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Attacks on Goldwater Without Foundation

Editor, The News Leader:

Noted is a reprint of comments from the "Washington Post" relative to Senator Barry Goldwater. This newspaper, which speaks with the same

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threatening and liberal voice as Drew Pearson, the "New York Times" and "New York Post," refers to this tremendous Republican conservative vote-getter in heavily Democratic Arizona as "an amiable anachronism—a kind of parfait, gentle knight strayed from the dark ages into the 20th Century." The labored retort came because Senator Goldwater emphatically joined many Democrats in criticizing the State Department for recent debacles in connection with Cuba, Laos and so on. These messes have become perennial and cross lines into all administrations. The "Washington Post" monotonously brings up the charge of "McCarthyism" against Senator Goldwater at a time when it would appear that this "reactionary symbol" was not altogether wrong about the State Department by a long snout.

The funny thing is that it is the "Washington Post" which is the "anachronism" and out of touch—since even "modern liberals" of both parties are now joining so-called "reactionaries" in being critical—Senators Gore and Morse, for example. Comparatively few men in Congress are presently defending the State Department, Central Intelligence Agency or the Joint Chiefs of Staff. The "Washington Post" had better digest the news before producing old-fashioned and inaccurate editorial opinion reminiscent of the "New Deal" at its worst.

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