

If only Nixon could be here now to see this

October's Brassbound Crooked Cross for Hypocrisy is awarded U.S. President Bill Clinton and his merry band of two-faced congressmen. This was when the great republic played host to Jiang Zemin, president of China. He was met by a 21 gun salute and the president and the president's wife in Washington. In pursuit of the policy of preventing the spread of nuclear arms in Asia, the American government promised nuclear technology to China.

Next morning President Jiang had a jolly breakfast with senators and members of the House of Representatives, with Republican Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich, that champion of freedom and all other non-communist values, as his affable host.

Mr. Gingrich was delighted to accept an invitation to visit Tibet, where we may be sure he will watch a few monks spinning prayer wheels because they've been told to damn well spin them and smile.

Yes, there were public protests about Mr. Jiang. In Washington people who remembered the Chinese government's slaughter of the students in Beijing's Square of Heavenly Peace, those who note the subjugation of the Tibetans and those who note the regime's passion for throwing political opponents into jail, had what they called a Stateless Dinner on the same night that the president was hold-

the Chinese president threw straight back in the president's face by blandly declaring that the Heavenly Peace massacre was a necessary operation and everybody should understand that.

All this while the great American bully government tries to starve out poor little Cuba, an impoverished island of sugar farmers off

Florida whose peasants had the effrontery to shake off the Mafia, which the Americans had imposed, and adopt the Marxism of Fidel Castro.

Cuba has violated human rights. No doubt of that. But in our world, all things are comparative. Cuba's violation of human rights is no more than a belch at a regimantal dinner compared

with the savagery of the Chinese communists' slaughter in Tiannanmen Square and the jailing of political opponents.

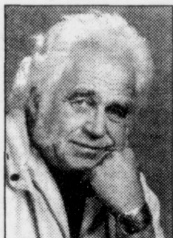
Isn't Canada doing the same as the Americans in playing host to President Jiang? We do business with China just as we do business with Cuba. We believe it's a realistic policy.

There is one difference.

A profound difference.

We're open about it. We don't kowtow to the powerful while kicking the weak, at least not all in one motion.

We Canadians have faults, many faults, but hypocrisy isn't high on our crime sheet. We're not ashamed of ourselves, President Clinton. How about you?



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ing a State Dinner for his guest.

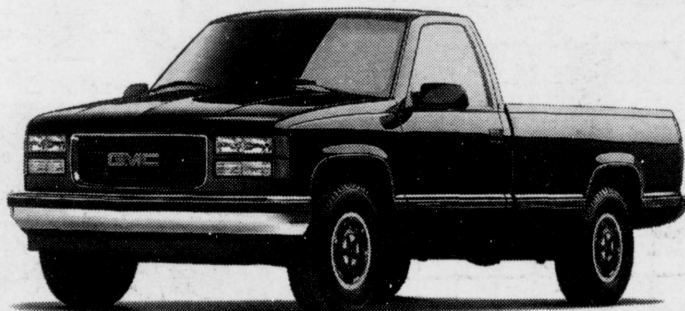
The head of the AFL-CIO was so politically incorrect as to go on television to say that the Chinese leader presides over the biggest slave labour camps our world has ever seen. All that proves is what we already know, that ordinary Americans are totally unlike American governments.

Ordinary Americans have different standards of conduct and different morals from their governments, a fact Jimmy Carter thought he could rectify. Mr. Carter was not re-elected. Americans prefer hypocrites. Perhaps so do most people.

There was talk, yeah even by the president himself, about the American government's passionate concern for human rights in China, a bit of prattle which

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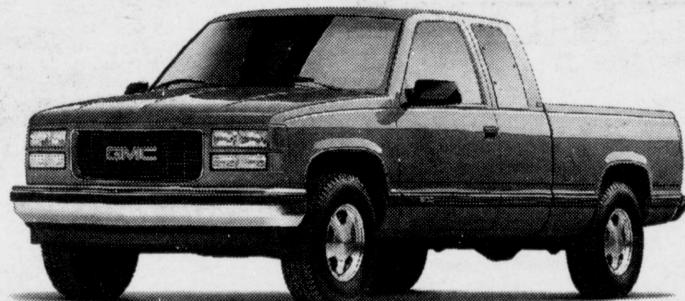


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