

# Miss Communication



This month's installment:

*"I was misquoted!"*

(some oldies, but goodies)

*"Smoking kills. If you're killed, you've lost a very important part of your life."*

Brooke Shields in an interview to become spokesperson for an anti-smoking campaign.

*"I haven't committed a crime. What I did was fail to comply with the law."*

David Dinkins, New York City Mayor on why he failed to pay his taxes.

*"They gave me a book of checks. They didn't ask for any deposits."*

Congressman Joe Early on the House of Representatives Bank Scandal.

*"He didn't say that. He was reading what was given to him in a speech."*

Richard Darman, Director of OMB on President Bush not following up on campaign pledges.

*"I didn't accept it. I received it."*

Richard Allen, National Security Advisor to Reagan on \$1,000 and two watches he was given after arranging an interview for Japanese journalists with Nancy Reagan.

*"I was under medication when I made the decision not to burn the tapes."*

Richard Nixon

*"I've never had major knee surgery on any other part of my body."*

Winston Bennett, basketball forward

*"I support efforts to limit the terms of members of Congress, especially members of the House and members of the Senate."*

Dan Quayle

*"Outside of the killings, Washington has one of the lowest crime rates in the country."*

Mayor Marion Berry, Washington, D.C.

*"Sure, it's going to kill a lot of people, but they may be dying of something else anyway."*

Othal Brand, member of Texas pesticide review board, on chlordane.

*"The Holocaust was an obscene period in our nation's history...this century's history...We all lived in this century. I didn't live in this century."*

Dan Quayle, as Indiana senator (it's almost cheating, using him twice)

*"Rotarians, be patriotic! Learn to shoot yourself."*

Chicago Rotary Club journal, "Gyrator"

*"The streets are safe in Philadelphia. It's only the people who make them unsafe."*

Frank Rizzo, ex-police chief and then mayor of Philadelphia

*"The crime bill passed by the Senate would reinstate the Federal death penalty for certain violent crimes: assassinating the President; hijacking an airliner; and murdering a government poultry inspector."*

Knight Ridder News Service dispatch

*“After finding no qualified candidates for the position of principal, the school board is extremely pleased to announce the appointment of David Steele to the post.”*

Philip Streifer, Superintendent of Schools, Barrington, Rhode Island

*“The doctors x-rayed my head and found nothing.”*

Dizzy Dean, baseball pitcher

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