

Post Bulletin Letter to Editor to Greg Sellnow from Tom Ostrom

LAUDING THE LION OF THE SENATE

Democrat Senator Ted Kennedy was a conscientious hard working solon for his constituents, and survived scandals from his college days to more recent times that would have destroyed most politicians. Liberal special interest groups and sympathetic shielded him.

His alleged bipartisanship is exaggerated. Kennedy's libelous speculations and personal attacks destroyed the Supreme Court nomination of law professor and scholar Robert Bork and personalized the judicial nomination process thereafter.

After the fall of the Soviet Union (1991) and Western access to Russian secret police (KGB) records, London Times reporter Tim Sebastian (1992) revealed that Ted Kennedy had communicated with Soviet officials and outlined a plan to thwart President Reagan's challenges to Soviet power. Kennedy offered Soviet officials strategies to block Reagan's reelection and bolster his own political agenda. Kennedy encouraged the visit of Soviet officials to the United States and suggested friendly journalists for interviews.

Historian Paul Kendor spelled out the details in his book, *The Crusader Ronald Reagan and the Fall of Communism* (2006). The "Lion of the Senate" had virtues, but thorns in his paw.

The politicization and criminalization of foreign policy continued with the Congressional anti-Reagan "Dear Commandante Letter" to dictator Daniel Ortega (1984) and is evident today with Atty. Gen. Holder's assault on the CIA.

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