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VIEWPOINT

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE

A study by the Nebraska Federation of Independent Business shows that Americans work less than the Soviets for their food and luxuries. In fact, most all Soviet wives hold full-time jobs to help support families.

The average American worker puts in 17 hours a week to pay for a week's groceries for a family of four The Russian must labor 64 hours.

The take-home pay for the average American manufacturing worker is $3.83 per hour for $1 10 for the Soviet worker That's figured with three dependents.

Americans on a per capita basis have twice as many telephones as the British and 11 times more than the Russians, the American farmer can feed 49 people while a Soviet farmer can feed only seven

The might of Soviet defense spending which has caught the attention of President Ford is seen in growing numbers. President Ford wants the U.S. to beef up its defenses.

Soviet defense expenditures were more than $9 billion higher than the U S in 1973. The Soviet military budget consumed nearly $89 billion, 10.5 per cent of the nation's gross national product

That compares with only 6.2 per cent in the U.S. and 4.9 in Britain.

Generating a problem?

While nobody is counting on windmills ever to become a major generator of electricity for the United States, the vast, untapped potential of wind power is one of the "alternate" energy sources seriously being investigated

A 100-kilowatt windmill — technically, a wind turbine generator — has been built by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration near Sandusky, Ohio, using two blades resembling airplane wings mounted atop a 100-foot tower The blades have a total diameter of 125 feet This prototype is expected to lead to even larger generators in the 1980s.

If it does, and if the countryside becomes dotted with giant windmills, the result could be a multitude of latter-day Don Quixotes attacking them figuratively, if not actually A large number of windmills could cause significant interference with television signals, says Thomas B. A Senior, professor of electrical engineering at the University of Michigan and director of a research project looking into the possibility

If a windmill is to be effective, he points out, it must be elevated, and to minimize transmission losses, it should be located close to the community receiving its power Covered with metallic skin on a framework of girders, the blades could produce the same type of interference as a low-flying aircraft.

In fact, it might be worse, says Senior Aircraft interference is a transient phenomenon, a windmill would be in a fixed location with its blades operating vertically, thus reflecting all forms of radio and TV transmission in the area

The federal Energy Research and Development Administration thinks the problem is potentially real enough that it has furnished $112,000 to the University of Michigan project. One solution might be to develop composite or nonmetallic blades for the windmills in our future

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HOW THEY STAND

On energy



Gerald Ford

"First, we have to free the energy-producing portions of our economy from the kind of regulation and control that has been imposed on it for a number of years.

"We have to make some realistic appraisals and adjustments in how we use our coal more effectively and more efficiently We have a 300 year supply of coal. We have got to increase it from 600 million tons to 1 billion 200 million tons by 1985. We have to spend research and development money on solar energy, on geothermal energy and some of the other exotic fuels, and I am glad to report to you that I submitted for the next fiscal year, we increased the R and D money by over 35 per cent.

"So we have to have a broad approach because every passing day our dependence on foreign oil becomes more acute In 1973, it was 31 or 32 per cent Today, 40 per cent of the oil we use in this country comes from foreign sources and it is going to get worse unless we do something along the lines that I have recommended"

—Speech to Economic Club of Detroit 5/12/76



Jimmy Carter

"This mishandling of the energy problem is a primary cause of the current economic crisis We are the only civilized nation on earth without an energy policy This negligence is a crime against the American people

Press release

"We should remember that we only have enough oil available as an energy source for another 30 years We must make a major shift to coal and substantially increase our use of solar energy With proper national planning, energy conservation can be increased and we can keep our dependence on nuclear energy to the absolute minimum"

--Response to North Carolina Common Cause 3/17/76

"I would increase dramatically the amount of research and development funds that go into solar energy I would favor strong conservation measures, including mandatory efficiency of autos, better insulation of homes, changes in the rate structure of electric power companies I would continue to use atomic power as a last priority, and with strict conservation and safety protections required I favor the deregulation of natural gas for a limited period of time, leaving existing contracts at the lowest price levels intact

Business Week 5/3/76



Ivan D.E. Beaumont

THE BUCK ENDS HERE

It's first of what kind?

