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Most Significant Lincoln Cartoon – February 12, 1962

The cartoon entitled, "Two Kinds of Leadership" by Lloyd Ostendorf, which appeared in the *Dayton Journal-Herald*, has been chosen by the Foundation's committee as the most significant Lincoln cartoon to appear in a daily newspaper on February 12, 1962.

More new Lincoln cartoons were published on the sixteenth president's birthday in 1962 than in the preceding year. As is always true, quite a number of the better known Lincoln cartoons of previous years found their way into the newspapers in 1962. This is particularly true of the one entitled, "Hardin County, 1809" by H. T. Webster, which first appeared in the *New York World*, on February 12, 1925. This is without question the most popular Lincoln cartoon.

Fifteen Lincoln cartoons were submitted to eight Lincoln scholars, located throughout the country, with the request that they select the best one.

The following point system was used: first place was to receive 5 points, second place 3, and third place 1. The Ostendorf cartoon received one first place vote and two second place votes with a total of 11 points. Second place (10 points) was accorded to the cartoon by Sunterland which appeared in the *Des Moines Register*. This cartoon is a serious portrait of Lincoln with the quotation, "With malice toward none; with charity for all . . ." Below the portrait appear these words, "A timely reminder for Americans: Here is one of the victims of extremists in American history!" The cartoon receiving third place (9 points) bears the title, "Enduring Words" and is by Jim Berry, one of the editorial cartoonists of the Newspaper Enterprise Association. This cartoon appeared in the *Wilmington Evening Journal* as well as in many other N E A newspapers.

Ostendorf is a commercial artist residing in Dayton, Ohio. He is well known in the Lincoln field as an expert on Lincoln photographs and this fall has a book coming off the press on the subject. In 1959 The Otterbein Press published his illustrated brochure entitled, "Mr. Lincoln Came To Dayton." It was "A Centennial Account of Abraham Lincoln's visit to Dayton, Ohio, 1859." This

year Lothrop, Lee and Shepard Co., Inc. published his "A Picture Story of Abraham Lincoln" which contains numerous photographs as well as illustrations by the author-artist. The work is a juvenile publication.

This is not the first time that Ostendorf has received recognition for his Lincoln cartoons. In 1954, 1955, and 1960 the Foundation committee selected his Lincoln cartoon as the most significant and in 1959 his cartoon, "150th Birthday Reflections" won second place in the balloting. The winning cartoon is copyrighted by the *Dayton Journal - Herald* and is published in this issue of *Lincoln Lore* with the permission of the copyright owner.

A description of the remaining fourteen cartoons submitted to the committee follows:

1. 1862-1962

Silhouette of Lincoln with stove pipe hat. To the right is a scroll bearing the quotation: "In giving freedom to the slave, we assure freedom to the free, honorably alike in what we give, and what we preserve. We shall nobly save, or meanly lose, the last best hope of earth. (Signature) A. Lincoln."

Green—*The Providence Journal*

2. No Title

Portrait of Lincoln with quotation, "With malice toward none; with charity for all . . ." Below cartoon is the statement, "A timely reminder for Americans: Here is one of the victims of extremists in American history!"

Sunterland—*The Register and Tribune Syndicate*

3. Enduring Words

Lincoln looks at a globe of the world. The words on the globe are: "The Struggle Of Today Is Not Altogether For Today: It Is For The Vast Future Also."

Berry—*N E A Wilmington Evening Journal*

4. His Spirit Still Offers A Guiding Hand

Lincoln in shadows offers a guiding hand to President John F. Kennedy. Kennedy carries papers labeled, "Today's Grave Problems."

Ellenwood—*Arizona Daily Star*

5. Still An Image of Hope For The Slave

A prisoner tied with rope and chained to ball with



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Des Moines Register

MOST SIGNIFICANT CARTOON

	1st (5)	2nd (3)	3rd (1)	TOTALS
1.			1	1
2.	11			10
3.	1	1	1	9
4.		1		3
5.				
6.				
7.		1	1	4
8.			1	1
9.	1		1	6
10.	1			5
11.	1		1	6
12.		11		6
13.	1	11		11
14.	1		1	6
15.		1	1	4

This chart tabulates the votes of the Foundation's committee of eight Lincoln scholars.

hammer and sickle thinks of Lincoln (shown in upper left hand corner) and utters the despairing cry, "Would That We Had An Emancipator Of His Caliber."
Yohn—*San Bernardino Sun-Telegram*

6. Monumental Reminder

A negro man walks through the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D. C., past the statue of the sixteenth president labeled "American Negro's Benefactor." The negro man walks toward the United States capitol building labeled "Political Offers of Betterment."
Sandeson—*Fort Wayne News-Sentinel*

