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OPINION AND COMMENTARY

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Why they endorse **REAGAN**

President Carter came to Washington as an outsider finding fault with everyone and everything, tilting against the established insiders, and asking: Why Not the Best?

Why not, indeed? But what, in fact did we get?

Only Carter's palace guard of zealous Georgians remains unchanged and unfazed by four years of failures and fiascos.

For some, the indiscretions have been such that even close friendship with Carter could not save them.

Bert Lance, Carter's choice for the key Office of Management and Budget, was an early victim of his own irregular banking practices.

Dr. Peter Bourne, Carter's White House doctor, quit before a special prosecutor could probe why, and for whom, he was writing phony drug prescriptions.

Hamilton Jordan, after unacceptable social conduct at diplomatic dinners and in a Washington bar, survived a special investigation of alleged drug use. But Tim Kraft a key political adviser, was forced to quit the current campaign and is now being investigated because of similar allegations.

On the great issues — defense, foreign policy and the economy — Reagan would be a better President because he has better advisers.

The real point is that Reagan would run a real Cabinet. The Secretary of State would be exactly that: the National Security Council chief would not try to trump him regularly as Zbigniew Brzezinski now trumps Secretary of State Muskie, and before him Vance. The CIA and our other intelligence agencies would be given back their true role in intelligence so that we are no longer constantly surprised by events.

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