

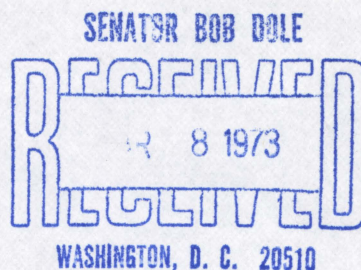
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Hon. Bob Dole  
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Dear Bob:

Thank you for your warm and complimentary introduction of my Salina talk into the Congressional Record.

Democrat politicians are assuming it is fairly definite that Roy is going to be a candidate for their senatorial nomination. Miller has made some pretty flat personal statements that he is going to be a candidate for governor.

Ray Morgan made the flat statement at a luncheon I had for Schlesinger that Docking would run for the Senate. Clyde Reed, Dan Hamrick, Emerson Lynn, Whitley Austin and Oscar Stauffer offered no disagreement. Lew Ferguson thinks for governor.

I am much interested in your statement in the Ripon Forum on Connally and Agnew. Schlesinger made the flat statement that Rockefeller will be a presidential candidate in the 1976 convention.

The enclosed copy of a month-old letter explains itself. The closing of the international monetary markets for a week when gold reached \$90.00 an ounce - the Communist gains in the French and Chilean elections - the lack of fiscal responsibility by the Congress in the past continued last week by the size of the majorities in the House and Senate overriding the President's impounding of unfunded appropriations -- are really putting the pressure on the American dollar.

With affectionate good wishes -

Lynn

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February 9, 1973

Mr. Anthony Lewis  
New York Times Bureau  
London, England

Dear Anthony Lewis:

I wrote you the other day in answer to your column on the "consistent, principled position on Vietnam." You are certainly one that has valid claims to that.

Now about your question - the headline on your column: "Beliefs about War Offer an Opportunity to Learn." That is the big question.

I remember - after World War I - the constant theme of every speaker at American Legion meetings for fifteen years was: "For God and Country" - "Take the profits out of war" and "Never again."

There is a credibility gap. As far as politicians are concerned, that's as old as the preachings of the old prophets on the hills of Judea. As far as the press is concerned, that's as old as letters to the editor and the differences in the northern press over the conduct of the Civil War and its generals and the Lincoln administration. Horace Greeley was a leader in that in 1863 and 1864 and Lincoln felt he had to have a victory somewhere preceding his re-election campaign. The Democrat national party that year declared the war a failure. So the press and the politicians are somewhat alike in the way their credibility fluctuates.

The one question that I ran into frequently, say, two years ago, was who to believe in what they read in the papers. Now the true story of the deceit in the Pentagon by the top ranking brass - and the White House, for that matter - is starting to be documented in books like *The Best and The Brightest*. That will be followed by other accounts by some of the reporters as well as some of the junior military officers. It is not a question of "moral insight" or hindsight, but a factual reporting of what happened.

When books like Halberstam's appear in paperback, they reach the streets. Then the belief in the heretofore unassailable Pentagon as the guarantor of our national security is going to be shaken. That is something else.

However, isn't the big question that has to be learned whether there is going to be another Austria? If so - what country? For sure, if anything like that happens, the '50's would seem like a bed of roses, compared to what would happen this time.

The big test in the coming months is the wise and firm leadership of President Nixon, with the cooperation of the Congress, in our domestic economic field, and the equally wise and cooperative economic leadership of the world's popular governments all working together.

With highest personal regards and best wishes -

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March 13, 1973

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Honorable Alf M. Landon  
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Dear Alf:

Appreciate your note, thought I am not convinced Docking will be my opponent.

We get reports that Roy is moving around the State, quietly trying to line up support. It seems to me that he and Docking will have to make some agreement. Docking probably now has the option, but what will it be in six months if Roy gets a taste for a State-wide race.

I will be coming to Kansas almost weekly starting soon. In the meantime, we are starting to raise some money from friends around the country with whom I became acquainted as National Chairman.

Missed my statement in the Ripon Forum on Connally and Agnew, and would appreciate it if you could send me a copy.

Sincerely yours,

BOB DOLE  
U. S. Senate

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