

Editorial



daily opinion

Nobody who?

Who can save the economy?

Nobody.

Who will help the poor?

Nobody.

Who knows the truth about Chappaquiddick?

Nobody!

Nobody'll be here in Boulder tomorrow at noon in the UMC fountain area to kick off the Colorado part of the Nobody for President 1980 campaign.

Nobody got President Carter's endorsement in 1976 when the Georgian said, "Nobody has all the answers." Nobody almost won that campaign, picking up support from about 40 percent of the eligible American voters. Nobody expects to get an even bigger percentage of voters this time.

Accompanying the candidate tomorrow will be Nobody's fool, Wavy Gravy, and various other Hog Farm compatriots, refugees from the 1960s who are hurtling into the '80s aboard their 1948 Greyhound campaign bus, named the Nobody One, and bestickered with the campaign slogan: U.S. out of North America. They're also hurtling toward an election day rendezvous in Washington, D.C. by way of Plains, Georgia.

Besides getting to hear live music, everyone will get to meet Nobody in person tomorrow. Nobody's message is bound to be scintillating.

In an appearance at the Kansas City GOP Convention in 1976, the candidate, whose presence is always marked by a chattering set of plastic wind-up teeth, was nearly confiscated when a Secret Service agent frisked Gravy.

Before the primaries, Nobody appeared this year in New Hampshire, where a featured campaigner was former Harvard University Professor Baba Ram Dass, Nobody's guru, who believes the presidential campaign "shouldn't be a popularity contest for millionaires." Ram Dass previously supported California Gov. Jerry Brown for President, but now he supports Nobody.

"If I were President," Ram Dass said, "I'd want to redistribute the wealth. A person dies of starvation somewhere in the world every two seconds . . . now . . . now . . . another died . . . now."

Obviously, they're anxious to be serious about the election, but Nobody's campaign spokespersons feel all the humor has been lost. "We feel by making people laugh, we loosen them up to new ideas," like giving the American government back to the American people.

Campaigners are in high spirits. They know that Nobody cares, and if Nobody wins, then Nobody loses.

But, seriously.

Look at the awesome array of bombers and missiles and submarines and satellites and soldiers the United States has. And remember that the President is the Commander-in-Chief. Nobody should have that much power because Nobody's perfect.

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