Reagan's Federalism

The scriptwriters who provided the plot for Ronald Reagan's B-movies must be the same people who are advising him during his campaign for the Republican presidential nomination. The character and storyline are as lightweight as ever.

In B-movies you could always tell the good guys from the bad guys. The trouble in politics is it's not so easy and the bad guys are often the winners.

It appeared this was going to be true with Reagan. He has an uncanny mystique (or attracting people without ever doing anything. However, his plot has taken a twist that should send him riding off into the sunset (or the last time.

Proposing to transfer $90 billion in federal spending to the states is a strangely ridiculous idea for a man who was governor of California for two terms.

To accomplish this state and local tax payers would have to assume the burden of providing the formerly federal services or else the states would have to be eliminated. All this is Reagan's idea for a "creative federalism" to increase the power of the states.

Reagan needs a high school civics book to show him that the federal government grew because the states were inadequate and often too backward to cope with the increasing complexity of the problems the United States faced.

Reagan's proposal ignores the evolution of federal internal relations in the United States which saw the national governments grow because it had to. All this talk of returning government to the people sounds good to the conservative right, but the states are not capable of providing the needed services.

Taken together, the $90 billion proposal and his campaign rhetoric ignore the economic and political reality. Reagan would cut federal spending in education, commerce and transportation, community and regional developments, health and poverty areas, among others. However, he would not cut defense spending at all.

Reagan does not believe in guns and butter for the American people. He thinks they should be satisfied with just the guns.

Mr. Ford's personal efforts to enlist the help of President Echeverria in strengthening control of drug trafficking should prove helpful. So should the task force recommendations for administrative reforms.

However, before Mr. Ford spills out his own views on drug operations, some aspects of the task force report remain disturbing. By unqualifiedly endorsing the report, the President accepts the recommendation that federal drug control efforts should be concentrated on drugs that are the "most dangerous," and masts the highest social cost - namely, heroin, amphetamines, and mixed barbiturates - and lower priority given to marijuana and cocaine.

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The task force report drew considerable criticism across the nation when it came out last October. Although the difficulties of enforcing marijuana laws are widely appreciated, it is recognized that the public's respect for law - any law - is undermined when the White House itself suggests that federal enforcement will be less than wholehearted and that violators of the law may escape punitive action.

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The effect of such a public stance will be to encourage a trend toward marijuana use that already is of tragic proportion, even among the youngest teenagers. An additional danger to the task force report by the Treasury Department and the Bureau of Customs takes sharp issue with the assignment of priorities, commenting that "the United States cannot suffer only tragic consequences by practicing selective law enforcement." Some congressmen, too, are raising a red flag on the fight against marijuana, a drug whose potential harm has yet to be fully investigated.

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In San Luis Obispo County a majority of physicians in the SLO Medical Society voted last December not to support the non-emergency work slowdown and continue work as present work loads. Of the doctors who voted, 60 per cent voted to continue present work loads without insurance, 50 per cent voted to be in a continuing work loads with present premium rates, 10 per cent voted to sit an alternate insurance carrier, 50 per cent voted to leave their present practices and 50 per cent voted to be ununlected.

The San Luis County physicians will again vote with the question of whether to not support the slowdown when the medical society meets Monday night.

Mounts, president of the society, said all county hospitals are operating normal occupancy rate for this time of year, with no indication of a slowdown.

As for the possibility of the Health Center and its staff suffering from the impact of a "support" vote in Monday night meeting, Mounts would speak only for himself.

"I am speaking only for myself in saying that I have worked with students for over twenty years and I feel that I have a moral responsibility to treat students that goes beyond my contract obligations," Mounts said.

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Although Monday night's vote will have significant bearing on the degree of participation by county physicians in the slowdown a majority vote to support it is not a mandatory directive for physicians to actively participate.

The slowdown is having a disproportional effect on private and state-funded hospitals in the southland, a fact Chandler points out in dispelling the potential threat of a slowdown at the Health Center.

The slowdown is not in the state or county funded hospitals but in the "privately owned hospital almost ruling out the feasibility of such a slowdown, taking place at the Health Center," Chandler said.

The Los Angeles County Department of Health Services in an attempt to deal with the shortage of beds has begun to release medically stable patients earlier than usual so nurses can free the beds that is slowly increasing in major health facilities.

The Health Center is a state facility supported by state funds, but the Health Center physicians face the same malpractice premium increases as private practicing physicians.

Physicians at the Health Center are under two types of insurance programs. The basic coverage covers all physicians during regular operating hours, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The state is its own carrier on this policy with a portion of the policy paid for by student registration fees.

The second type of coverage, provided Health Center physicians working night shifts and on weekend emergency calls at the campus clinic. The after-hours policy is carried through Traveler's Insurance Co. and is partially paid through the sale of student Health Cards according to Mounts.

Both policies provided at premium rates slightly less than those that private practicing physicians are paying are expected to this proposed sharp malpractice premium increases.

Mondays vote by the SLO Medical Society will determine the direction county physicians and ultimately the Health Center staff members will take in the continuing malpractice insurance controversy.
by PETE king
Daily Co-editor

Cal Poly got rid of a professor who made a habit of asking his students to call him Brad. And San Luis Obispo’s Teach Elementary school gained a teaching aide who the little first-graders, in their polite sing-song chants, address as Mr. Smith.

It is the same man, of course: Bradford Smith, the tall, carrot-topped teacher whose fight for survival as a Poly faculty member last year bloomed into one of the hottest issues on campus.