7. No Title

Young Lincoln walks with book under his arm. A scroll explains the cartoon, "Abe Lincoln's Thirty Mile Hike To Borrow A Book." Two young men sit on a rail fence and make the observation: "He'll Never Amount To Much! Y' Can't Get Educated Without Federal Aid!"
Warren—*Cincinnati Enquirer*

8. Not Exactly What He Had In Mind

Lincoln in shadows holds a paper labeled "With Charity For All!". He looks at the nation's capitol with bags of money marked "Subsidies," "Foreign Aid," and "Fed. Aid."
Lange—*Daily Oklahoman*

9. Recommended Reading

Lincoln is depicted before fireplace with "Today's Youth." A scroll bears the following statement, "The Lincoln Example Of Rugged Americanism, Determination, Self-Reliance."
Goodwin—*Columbus Dispatch*

10. You're Right, Abe

Portrait of Lincoln with caption "Human Nature Will Not Change—In Any Future Great National Trial . . . We Shall Have As Weak And As Strong, As Silly And As Wise, As Bad And As Good . . ." A citizen points out to Lincoln characters labeled "Far Left," "Do Nothing," and "Far Right."
Bimrose—*The Oregonian*

11. The Undoers

Portrait of Lincoln with scroll "Preservation of National Unity." Below scroll are two signs labeled "The Radical Leftists" and "The Ultra Rightists."
Russell—*Oklahoma City Times*

12. Keep Open The Path He Trod

Shadowy figure of Lincoln with tall hat and umbrella walks toward boulder labeled "Faith in America."
Kuekes—*Cleveland Plain-Dealer*

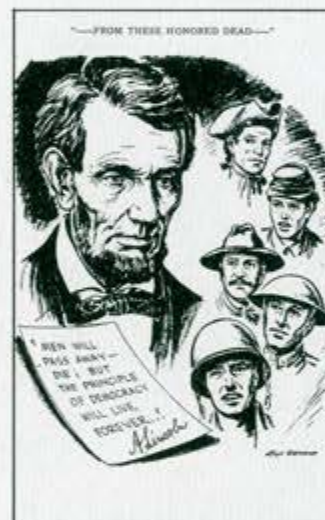
14. 'His Truth Is Marching On'

Lincoln holds Emancipation Proclamation and supposedly reads, ". . . And Upon This Act . . . I Invoke The Considered Judgment Of Mankind And The Gracious Favor Of Almighty God." "Emancipation Proclamation 1862-1863." A negro (Africa) on globe—standing on Africa breaks his chains—"Emancipation 1962."
Alexander—*Philadelphia Bulletin*

15. I'm Disappointed in You, Abe—

Full length figure of Lincoln stands beside the spurious quotation, "You Cannot Strengthen The Weak By Weakening The Strong; . . ." A college professor labeled "Welfare Staters" tells Lincoln that "You Talk Just Like Today's Conservatives."
Manning—*Wichita Morning Eagle*

Three of the winning Ostendorf cartoons for the years 1954, 1955 and 1960. The fourth cartoon (lower right) won second place in 1959. All four of the cartoons were published in the *Dayton Journal Herald*.



First place 1954



First place 1955



First place 1960



Second place 1959

Most Timely Lincoln Editorial — February 12, 1962

The Lincoln National Life Foundation was able to acquire twenty-six Lincoln editorials, published on February 12, 1962 in metropolitan newspapers. This exceeded the number the preceding year of 1961 when only sixteen were acquired. The banner year for Lincoln editorials was 1960 when seventy-three were acquired. Quite a number of the 1962 editorials were widely circulated through syndicated outlets.

Sixteen of the Lincoln editorials were submitted to the Foundation committee with the request that they determine the best ones. In selecting the sixteen editorials considerable attention was given to content and format. Some excellent editorials were eliminated because of their great length, and others were not considered because of their purely local character. A few were excluded because they more nearly resembled the writing of a columnist rather than the work of an editorial staff.

As with the cartoons, the point system was used: first place was to receive 5 points, second place 3 points and third place 1 point. Once the ballots were tabulated it was found that the editorial, "The Character of Lincoln" by Frank Roberts which appeared in the Fort Wayne *Journal-Gazette* won first place with 16 votes. Second place (11 points) went to the editorial entitled, "There was a Lincoln" which appeared in the *Indianapolis Times*. Third place (9 points) went to the editorial entitled, "Abraham Lincoln — America's Exemplar" which was published by the *Wichita Eagle*. All but three of the sixteen editorials received votes.

