

IRATE FAN BLASTS LADY LIBERTY PUN

On July 4th Americans celebrate their independence from Great Britain. Our freedom is something that we hold dear, and this is why I was most shocked when I saw the symbol of our freedom reduced to wearing a corset and garter belt.

Many people think of it merely as a statue, but ... Ms. Liberty stands for our constitutional rights and HOPE. Hope, for immigrants looking for freedom and hope that we can keep these rights for a while to come.

Although the artist saw it as something "funny," it is not, or should we continue with this tasteless game? On President's Day perhaps we could picture the Presidents of Mt. Rushmore with floor-show makeup on, or maybe for Martin Luther King's birthday we could draw him in Frank's dress saying something about "having a dream" to make out with Columbia. Or even better, on Veteran's Day draw the war-torn soldiers of the Vietnam conflict in floor show costumes dancing on the solemn Vietnam War Memorial. I would say that these ideas are tasteless too. So let's print them!

To many, Lady Liberty is a symbol of freedom and glory... "She lights her lamp beside the golden door..." Let us hope that this lamp will clear the minds of a few unthinking and unfeeling people.

Anonymous

ARTIST RESPONDS

In response to the "Anonymous" letter. I too love the Statue of Liberty as much as the next man, if not more! I know what she stands for and I was not trying to degrade her in any way. Around the holidays, we here at RHPS try to get into the spirit and I didn't think putting Lady Liberty in fishnets would offend anyone, and I'm sorry if it did. If I thought my drawing was totally tasteless I wouldn't have done it.

-Darryl Foster



from RIR # 63

WRITER RESPONDS

It is because of what Lady Liberty stands for - FREEDOM - that we were able to print RIR #63. We do have constitutional rights in this country hardly enjoyed anywhere else in the world. RIR counts on it!

I, like the artist, thought the picture was our way of getting into the spirit of the event. Other newspapers and magazines did their own versions too. The NewPaper (RIR's closest competitor in the free newspaper market) had Ronald Reagan dressed as the Statue. I even decided to further the pun with an adjoining article. We all have our own taste, and in a free society our differences will come out.

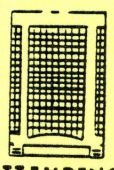
But with freedom also comes responsibility. You won't see Vietnam Vets made fun of here I guess I just happen to agree with the fan on that issue.

Chances are the fan, the artist, and I agree on most issues of taste. But isn't it nice we can argue and disagree with each other and not get thrown into jail for it?

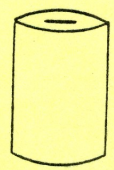
Long live Lady Liberty and what she stands for.

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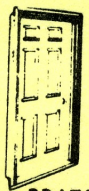
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