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“The basic contrasts,” he said, “is that of teaching kids and adults. At Teach, I’m teaching basic skills like reading and writing, where in college you assume the students already have acquired those skills and you are teaching some of sociology’s most abstract skills instead.

But the contrasts are not all contained in the curriculum. When Smith taught Sociology 105 at Poly, the front of his classroom would often become the center of the stage with Smith pacing back and forth, gesturing and delivering his lectures in a high-pitched enthusiastic squall. A man in his element.

At Teach, Smith sits in back corners of the tiny classroom.

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Brad Smith amidst his new students.

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KILLER CONVICTED

CLEVELAND (UPI) - Larry Kaiser, 26, convicted of killing two men in separate holdups in 1970, was sentenced to two decades in prison in succession on May 7.

Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Judge John T. Pacioni, explaining he did not believe Kaiser could be rehabilitated, said, "I must he held that he defendant shall never be free."

Kaiser was convicted last month of shooting to death offi­cer Edward J. Bruda in a restaurant robbery which left the police officer in a hospital in critical condition last July. Earlier he was convicted of the fatal shooting of John Penkowski in a tavern robbery in May.

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"Smith: Teaching At Teach"

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At some colleges and universities, some have been jobs like social worker with large firms where he could use his sociological training.

Neither Smith nor his wife are working for pay right now. They live on food stamps and $800 a week unemployment. He says they can survive financially for about another six months. The deadline must be looming larger and larger.

Smith has a great amount of respect for the woman who is Mrs. Nelda Kyrlach, "I don't agree with everything she does but I realise they probably isn't a better way to do it. I can't imagine it being done any other way."

The substantive tone of that statement may come as a shock to those administrators and fellow faculty members who branded him as a wild-eyed radical out to make trouble, back the status quo. But Smith and his wife always went along with the system. He has always stood up against a snowballing set of conflicts that started with the textbook boycott and grow rapidly.

The "Brad Smith Affair" is still heavy on his mind. He is quick to challenge statements Kennedy makes in print about the case—always on the ready to dispute more of what he says in administration lies and "misstatements."

And despite the twisted scenario 20-30 hindsight vision allows him.

"We're all at fault," he said. "There are parts we'll do differently now. We know in retrospect more about individuals and situations, but in the broad strokes of things, we'd do it all the same."

The contrast should weigh heavily"
After dropping the first match of the night the Cal Poly wrestling team won seven out of the next eight matches enroute to a 26-9 victory over Drake University last Wednesday.

Poly, which is 2-0 in dual meets, remains one of the safes bets on the West Coast. The Mustangs seldom lose dual meets and they almost never loss at home.

Jim Makary fired Drake up early as defeated Jack Glashen, 7-0, in the first bout of the evening. Mustang Roger Flood then tied it up as he Shutdown John Ziegler, 3-0.

Benge Williams, a sophomore from Lompoc, then decisioned Mike Duric, 6-2, in one of the toughest matches in the meet. Grant Arnold remained unbeaten when he scored a major decision over Scott Beckwith at 142. Arnold is now 1-0 on the year.

Steve Hitchcock won on a forfeit at 150. Paul Overstreet of the Bulldogs was injured earlier in Drake's road trip. At this point in the meet the Mustangs held an unsurmountable 16-3 lead.

At 158 Dennis Bardsley lost a heartbreaker. Bardsley was down early in the bout and came back to tie it in the third and final period. With the score tied and only seconds remaining Bardsley was about to win when a technical foul was called and he scored a 3-0 Bulldog victory to lose with him.

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Mike Duford, however, managed to escape from Bardsley's bear hug just as the buzzer sounded and he took a 4-3 Bulldog victory back to Iowa with him.

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Longer Lines Envelope Postal Hikes

By MARIAN FLANDRICK
Daily Staff Writer

As of January first, larger mailers have become the oddmen out as postal rates hop to three cent for postcards and 13 cent for letters. If you chance to be near the main post office downtown, you might believe it was registration time all over again. According to Assistant Postmaster Leo Hochsterler, the lines have been like that for a week.

"They let up a bit Wednesday morning but then the lines grew to about ten and stayed that way all day. People don't seem to be too grumpy about the long lines or the stamp increase except for a few gripes," Leonard Rose, freshman, complained. "Go to the post office! Are you kidding! I couldn't even get near the place," Hochsterler said. "We haven't run out of stamps and don't expect to. We have run low on three-cent stamps but we do have to do it call to Santa Barbara, the main office, and they send out more stamps for the next morning. I'd say 90 cent of the time we have three-cent stamps."

Freshman Charles Lee slightly disagreed. "I had to buy one-cent and two-cent stamps. They ran out of three-cent stamps. It was a hassle." "I had to wait in line about fifteen minutes which wasn't bad. I've waited in longer lines there before."

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With the higher postal rates one might expect less letter volume, however, it was the opposite. "There is an uprise on letters for some reason. I don't know why, maybe because of more attention on the postal services," said Hochsterler. "There was such short notice about the increase, only a day, that we couldn't stock stamps."

The main post office in Oakland as well as a few others had been caught however. They had been stocking stamps for about six months in anticipation of the postal increase.

Of all the mail delivered daily downtown, approximately 60 per cent is brought to the mail center on campus. Too many letters have been sent back to senders because of insufficient postage.

One student announced in a cheerful shout, "I think the stamp increase should be stamped out." He was immediately bombarded by various items including a book of stamps, but seemed to have stuffed it all up.

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