

to forsake that responsibility and play crass partisan politics. This is not an attempt to help the people. It is an attempt to jump on the bandwagon which local yokels have seen starting to pick up steam in Washington, D. C. Now when Senator Hefner talks about the so-called safety net, that word itself is an expression of some of the greatest cynicism that I have seen come out of even Washington. David Stockman, who when other young men had to go to Vietnam, went to Divinity School so he would not have to go, now turns his back on the Vietnam veterans who were crushed by that experience. David Stockman, who received subsidized loans to go to school and did not pay them back as he should, now wants to cut those loans for other people going to school. This is a very serious thing that is being contemplated here even though the Senators don't take it seriously because the people are hurting now. They want some understanding and not people playing partisan politics. For those of you who may have forgotten what happened during Reagan's election, fewer than fifty percent of the eligible voters voted. Reagan obtained slightly more than fifty percent of the popular vote. He did not landslide from the standpoint of how people felt. He landslid because of defects in the electoral college system. Under that outdated system, a person can win every electoral vote if he or she wins the popular vote by only fifty. Whoever wins the popular vote in the state gets all of that state's electoral votes, so had Reagan won the popular vote in all fifty states by one, he would have won the popular vote by fifty but he would have gotten every single electoral vote, and those who think in fuzzy terms interpret what happened as a mandate. It was not a mandate and it certainly was not a mandate to go for all of the things that Reagan after the fact said he is going to try to do, and it is not really Reagan doing it. Reagan is interested in reliving in real life, if possible, the glamor that he got on the celluloid screen. He is play-acting. He is John Wayne. He is not an individual concerned about the real problems of this country and as they impact in the international realm. When you present him with a serious problem, he gives you a one-liner. You can tell him that with all of his billions that he wants to give to the Pentagon, Senator Hefner, that the Army and Air Force have not coordinated their program so the Army has let millions of dollars worth of contracts to build huge armaments that are too large to be carried by any plane that America has. So do you know what Reagan's one-liner will be? "Well if we can't take them to the war overseas, we will bring the war to America", and everybody says, "Ha, ha, ha, ha! Reagan sure knows how to get off the one-liners." They have got the M-1 tank that I have mentioned before. They can't even aim the machine gun and they have talked Reagan