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**"Freedom of the Press belongs to those who own one."**

*A. J. Liebling of the New Yorker*

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# Commentary

## Republicans are Boring

**W**hat is going on? The Democrat Party is rapidly being homogenized into a eunuch.

It is uncanny. First, Bill “The Zipper” Clinton takes a bow, well almost. Then Condit gets a quick hook from the voters, Trafficant gets convicted and off to the hoosegow, Torricelle gets in deep doo-doo, and finally Cynthia McKinney gets the boot.

Not that the Democrat Party is getting rid of all of its characters, but you have to admit this is quite a roll. The Republicans are a pale party when compared to the likes of Clinton, Trafficant, Torricelli and Cynthia McKinney.

It is apparent that about half the nation would rather be entertained than have their economy and defense handled by serious people – sort of “Government as Perceived by Jerry Springer.”

Or at least until recently. Yes, “The Torch” Torricelli is still in office but probably not for long. And the Democrats have not exactly rid themselves of characters, but they don’t have many left – and those they have are certainly left.

The Democrats have Maxine Waters, who is always good for a laugh or two...and then there is Judge Hastings. You remember the great Judge Alcee Hastings who was impeached and removed from office as a U.S. District Judge and then elected as a Democrat

**Representative from Florida. He is in the House, but as outrageous as he is he can't get press when competing with other Democrats.**

**No, the Democrats are not without characters, but their ranks are being diminished rapidly. There is always Barney Frank from Massachusetts, whose gay lover was running a sex ring from the Congressman's home, and that makes me remember Gary Studds who spent 26 years as a Democrat Representative and who was unapologetic for being censured by the House for seducing a 17-year-old male page.**

**Republicans just can't measure up in the "Most Outrageous" department. Republicans have no one to match Charlie Rangel, or Ted Kennedy, or Sheila Jackson Lee – and those are secure Democrat placeholders. It is hard to forget Mrs. Clinton – who had to return truckloads of loot she had stolen from the White House – but she is currently keeping her head below the ridge line. And what Republican non-office holders can match James Carville, or Al Sharpton, or Jesse Jackson.**

**More importantly, Al From, the head of the (relatively) moderate Democrat Leadership Council, analyzed that in elections held in the early months of this year, of the 14 Democrat races 13 were won by union-backed candidates against more "moderate" candidates. That means there is a new group of potential outrageous people soon to be available.**

**And Trafficant is threatening to run from prison – and there is plenty of precedent for Democrats to run from prison – and win. The loss by Cynthia McKinney is just a temporary setback for the Party of the Outrageous and their supporters.**

**The Democrats, as the US franchise of international socialism, still cannot match the Italians for outrageous. I simply mention the beautiful Italian Socialist legislator who removed her top and bra at every public opportunity.**

**Perhaps Randi Chastain will run as a Democrat Legislator.**



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