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The sixteen editorials submitted to the committee bear the following titles and the identity of the newspaper in which they were published:

1. "There Must Be a Happy Medium"
The Independent Record, Helena, Montana
2. "The Character of Lincoln"
Fort Wayne *Journal-Gazette* (first place winner)
3. "There Was a Lincoln"
Indianapolis Times (second place winner)
4. "America Pays Homage To The Memory Of A. Lincoln"
Illinois State Register
5. "He Had Courage and Faith"
Wilmington Morning News
6. "'With Firmness in the Right . . .'"
Wilmington Evening Journal
7. "Lincoln's Pen and Lincoln's Sword"
New York Herald Tribune
8. "Lincoln—Optimist About Democracy"
Dayton Journal-Herald
9. "Lincoln Was A Lonely, Very Human Figure"
The Sacramento Bee
10. "Man of the Ages"
Dallas Morning News
11. "His Star Never Dims"
San Bernardino Daily Sun
12. "Abraham Lincoln—America's Exemplar"
The Wichita Eagle (third place winner)
13. "Immortality In A Mortal Spirit"
Chicago Daily Tribune

14. "Father Abraham"
New York Times
15. "Lincoln's Birthday, 1962"
The Seattle Times
16. "Lincoln Lives"
The Trenton Times

Several members of the Foundation committee were impressed with the excellent quality of the Lincoln editorials for 1962 and because of their excellence the second and third place editorials are printed with the permission of the copyright holders.

"THERE WAS A LINCOLN"

"More than the future of the United States was on trial during the presidency of Abraham Lincoln. The future of the democratic dream—that all men are created equal, that government derives its powers from the consent of the governed—hung in the balance.

"Lincoln put it into those deathless words at Gettysburg: 'We are now engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation or any nation so conceived and so dedicated can long endure.'"

"The United States endured. So, too, the idea of democracy. Today, even the Communists find it necessary to pay lip service to the word, though their usage of it is far removed from its real meaning.

"When one thinks of democracy, the names of but a few men come to mind at once—Lincoln, Jefferson, Washington—but first of all Lincoln. What was it about this man that has made him the apotheosis of all that we believe America stands for?"

Have we forgotten to put our best foot forward before the world?

Sometimes it seems so.

How swiftly the leaders of communism become dwarfs when measured against the moral stature and grandeur of Abraham Lincoln.

The epic of America—the America which produced Lincoln — is not truly known to the new nations of the world which are rising from their long slumber.

Sometimes we think it is not known to millions of our youths of today who hunger and thirst after something to which they can tie and then fall into disillusionment and delinquency.

Let's tell the story of Lincoln and of America to all the world.

The Character Of Lincoln

The crowning glory of civilization in America is that it produced the character of Abraham Lincoln.

He is a man for the ages — wise, gentle, and eloquent as a spokesman for freedom.

His greatness lives in the Union which he saved, in the emancipation of a race, and in a few choice addresses. But most of all it lives in his character.

This man Lincoln born in Kentucky, formed in Indiana, and matured in Illinois, captured the imagination of the world.

Yet, today, when we are trying to win the contest for men's minds, we do not dwell upon him, just as we do not dwell upon the Declaration of Independence, and the Federal Constitution with its Bill of Rights.

The editorial "The Character of Lincoln" by Frank Roberts is published with the permission of the Fort Wayne *Journal-Gazette*.

"The list of his qualities could be extended indefinitely: His rise from backwoods obscurity by his own initiative; his humility; his dedication to principle; his wisdom; his mercy; his genius with words. But no one of them alone gives us the answer to the greatness of Lincoln.

"Neither can it be said that Lincoln was the only man of his time who could have saved the Union. At least 600,000 men who gave their lives, or limbs or health during the Civil War share with him the glory and tragedy of those days. Yet we cannot imagine what it would have been like without him.

"No, the measurement of Lincoln eludes us, and will continue to. Thousands of books have been written about this man, and thousands more yet remain to be written.

"Suffice that he did live, and that his greatness came to fruition because of the system under which he lived and which he protected and enlarged. Whatever the ultimate future of democracy, or of the United States, one fact will always remain:

"There was a Lincoln."

Thomas L. Boardman, *Indianapolis Times*

"ABRAHAM LINCOLN—AMERICA'S EXAMPLAR

"For a century now Abraham Lincoln has had highest ranking as exemplar of American ideals. Active in the era of bitterest hatred this nation ever knew, Lincoln was maligned by many in his generation and later. But his light has shone with increasing brilliance in generations since.

"This man had a gift of eloquence and logic which reached peaks on many occasions—the Gettysburg Address, the Second Inaugural, the Letter to Mrs. Bixby and his 'I would save the Union' reply to Horace Greeley.

MOST TIMELY EDITORIAL

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There have been flashes of eloquence in American public men since, but never any spokesman with so many facets. Lincoln might be classed as a sort of Shakespeare of American political utterance.

