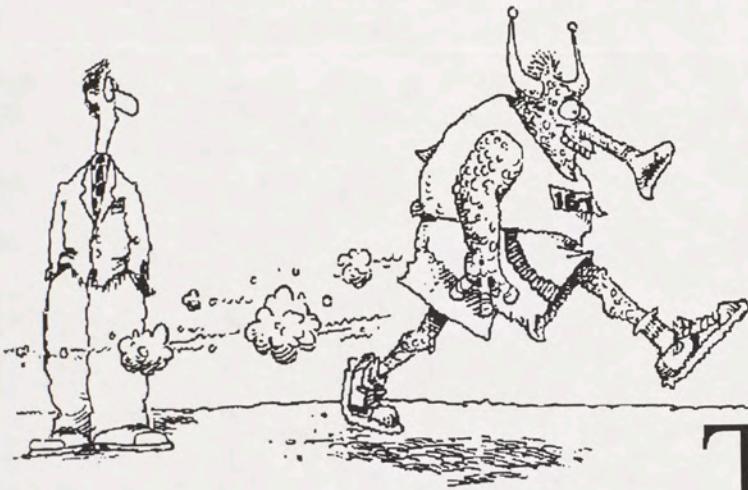


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Dear Mr. Lamb:

In e-mail, I referred the writer below to C-SPAN and its broadcasts on the Lincoln-Douglas debates. I hope your staff can help him, at least to refer him to useful sources on the debates and the quotations he seeks to verify.

On another issue, I noticed your series on the U.S. presidents mentions your returning to Washington, D.C., for President Chester Alan Arthur. During 16 years in Albany, N.Y., I learned Arthur was born in Fairfield, Vt., but the U.S. post office in Newtonville, N.Y., on U.S. 9 a few miles north of Albany, carries a plaque about Arthur's father preaching from a Methodist church on that site.

Because you mentioned you have visited the presidents' gravesites, you must have visited President Arthur's gravesite in the Albany Rural Cemetery, just a couple of miles southeast of the post office and north of the intersection of State Routes 377 and 378. I would think C-SPAN would visit Albany for the Arthur segment, rather than or in addition to Washington, D.C.

By the way, C-SPAN also should visit the preserved cottage at Mt. McGregor, north of Saratoga Springs, N.Y., where President Ulysses S. Grant wrote his well-received memoirs, where Mark Twain paid him \$450,000 for those memoirs and where Grant died of cancer in July 1885. The cottage, loaned to Grant as a place to write his memoirs, is on the secure property of the Mt. McGregor Correctional Facility. I visited and photographed the cottage exactly 100 years after his death; the memorial flowers and wreaths were still there, but there was no centennial observance.

Sincerely,

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cc: e-mail message (see over)

To: John F. Kirn Jr.
Subject: C-SPAN ran a series on the Lincoln-Douglas debates
Sent: Mon, 15 Mar 1999 10:38:24 -0500

Mr. Kirn:

C-SPAN, the Cable-Satellite Public Affairs Network, broadcast dramatizations of the Lincoln-Douglas debates last year (if I recall correctly). You can check directly with C-SPAN through its Web site, by phone, by fax or by letter for any answers to your questions.

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(Respond directly to the author)

From: John F. Kirn Jr. <jkirn@atlas.vcu.edu>
Date: Thursday, March 11, 1999 12:29 AM
Subject: Lincoln quotes to identify

I'm currently helping to edit a manuscript left by the late Armstead Robinson of the University of Virginia on the role of slavery in fostering Confederate defeat. Armstead left portions of his manuscript, which he had been working on for almost twenty years, in a rather rough state and I, and several others, are doing our best to fill in the gaps prior to publication.

Below are several quotes which I have not been able to identify. If anybody could supply a date for any of these quotations, I would greatly appreciate it. Thank you in advance for your help!

Stephen Douglas during, presumably, one of the Lincoln-Douglas debates:

"What has taken the place of those questions about which we once differed?...The slavery question has now become the leading and controlling issue; that question on which you and I agreed, on which the Whigs and Democrats united, has now become the leading issue between the national Democracy on one side, and the Republican or Abolition party on the other."

Abraham Lincoln, prior to gaining the presidency:

"The Republican party is utterly powerless everywhere, if it will, by any means, drive from it all those who came to it from the Democracy for the

sole object of preventing the spread and nationalization of slavery.

Whenever this object is waived by the organization, they will drop the organization; and the organization will dissolve into this air...."

Abraham Lincoln, (in the fall 1859 campaign tour?):

"Where shall we go to escape from over-population and competition? To those new Territories which belong to us, which are God-given for that purpose. If then, you will go to these Territories that you may improve your condition, and you have a right to keep them in the best condition for those going into them, and can make that natural advance in their condition if they find the institution of slavery planted there?....I say, then, that it is due to yourselves as voters, as owners of the new Territories, that you shall keep these Territories free, in the best condition for all such gallant sons as may choose to go there."

Abraham Lincoln, presumably speaking of Northerners and Southerners, who "read the same bible, and pray to the same God"

Jefferson Davis, while president of the Confederacy:

"Our separation from the Old union is complete. NO COMPROMISE; NO RECONSTRUCTION CAN NOW BE ENTERTAINED."

Thanks!

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