

TO SEEK A COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

Before those who live in glass houses, start to throw stones -they already have-it might be best to level the playing field and establish the fact that "we are all sinners"(a Christian premise) even those who inscribe no religious affiliation. So, too, are those who seek the office of President in all of its inherent duties, requisite honor, prestige and character, and its obligation to lead our country in peace and war.

As a representative sample let us assume there are only four possibilities, barring unforeseen happenings: Hillary Clinton, Barack Obama, John McCain, Mitt Romney. Each have significant support intelligence, and potential - though this may be putting the cart before the horse. Sinners, ah yes, or at least beset with imperfections. Let us get a capsule.

One may ask, "is the Clinton saga a dynasty in the making, or a tragi-comedy of soap-opera cameos. Beauty or disgust is in the eye of the beholder. It was Hollywood at its best: wanton sex, political/legal improprieties, a woman scorned, a philandering husband, impeachment, temper tantrums, socialized health revisited, inexact response to terror, suspect pardons and sticky fingers as they left White House. But to some Bill Clinton was the first Black President. Hillary, perhaps no Margaret Thatcher, is intelligent, tough and has been impressive.

Barack Obama is charismatic, intelligent and smooth. Some would argue he is an enigma with an oral flair but suspect substance and 'feel good' platitudes. He has explained youthful indulgence

with drugs, traveled much with his white mother and spent little time with his Muslim father. For many he is a panacea of hope and change with teeth. He has argued against the Iraq war since beginning and is suspect on international diplomacy yet would bring troops home soon after election.

John McCain claims to be 'older than dirt and beset with more scars than Frankenstein' like a Phoenix risen from ashes' is now the frontrunner on the Republican side. Recent endorsement from Rudy Guiliani and Arnold Schwarzenegger have surfaced and tout him a 'war hero' and the only one who can lead and sustain the war against militant Islam. McCain the maverick, often leaving his 'conservative' roots to join with the opposite side has angered Conservatives. 'Soft on immigration reform, voted against Bush tax cuts, and suspect on other Republican issues, he has said "I'm the only one who can beat the democrats." Caught in the labryinth dealings by a man named Keating (special interest real estate matters) found John McCain and four others involved perhaps unknowingly in suspect activities. McCain was found innocent by the Ethics committed but was cited for poor judgment.

Mitt Romney could be a Hollywood Actor in the Jimmy Stewart role of "Mr Smith goes to Washington' tasked to fix a broken Washington government. A millionaire who as one contestant says - 'is like the one who would lay you off rather than the one you would enjoy working with'. A Mormon-is it a cult as some say-who has addressed those who worry about a Mormon in the Whitehouse. He has been a successful business man, Governor, and his

leadership saved the Olympics from financial improprieties. He has called McCain 'dishonest who would do anything to get elected'; his medical plan for all in Massachusetts has defects and financial problems. He has riled other Republican candidates.

This country cries out for a reappraisal of our war on Islamo-fascism, euphemistically still called the 'war on terror' (a real misnomer). The major fear is that we will rationalize under the guise of our soft living, an ignorance of our declining culture, and a better-Red than dead rationale....with Islam.