"Before him the leading spokesman for Americans had been George Washington, with brilliant assists from Thomas Jefferson and others. Their sayings still have influence. But the way Lincoln has been adopted by all parties in the United States and all factions, including the South which once so thoroughly despised him, is a phenomenon of American life.

"Will there ever be another who matches Lincoln in his capacity for communication with the soul of America — one who brings tears to the eyes in memory of his spokesmanship and sacrifices for national unity? There may be. If so, he will have endured the same pain which tempered Lincoln and made him the highest product of American leadership. For it is by hardship, not ease, that a man comes to the fullness of his powers."

Lester F. Kimmel, *Wichita Eagle*

WHAT MRS. LINCOLN BOUGHT FOR THE WHITE HOUSE

Editor's Note: S. Medary, editor of *The Crisis* was quite critical of the Lincoln administration and on May 30, 1861 his Columbus, Ohio, newspaper carried an unfriendly article (page 8) concerning Mrs. Lincoln's "extravagances" while on a shopping tour of New York City. The article was written by a New York correspondent for the *Philadelphia Sunday Dispatch*. Apparently Medary copied the article from that newspaper.

The *Crisis* article mentioned "silver plate from Houghwout, and china services from the same, all with the United States coat-of-arms emblazoned upon them, . . . with their Solferino borders." While the purchase of such expensive silver plate and china might be termed an extravagance in 1861 modern day collectors, and those interested in refurbishing the White House, can be grateful for Mrs. Lincoln's discriminating taste in the selection of exquisite tableware.

During the last several months following the CBS Television visit with Mrs. John F. Kennedy in the White House the nation has been greatly interested in the furnishings of the Executive Mansion. Perhaps many of the cherished items found in the White House today were purchased during Mrs. Lincoln's now famous shopping tour of New York.

"Mrs. President Lincoln," as the ladies call her, here, was shopping to a considerable extent in this city in the early part of the week. She has evidently no apprehension

that Jeff. Davis will make good his threat to occupy the White House in July, for she is expending thousands and thousands of dollars for articles of luxurious taste in the household way that it would be very preposterous for her to use out in her rural home in Illinois. The silver plate from Houghwout, and the china services from the same, all with the United States coat-of-arms emblazoned upon them, will admirably suit the mulberry-colored livery of her footmen, etc., in Washington, and possibly may help very nicely to get rid of the apparently exhaustless \$25,000 a year salary of Mr. Lincoln. So may the elegant black point lace shawls she bought at Stewart's for \$650 each, and the real camel's hair cashmere at \$1,000. All these are superb addenda to a residence at one end of Pennsylvania avenue, though they would be shockingly out of place in the house of a country lawyer in Springfield. Let me do Mrs. Lincoln the justice to say that she was dreadfully importuned to enter into extravagances of various kinds; but I heard her, myself, observe at Stewart's that she could not afford it, and was 'determined to be very economical.' One thousand dollars for a shawl was quite as high as her sense of economy would permit her to go in these excessive hard times!

"Mrs. Lincoln looks paler than she did when I saw her here in February last. Gossip, insists, too, that she is a warm secessionist! This looks like an improbability; but ladies who profess to know her sentiments declare it to be so, and that she utters her views upon that subject with a frankness and earnestness that leave one in no doubt as to the felicity of the President in his more retired domestic moments, provided he carry into the domestic sanctuary the opinion he entertains in public, of the Southern Confederacy. However, that is no subject of popular discussion. Let me hope that Mrs. Lincoln will never be compelled to follow in the footsteps of President Madison. History tells us that when the British entered Washington, Madison abandoned the Executive mansion in such haste that he left a glorious dinner upon the table, having no leisure to remain to eat it. All the 'delicacies of the season,' to say nothing of the rare wines, (Madison had taste, you know,) fell into the hands—no, I mean the mouths—of profane and red-coated soldiers, who swallowed an oath and an oyster with the same *gout* and activity. Should Jeff. Davis get into the White House, *par hasard*, in a manner as unexpected, the brilliant silver service and the china sets, with their Solferino borders, would delight his troops, I fancy, as well as the viands thereupon; but I trust there is no such humiliation in store for my country nor for Mrs. Lincoln. It would be mortifying, indeed, if, after all, Mrs. Lincoln were only buying point lace and camel's hair for Mrs. Davis to wear; and I have a shrewd idea that Gen. Scott will take good care to keep the Confederates on the other side of the Potomac."



When Abraham Lincoln entered the White House, the state dinner service had become a collection of odd pieces and a new service was ordered from the Haviland Company. These dessert plates from the Lincoln service show the United States coat of arms in color in the center with a border of gilt scroll and royal purple.