Opinion — Talking politics at a bar

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"What's the matter with them?"

"Let's consider Mondale and Glenn. They're the only ones with a snowball chance in hell. For one thing, they both want to negotiate with the Commissars in El Salvador."

"That seems like a pretty good idea to me. It would save a lot of lives there and a bit of money for us."

"Geez kid, what have they been teaching you up at college? You can't negotiate with the Commissars. They're not like us. All they understand is superior firepower. The Czarist and provisional governments in Russia tried to negotiate with the Czar. Look at what happened. Ronnie knows how to deal with the Commissars. Send a few more advisors to El Salvador and then give the Neogazans a taste of their own medicine. We'll see how these kids like having someone support a little revolution into their backyard."

"I can't believe that you're advocating involvement in the affairs of other countries."

"That's what people like you said when people like me wanted to help the British in '39."

By this time, we had attracted the attention of the young couple at the bar. "Well, what d'ya think?" asked Harry, "Who's the man for '88?"


"I'm not sure yet," I said, regretting the words as they left my mouth. Harry would surely have some advice to help me make my decision.

"Figures," said Harry with a sneer, "all you kids today can decide on are what drugs to take and how to get each other pregnant. This Glenn guy now, there's something I don't like about him — other than the El Salvador thing."

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"That he's got more brains than most Democrats!" Harry called after me, "because it's your generation that Ron is fighting for. When you kids take over, you'll be Number One!

So here I am, a few weeks later, faithfully delivering Harry's message: Mondale is too liberal for my tastes though. You can't negotiate with the Commies. They're riot like us. We know that Ronnie will make us Number One again, no matter what it takes. When you get back to school, tell that to the other kids!"

"Sure," I said as I paid for my drink and made for the door. "You'd better," Harry called after me, "because it's your generation that Ron is fighting for. When you kids take over, you'll be Number One!"

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