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Most Significant Lincoln Cartoon – February 1967

Since 1945 the Lincoln National Life Foundation staff has featured in *Lincoln Lore* the Most Significant Lincoln Cartoon published during the week of the Sixteenth President's birth. This year the winning cartoon bears the condensed Lincoln quotation: "Let reverence for the laws . . . Become the political religion of the nation."

The cartoon was drawn by Bob Stevens. It was syndicated through the Copley Newspapers and was submitted by the editor of the *Illinois State Journal-Register*, Springfield, Illinois. Votes totaling eleven points were cast for this cartoon by the *Lincoln Lore* Bibliography Committee consisting of eight outstanding scholars of the Lincoln and Civil War periods. The winning cartoon received three first place votes and one second place vote, making a total of eleven points. Ballots marked first, second and third choice carry points of three, two and one, respectively.

The cartoon declared to be the second place winner bears no title but it has as its theme the war in Viet Nam. It was drawn by Lloyd Ostendorf and appeared in the *Journal Herald* of Dayton, Ohio. The four votes cast for this cartoon consisted of two first place and two third place votes, making a total of eight points.

The copyright owners of these two cartoons have granted permission for their publication in *Lincoln Lore*.

The other cartoons accepted in this contest follow:

1. Hawk

A well drawn portrait of Lincoln has below it the quotation "I believe in the providence of — The most men — The longest purse — The largest cannon" Abraham Lincoln — 1856.

Hubenthal—Los Angeles *Herald Examiner*

2. Culturally Deprived Area. About Feb. 12, 1809

Out of smoke from the chimney of the Lincoln birthplace cabin there is formed the colossal statue of the Sixteenth President as sculptured by French in the Lincoln Memorial.

Lanigan—New Bedford, Mass. *Sunday Standard-Times*

3. From Poverty to Greatness—It Can Be Done

President Lincoln looks down on birthplace cabin labeled "Hardin County, 1809."

Hutton—*The Philadelphia Inquirer*

4. We've Come A Long Way!

Lincoln and Washington stand in foreground of the United States Capitol. The First President carries a piece of paper labeled "I cannot tell a lie" and the Sixteenth President is labeled "Honest Abe."

Lange—*Oklahoma City Times*

5. "Read Me Again, That Part Where I Say 'A New Birth of Freedom'"

The Lincoln statue in the Washington Memorial requests the Lincoln Day orator to read again the Gettysburg Address.

Pratt—Sacramento, Calif. *The Sacramento Bee*

6. (No Title)

Phantom figure of Lincoln lays wreath on grave of American soldier killed in Viet Nam. At the top of the cartoon is an excerpt of the Gettysburg Address: ". . . That we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain . . ."

Kudlaty—Newspaper Enterprise Assn. *Illinois State Journal* and the *Quincy Herald-Whig*

7. Today's Lesson: To All 'Born Losers'

On a silhouetted figure of a bearded Lincoln with an axe are listed the so-called "failures" of the Sixteenth President.

Dobbins—*The Boston Traveler*

8. Immortality

The Gettysburg Address in script is superimposed on a portrait of Lincoln.

Craig—Columbus, Ohio, *The Columbus Dispatch*

9. (No Title)

Lincoln looks out of large portrait to worried and haggling Republican elephants. Below is the statement: "I Know We Elephants Never Forget, and We Should Remember Our Heroes. But Can't We Forget Nixon for '68?"

Haynie—Louisville, Ky. *The Courier-Journal & Times*

10. Still Have That Bed At White House!

Drawing of bedroom in White House has bed labeled "Wartime Trials," "Bricks From Our Own Party" and "Sagging War Support." On a table is a book, presumably a Bible, with a book-

mark labeled "A. Lincoln." Sandeson—Fort Wayne, Indiana, *The News-Sentinel*

11. They Called Him Honest Abe

Lincoln with hat and umbrella looks down on the United States Capitol labeled "Incredibility Stigma in Gov't."

Holland—*The Chicago Tribune*

12. Ageless Wisdom

Portrait of Lincoln has quotation on side ". . . Surely Each Man Has As Strong A Motive Now to Preserve Our Liberties As Each Had Then To Establish Them—Message to Congress, 1861"

Williams—*Detroit Free Press*

13. Old Fashioned Abe

Lincoln as a young railsplitter works before Kentucky or



"Let reverence for the laws . . . become the political religion of the nation." 1st Place

By Bob Stevens—Copley Newspapers
The Illinois State Journal-Register, Springfield, Ill.



2nd Place

By Lloyd Ostendorf
The Journal-Herald, Dayton, Ohio

Indiana cabin clearing land. Smoke curls out of chimney spelling "hard work."

Shoemaker—Fort Wayne, Indiana, *The Journal-Gazette*

14. He Belongs to the Ages

Portrait of Lincoln with no comment.

Yoes—*The San Diego Union*

15. 'I think the necessity of being ready increases . . . Look to it' (1863)

Lincoln as a statue in Washington, D.C., Memorial speaks to a visitor labeled "You and Me."

