

Views of Mercury News Readers

The Letters Page

The articles printed by the Mercury on the poor did not honestly outline the facts about how Mr. Reagan has lied to the public about his cuts not hurting anybody.

Reagan has always hated the poor people with a passion and has devoted his life to hurting the poor, the handicapped, the elderly and the innocent children of our nation. He will surely be remembered as the person who caused the death of millions of poor people in America, while the rich got richer.

We always thought that American people are good and decent people. It appears that we could have been wrong. People like Georgia Thill, Barbara Konz and Marcella Hack are a disgrace to this great nation of ours and to suggest that cutting welfare is cutting waste demonstrates two things: either they don't know what they are talking about or they oppose helping foodless and homeless children.

I am sure that if there ever was an earthquake or some other natural disaster, all of the people who wrote letters to your paper opposing food and shelter for the poor families and children would feel that they have a God-given right to be assisted by the government and will vocally demand "welfare" to meet their needs.

We don't really believe the average person is as cold hearted as the authors of the letters you printed. We still believe that there are good people out there and that this country has not approached the point of being Nazi Germany and the poor being the Jews.

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