelmingly by the American people. As they should be. But, frustrated, twenty-five points behind in the polls, with three weeks to go, George McGovern -- and his confederates -- have embarked upon the "politics of desperation" -- some of the dirtiest tactics and filthiest rhetoric ever to appear in an American political campaign.

Lashing out wildly, George McGovern has compared the President of the United States to Adolph Hitler, the Republican Party to the Ku Klux Klan, and the United States Government to the Third Reich of Nazi Germany. His personal assaults on the President have been characterized by such terms as "most corrupt," "murderous" and "barbaric," and his running-mate has served as an echo chamber.

And the Washington Post has become (an identifiable camp follower of) a political prostitute for the McGovern organization. The Post's credibility has today shrunk lower than that of George McGovern.

Using innuendo, third-person hearsay, unsubstantiated charges, anonymous sources, and huge scare headlines -- the Post has maliciously sought to give the appearance of a direct connection between the White House and the Watergate -- a charge which the Post knows -- and half a dozen investigations have found -- to be false.

The hallmark of the Post's campaign is hypocrisy -- and its celebrated "double standard" of the Post is today visible for all to see.
Unproven charges by McGovern aides, or Senator Muskie, about alleged campaign disruption that occurred months ago are invariably given treatment normally accorded declarations of war -- while proven facts of McGovern-incited disruptions of the President's campaign are buried on the hog page. When McGovern headquarters in California was used as a boiler room to rally the Jerry Rubin, hard-core anti-war militants to confront the President -- that was apparently of no significance to a newspaper which has dispatched a platoon of reporters to investigate charges that somebody sent two hundred pizzas to a Muskie rally.

While the Post itself openly and actively collaborated in the publication of stolen top secret documents of the Government of the United States sixteen months ago -- today, it is faking shock and outrage at some lower level campaign officials who may have been involved in a caper to steal Larry O'Brien's political documents.

Like George McGovern, who personally encouraged Daniel Ellsberg to commit the deed for which he faces a possible 115 years in a Federal Penitentiary -- the Washington Post is a hypocrite. Which is the worse crime? Stealing top secret documents of the Government of the United States; or stealing Larry O'Brien's political papers?

The purpose of the Post campaign is clear: To divert public and national attention away from the real issues of this campaign -- the war, foreign policy, welfare, taxes, defense and national priorities -- and
onto the phony issues manufactured on L Street and in McGovern headquarters.

[As for Mr. Daniel Schorr, the Post's parrot at CBS, the fact that his brother is one of the architects of the McGovern welfare disaster, the fact that he has publicly and often expressed his personal venom toward the Nixon Administration, his continued presence on the campaign trail is a prima facie case of prejudice on the part of CBS.]

The radical chic and the radical left in this country are in for a deserved thrashing November Seventh -- a thrashing their present kicking and screaming will do nothing to prevent.