Ivan D.E. Beaumont

The advertisement in the News-Press said the first of its kind atlas for Otoe county will be assembled. That may be, but it certainly will not be the first, as was pointed out by Mrs Chester Ganzel.

The Standard Atlas of Otoe County was published by the Syracuse Journal-Democrat and the Kenyon Map Makers of Des Moines in October, 1917.

The county had three more towns than we now list. They were Wyoming, Minersville and Elberon. There were also 14 country churches.

Sponsors of the atlas were Mockenhaupt and Curtin Land Company, Sterling; Pickering Brothers Garage, Bank of Syracuse, Metzger's Grocery, Bauer's Pharmacy, Hays Lumber, A. H. Lorenz Hardware and Furnaces, John Lonan Land company, Lincoln, Syracuse Auto company, Cunningham and Steinhoff Hats and Novelties, E. C. Fey Real Estate, Unadilla; E. F. Tonsing Funeral home and The West End Pool Hall, William A. Pratt, proprieter

The atlas contains a great deal of other information on the state and national levels and also pictures the "world leaders" of the year beginning with President Woodrow Wilson.

We don't know how many of these 59 year old atlases are in existence, but they certainly are a treasure

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Changing times

Looking around while visiting the home of his grandparents, a five-year-old boy spotted his grandfather's old push-type lawn mower in the garage.

The boy wheeled it out and began to cut the grass, pausing to exclaim

"Gee grandpa This is wonderful. You don't even have to start the motor."

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Green tomatoes —

Most every evening the past week, the instructions came from the woman-of-the-house to "pick the ripe tomatoes."

We have had a good harvest of fresh tomatoes this year, but as always, the frost seems to come too early. Wayne Whitney said on a visit to town a few days ago, that he looks forward to starting his tomatoes during the winter months in his hothouse

Well, we don't have a hothouse (sometimes the tempers generate enough heat to ripen tomatoes) so we are content to wait until spring before gardening

And it always seems that the plants that I set out are those with all the green tomatoes

There oughta be some way to beat the rip-off by Jack Frost

We've tried hanging the plants in the basement and picking some. Nothing has seemed to work well. We've also "pickled" some green tomatoes So, every year about this time I make my tippy-toe effort through the tomato plants gleaning the ripe ones

Which brings us back to the beginning. Now that we've got all the ripe ones, what can we do about the green tomatoes?

Did you ever stop to analyze this in a science? Just think — if we could ripen the green tomatoes, we'd have enough to last all winter

I could invent some machine to do that job, but by the time I'd sit down and try to figure it out, I'd probably read that the system has been developed and they're building the machines for Christmas sales

I could always say .see told you so

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The visitor —

No one could be more pleased with the scheduled appearance of Steve Davis to Nebraska City than Jim Brockhaus, NCHS athletic director and the leader of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes organization in the community.

Mr Brockhaus has been instrumental in attracting other top FCA speakers to Nebraska City and he has accompanied many boys to FCA camps

Mr Davis is the former Sooner quarterback who directed the Oklahoma team into a victory last season over the Huskers Most sport fans felt that only one young man had the capability to lead the charge against the Huskers and win and Mr Davis was THE man

Now, he spends his time working for the FCA "I hope you don't remember me as an athlete, but as a Christian," he said

Mr Davis will be here October 20 to speak to students and address a joint Rotary-Optimist meeting He pilots a twin engine airplane and will land it at Grundman airport

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Perfect pitch —

John Klingman, a native of Chappell, Nebr , and a graduate of the School for the Visually Handicapped, is now living at 7 South Vine Street, North Platte His business card says he's a piano tuner and technician

John was my "partner" in church choir for several years What he lacked in vision, he made up for in music talent He has perfect pitch And for people like me who can't read music, losing a perfect pitch partner was a big loss

We wish him much success in his work



Dr. Lamb

Scare stories about cancer

By Lawrence E. Lamb, M.D.

DEAR DR. LAMB — Three years ago our daughter underwent a hysterectomy and the removal of both ovaries Her physician prescribed estrogens daily and told her this must be taken the rest of her life She is 38 now

We are all quite upset on reading in the papers about the cancer producing effects this drug has been found to have Is this as serious as the news media makes it sound?

