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Statement on Cartooning
by
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Nothing punctures the false dignity and pretensions of arbitrary men

and arrogant policies quite so well as the pen of the cartoonist.

With his ability to reduce pomposity to a figure of humor, to

capture in a few strokes of the pen the essence of a complex

governmental situation, the cartoonist fills a vital role in the process

of democratic self-government.

Equally as important, the penetrating, all-pervasive nature of

humor makes it a tremendous weapon against the leadership of a

totalitarian society. No iron curtain can seal out the wry distillation

of truth that a pointed cartoon can give. No secret police can quite

stamp out the joke that travels like wildfire from hand to hand and

person to person -- even under the most oppressive of tyrannies.

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