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## **The Thoughts of Chairman Ray: Volume Three of the Little Red Book**

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Regarding her nomination of Eli M. Rodosovich, disabled Seattle police sergeant, to head the Washington National Guard, "I would suspect that it (criticism of Rodosovich) is politically motivated. I was not aware that Colonel Rodosovich had contributed \$1200 to my campaign. The contribution had nothing to do with his nomination." Seattle Times, January 24, 1978.

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To attorney Gerald Grinstein, whose firm represents Northern Tier Pipeline, "Your law firm is on my blacklist, and I'm going to get you!" Seattle P-I, February 19, 1978.

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To Congressman Norm Dicks, when he suggested she join him on a tour of the Trident base, "I'll come to Kitsap and look at the Trident base when you let me bring supertankers into Puget Sound." Seattle P-I, February 20, 1978.

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Regarding press coverage of l'affaire Rodosovich, "Inuendo, half-truths, viciousness' and personal attacks by KING-TV and the P-I, Seattle P-I, February 22, 1978.

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"The state of Washington is recognized around the country as a degree-mill state because of the high number of institutions of higher education per capita. The tenure system only protects the mediocre and incompetent." Seattle P-I, February 25, 1978.

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"Tenure is a holdover from the olden days and is not needed by any professor who is worth anything." Seattle Times, March 3, 1978.

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"Frankly, I find Washington (D. C.) a very artificial place. It isn't real. But then I have always said that Washington is constipated and bounded by the Beltway that leads into it."

"It must be wax in the ears that prevents President Carter from hearing my message that the Clinch River plutonium breeder reactor is safe and needed. I guess he was frightened in his mother's womb and developed a paranoia about breeder reactors."

Regarding opposition to nuclear power, "It's all misunderstanding and hysteria. Civilian use of nuclear energy has never caused a death. Safety practices are so effective the chances of a nuclear disaster in a power plant are 1 in 5 billion. You've got more chance of being squashed by a falling meteor."

"We get a statement on using more coal, but what happens is a strip-mining bill that makes it impossible in many Western states to mine coal."

"I don't believe in using government departments to change society. The Department of Transportation is trying to break up the American love affair with the automobile by getting people to ride trains. They ought to concentrate on the safe operation of the railroads we have left." Seattle Times, February 28, 1978.

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"I have an unfortunate habit-- a weakness some say -- of saying whatever comes to mind." Seattle P-I, March 1, 1978.

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"There is lying, misunderstanding and ignorance about what radioactivity is. Hysteria and panic. We have much more to fear from chlorine gas -- can you imagine what would have happened if those derailed cars had any kind of nuclear material on them?"

"We have some kind of cancer mania in this country. You take someone who was involved in an atomic weapons maneuver and say it is a matter of life and death, no matter how many cigarettes they have smoked--that is jumping to conclusions." Seattle P-I, March 2, 1978.

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"It's impossible for a banker to run for office under the public disclosure law. It's a nuisance for most who must serve under it. The law, established under Initiative 276 with good intentions but too much zeal, must be serviced in some other way. We need to administer it with more flexibility." Seattle P-I, March 30, 1978.

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"I believe tenure is an anachronism. I don't particularly approve of it. I don't think it is necessary. On the other hand, I realize it is something that is considered very precious by most people in the system of higher education. I suppose I am one of the very few people in the world who ever resigned a tenured position.

"Yes, I know what it is to enjoy the protection of tenure, and I still think it should go.

"I'm not out to get anybody at the UW or any other campus. Tenure is a sacred cow and sometimes it's good to challenge accepted systems." Seattle P-I, April 9, 1978.

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Upon announcing her decision to terminate the State Women's Council, "I strongly believe the women of Washington have made real progress in equal opportunities. Now is the time for other groups, especially at local levels and with dedicated volunteers, to continue this program." Seattle Times, April 21, 1978.

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"Government is no place for young people. They do themselves a disservice by taking government jobs immediately after completing their educations." Seattle P-I, April 23, 1978.

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"We are not running out of natural resources. The only resource we're running out of is guts to use the knowledge we have.

"We can produce all the power we need, all the energy we need, if we're not afraid to use the knowledge we have." Seattle Times, April 27, 1978.