

CONVENTION REFLECTIONS
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Although we are writing in that time of political vacuum prior to the Democratic Convention, we are looking forward to that event and, since it promises to be anything but pacific, especially to its coverage on TV and in the liberal press. On reflection, we noted that one newsmagazine, reporting on the unity and blandness of the "fence straddling" Republican Convention, observed that even former presidential candidate Barry Goldwater "sounded like a man from the N.A.A.C.P." The observation seemed to imply that Mr. Goldwater had changed and retreated from his former conservatism. We heard the same convention speech, and, to us, Mr. Goldwater sounded exactly like Mr. Goldwater, and just as he did in 1964. We suspect that it is not Mr. Goldwater who has changed; it is the liberal press's handling of Goldwater. Having nothing to fear from Barry this go round, the communications media listened to his statements and were surprised to find them not too alarming. Four years ago, they also listened but were so busy nitpicking every comma, word and phrase. in search of another club with which to batter him, they did not hear what he said.

However, in their hearts, the liberals do not change. That their hatchets were sharpened and ready was evidenced by the immediate downgrading and ridicule of Governor (Spiro . . . who?) Agnew who, within 24 hours of nomination, was being labeled as a racist and an extremist on the issue of law and order. On the morning after the convention's end, old R. McGill contributed a column on "Massa Nixon," a polemic of liberal anguish as piously unbiased as those of Pegler on Eleanor Roosevelt in time gone by. And in the days that followed, the lightweights that grace the editorial page of the Atlanta Constitution, (including a featherbrained junior miss, sorority sob-sister who found most Republicans repugnant and the convention grossly obscene) knifed away, at Nixon and Agnew in happy horror. All of which (to paraphrase a familiar saying) should demonstrate adequately that "Extremism in support of Liberalism is often called Moderation."