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Removal of U.S. Attorney

I don't know exactly what caught my attention to read your article (April 1), "U.S. Request for Attorney to Quit Expected," by Ronald J. Ostrow. However, it did compel me to write to you. The contents of this article were indeed powerful and provocative.

Webster defines justice as "the administration of law; esp: the establishment or determination of rights according to the rules of law or equity; the quality of being just, impartial, or fair; the principle or ideal of just dealing or right action; conformity to truth, fact, or reason; to treat fairly or adequately . . ." I am no longer in the class of people who wonder where justice has gone and why criminals are set free and even protected. The article in The Times is a classic example of why "justice" is what it is today.

The problem stems directly from the top. The Justice Department in conjunction with the Central Intelligence Agency (who else?) deliberately blocked the indictment of Miguel Nassar Haro for his involvement in a \$30-million to \$40-million international car theft ring and is protecting him because he had been an "extremely valuable source" by providing intelligence information on activities in Mexico and Central America. So, all in the name of "national security," this criminal is being harbored while the other 14 less fortunate who were not working for or with the CIA were prosecuted for their roles in this car theft ring. Wouldn't it be nice if all of us were protected in the same manner just because we happen to work for the CIA?

Letters to The Times

The person bringing this all to light, William H. Kennedy, was pressured to resign from his position as U.S. Attorney in San Diego for trying to do his job in accordance with Webster's definition of justice. He was being straightforward, honest and truthful, which is more than I can say for the Administration and most government officials these days. He is like a voice crying in the wilderness while the government is trying desperately to suppress the truth.

Even more appalling is the fact that only one day after this article appeared in The Times, President Reagan issued an executive order making incidents like this easier for government officials to cover up by permitting information to become classified after more details on the subject are requested under the Freedom of Information Act.

It appears Reagan has all but eliminated the Freedom of Information Act. In 18 months time, we have regressed back 200 years before the days of our precious Bill of Rights and the First Amendment.

Perhaps there is little or nothing we can do about the government and its bureaucracy, but how about starting at the beginning and renaming the Justice Department the *Injustice Department* presiding over a land where there is no justice for ALL?

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I am disgusted with the Justice Department for its unjust treatment of an honest man and a faithful servant of the people, William H. Kennedy, U.S. attorney in San Diego.

The Justice Dept. has a long way to go in convincing me it is serving the people when it removes the people's protectors from office frivolously.

I wouldn't care if that CIA person he exposed were the President of the United States. The person he exposed is a major criminal and he must be brought to justice if justice is real in this country.

How can the Justice Department seriously consider asking Kennedy to resign for doing his job properly and courageously? Is this the U.S.A. or the U.S.S.R.?

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The flap over dismissing U.S. Attorney William Kennedy in San Diego has some very frightening overtones. Despite the fact that Kennedy is a fine lawyer who does his job well, he won't play along with the insiders.

It would appear that some federal agencies are above the law—the CIA, the FBI and the Internal Revenue Service.

A notorious criminal informs for the CIA, so he is protected from prosecution and a good solid public servant is fired. Some local business men are swindled of thousands of dollars because the FBI had to protect their Abscam operative.

How many other criminals walk our streets, protected by federal agencies? This makes a mockery of the Constitution.

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