Stevens—*The San Diego Union*

16. (No Title)

Lincoln looks down on scene in South Viet Nam where two American soldiers are assisting a wounded buddy. A quotation from the Gettysburg Address follows: ". . . We cannot hallow this ground. The brave men, living and dead who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract" A. Lincoln.

Kudlaty—Newspaper Enterprise Association

Most Timely Lincoln Editorial February 1967

Lincoln Lore has featured each year since 1942 the Most Timely Lincoln Editorial to make its appearance during the week of Lincoln's birthday in February. This year sixteen editorials were selected and carefully studied by the *Lincoln Lore* Bibliography Committee. Two were selected for best and second best.

The editorial winning first place is titled: "Abraham Lincoln: a Light For All who Desire to See." It appeared in *The Columbus Dispatch* on February 12, 1967. It was written by Joseph R. Mills. This editorial won three first place (3) votes and two third place (1) votes, making a total of eleven points.

The editorial winning second place, with a total of seven points, is titled: "Lincoln for Our Time." It was written by Noel Grove, of the Cleveland news desk of Newspaper Enterprise Association, and it appeared in a large number of newspapers throughout the country.

With the permission of the copyright owners, these two editorials are published in this June, 1967 issue of *Lincoln Lore*.

Abraham Lincoln: A Light For All Who Desire to See

IT IS CONVENIENT and conventional to observe the birthday of Abraham Lincoln by borrowing a topical quotation from the treasure of lucid language he has passed down to us and to embroider it ceremonially onto the glittering legend that obscures the humanity of man.

The man that Lincoln was and the life he lived are more pertinent to the need of our chaotic world than is the fable in which popular fancy for the spectacular and inessential shrouds him.

YOUNG PEOPLE today, alienated from productive participation in the life about them by poverty or by too much of our bounty, would do well to be guided by Abraham Lincoln's hard-won achievement of his own identity and destiny.

The Abraham Lincoln we honor today is neither the fanciful stereotype of the melancholy child in the Kentucky wilderness, the boy in early Indiana, the young man coming of age in frontier Illinois nor the bronze titan enshrined in lonely grandeur in Washington.

WE HAIL A MAN whose life was encompassed by every human frailty that comes readily to mind. A man yet whose determined will to know himself enabled him to rise above the illusions of limitation to a place of unique and just honor among the political humanitarians of all time.

As a child among people to whom illiteracy was the common condition he did the uncommon thing by first learning to read and subsequently reading to learn. Urged by his mother, whose earlier life had shown her the value of education, Abraham Lincoln educated himself because he saw the need and worth of it. He did this by drawing on the meager resources of his community which were all he had or needed.

MATURITY came as he perfected himself in the skills of his world, advancing slowly through the hard lessons of adversity. As a laborer he labored diligently but he didn't remain a laborer. As a merchant he worked steadily and honestly. He didn't prosper as a merchant nor did he allow himself to remain mired in an unprofitable situation.

As a student of the law he read with purpose and thought deeply all the while.

In politics he began as a firebrand as young men so often do. He ripened into an effective political persuader whose subtle understanding of human motivation was rooted in personal insight.

AMONG MEN he was a man; rowdy and rambunctious when that was fitting but a man with personal magnetism that drew others to him for friendship or counsel. Among women he was a man, often confused and sometimes headlong in his emotions.

In later years he was a man resigned to the unattainability of a romantic ideal.

He was calm of mien but plagued by a hidden emotional turmoil. Yet he did not permit himself the luxury of surrender to his inner distress. He thought his own way out of a condition which today is the commonest refuge of failures.

THE PRESIDENCY of the United States was given to him at a time when the unity of the nation was threatened. He made the preservation of the Union his cause and prevailed over every contrary force.

In the end he died for his dedication to his great principle. While he lived he had about him the quiet greatness that works its unappreciated magic among smaller souls. It was only Abraham Lincoln's body that fell before the attack of a frenzied fool in Ford's Theater.

His genius is still among us proffering its help to all with the wit and the will to grasp for betterment as he did.

The editorial winning second place in the voting follows:

Lincoln for Our Time By NOEL GROVE

Out of a nation's natural need for heroes, the drama of a civil war and the tragedy of an assassin's bullet has grown the Lincoln legend.

As legends usually go, it is based on fact and compounded by numerous fictions.

Big, Gentle, humble, jocular Abe Lincoln. "Honest Abe" as he was known even to his contemporaries. From

log cabin to White House—laying the groundwork for a great American tradition. Country bumpkin makes good.

Lincoln himself probably would have snorted at many of the myths, for he had no illusions about himself. His former law partner, W. H. Herndon, related "... Lincoln's perceptions were slow, cold, clear and exact. Everything came to him in its precise shape and color. . . ."

Humble he was, and honest, but not a simple country boy whom fate thrust unexpectedly into the spotlight. Once, after his election, Lincoln told a friend, "You know better than any man living that from my boyhood up my ambition was to be president."

His private secretary, John Hay, acknowledged that some cabinet members found insufferable Lincoln's "intellectual arrogance."

The misconceptions are not the fault of the man himself, but of the perpetrators of the legend. And there was much to perpetuate it—his modest background, his eloquent words, proven compassion, powerful, towering build and, above all, his unquestioned integrity.

But it does him no justice to claim he was flawless. By making him larger than life we suggest that his virtues are beyond our own reach. By deifying the image we ignore the man and what he has to say to us.

About ambition and perseverance, such as Lincoln showed in coming back from debt and political defeat.

About strength of conviction, that brought preservation of the Union at heavy personal cost.

And is compassion such as Lincoln showed in calling for leniency toward former enemies not also for us and our times?

This, then, is the message. This we should remember, not a simple folk hero.

It is not a collection of folk tales then that Lincoln left us, but a legacy of truth and character.

The other editorials submitted to the committee bear the following titles:

1. Learn About Lincoln
Davenport Newspapers
2. Our Debt to 'Honest Abe'
Deseret News (Salt Lake City, Utah)
3. Lincoln's Standards of Courage and Righteousness
Illinois State Register (Springfield)
4. If Right Makes Might
The Sunday Oklahoman (Oklahoma City)
5. We Cannot Escape History
The Chicago Tribune
6. Last, Best Hope
The Journal Herald (Dayton, Ohio)
7. 'Pretty Well Known' Career
Standard-Times (New Bedford, Mass.)
8. The Noblest American
Fort Wayne Journal-Gazette
9. Constant Strength of Lincoln Comes Down Through Ages
The Sacramento Bee
10. Lincoln's Duel
Sunday World-Herald (Omaha, Nebraska)
11. Lincoln and Human Freedom
The Philadelphia Inquirer
12. Lincoln: Embodiment of a Nation's Ideals
The Salt Lake Tribune
13. The Spirit of Lincoln
Herald Examiner (Los Angeles, California)
14. The Language of Lincoln
The State Journal-Register (Springfield, Ill.)

Letters Which Mention Lincoln

The foundation staff has compiled a sizeable collection of letters which mention President Lincoln. Some of these were written by politicians who commented about the elections, by soldiers who saw Lincoln at army reviews, by correspondents who heard a good Lincoln joke, by would-be strategists who predicted that the President would eventually control Richmond, by crusaders who commented on Lincoln's emancipation policy and by admirers who sent the head of the government gifts.

The letter selected in this category was written by John R. Woods, secretary to the Adjutant General of Illinois, and was dated twelve days after Lincoln's death. The letter was presented to the Foundation by Dr. Ross A. Baker of LaMesa, California, whose wife was a distant relative of Mrs. L. R. Cavender.

General Headquarters, State of Illinois
Adjutant General's Office
Springfield, April 27, 1865

Mrs. L. R. Cavender
Eureka, Ills.

Dear Madame

I think I informed you of the transmission of the Spread to Mr. Lincoln by the hands of Genl Haynie. On the General's return from Washington my first question to him was in relation to the delivery and reception of the precious relic. He stated that he presented it in person to the President who expressed himself as highly gratified, and regarded the gift as a very valuable compliment. The Gen. requested him to acknowledge it in a few lines from his own pen. Ah! said Mr. Lincoln that is the difficult point about these presents. There is just where I find the trouble about them all. I cannot comply with the wishes of my good friends, It is clearly impossible. But in this case I will get Nicolay to write a letter to the lady for me and I will sign it." Gen Hayne the next day called for it, but Nic had not written it. He returned and was surprised to hear that none had come. He at my request then wrote, but no answer came. He wrote again but nothing has yet been received from him. I now think it likely that you may have received a letter before our noble President was so basely butchered. I gave the General a note with particulars, who made the quilt and who donated it. Today we learn that the foul assassin has been slain. With sincere regards to yourself and husband I am truly a fellow mourner over our fallen Chief

John R Woods
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The Bixby Letter

Although the original letter which President Lincoln wrote to Mrs. Lydia Bixby, on November 21, 1864, is not known to be extant, there is ample evidence that such a letter was written.

The Foundation collection has an original clipping which is unidentified as to newspaper or date (research could easily determine the question), but is believed to have been clipped from either the *Boston Daily Evening Transcript* of Friday, November 25, 1864 or *The Boston Journal* of the same date. This is one of several original newspaper accounts which would corroborate the existence of the original letter.

The late Albert H. Griffith of Fisk, Wisconsin, was the recipient of the following letter from Charles Moore, Acting Chief, Division of Manuscripts of the Library of Congress, dated September 8, 1925:

"Replying to your letter of August 19, I would say that the first publication of the Bixby letter was in the *Boston Daily Evening Transcript*, Friday, November 25, 1864. The *Transcript* says that the letter was received that morning."

The above-mentioned *Transcript* article contains a different foreword from the original clipping in the Foundation's collection. Also, the addressee in the *Transcript* article is "Mrs. Bixby" while the addressee of the unidentified article is "To Mrs. Bixby, Boston, Mass."

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