DEAR READER — Don't worry another minute I am sorry the news stories have caused you mental anguish The news stories failed to get across to the public that the increased risk in cancer was for the lining of the uterus. The truth is that female hormones may protect women from other cancers Since your daughter has had her uterus removed she can continue to follow her doctor's wise advice and totally disregard all those scare stories that have upset so many people

Young women without ovaries usually need hormone replacement, just as individuals without thyroid glands need thyroid replacement. I am sending you The Health Letter number 5-12, Menopause, because your daughter without hormone replacement would be in a surgical menopause Others who want information on female hormones and their function in relation to the menopause can send a long, stamped, self-addressed envelope with 50 cents for it Just send your letter to me in care of this newspaper, P O Box 1551, Radio City Station, New York, NY 10019.

DEAR DR. LAMB — Sometime ago you wrote in your column about a blood test that can detect V D , and if a person had never been treated for it that he could still be treated after 10 or 15 years I worry that I might have had it and never knew it So if you could tell me the name of that blood test, I'll check with the clinic here or my physician to see if that test is available

DEAR READER — You are probably referring to the TPI test (treponema immobilization test) The common Wasserman (VDRL) test may become negative or weakly positive in the course of years or after treatment. It may also be positive when a person does not have and never has had syphilis To clarify matters physicians sometimes need to use a more sensitive test.

The TPI test entails putting some live syphilis germs (treponema) on a slide and adding some serum from the patient's blood to them If the person has ever had syphilis, he or she will have developed antibodies to syphilis germs. The anti-bodies will immobilize the normally active treponema germs on the slide confirming their presence

It is rare to have had syphilis and not know it I'm always surprised how many people worry about this To have never had symptoms and also have a negative blood test of the type commonly used (Wasserman, VDRL) would be unusual

As many as two-thirds of people who have syphilis develop a lifetime immunity without any damage to their body throughout life The remaining third, if untreated, go on to have damage to the brain, the heart or other parts of the body That two-thirds who develop immunity without damage explains how the human race survived its social habits in the years when there was no effective treatment for syphilis Many of the greats in politics, royal families, arts, science and philosophy were infected with syphilis

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AS TIME GOES BY

Taxes delinquent

FORTY YEARS AGO
-1936-

The News-Press printed more than a full page of the delinquent taxes owed in Otoe county ..The Quaker Oats company was sponsoring a contest centering on the use of the popular product by the Dionne quintuplets...Eighty floats were scheduled to parade down Central Avenue as part of the Apple Harvest Festival activities. .Dr. Manley O. Hudson was elected by the League of Nationas Council and Assembly to succeeed Frank B. Kellogg as a judge of the World Court.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
-1951-

Carolyn Conkling was installed as president of the local chapter of the Future Homemakers of America at NCHS...Glenn Ford played Ben Hogan in "Follow the Sun" at the Pioneer Theatre...Nebraska City moved up to sixth place in the Lincoln Star's Class B football ratings ..Communist leader Gus Hall was returned to the U.S from Mexico under heavy guard.

TEN YEARS AGO
-1966-

Steve Stubbendick, Unadilla, was the winner of the weekly football contest which appeared in the News-Press sponsored by City businessmen...Fay Andrews, daughter of Mr and Mrs Earl Andrews, was a freshman in the liberal arts college at Phillips University, Enid, Oklahoma...Orville Riege and Bob Lange gave icebreaker speeches at the Toastermasters Club at the City Utilities...Residents of Nebraska City school district planned to vote on a $230,000 bond issue which was for the completion of the new Northside elementary school.

'Project Independence'?

Imported oil is on increase

WASHINGTON — (LENS) — The White House hopes the voters will not notice (at least not before November 2) but President Nixon's "Project Independence" for energy has become President Ford's project dependence.

Under the 1974 Nixon plan the country was supposed to become self-sufficient in energy by 1980. The administration now reckons the United States will still import 5 million barrels of oil a day in 1985. Shell and Exxon guess the figure will be at least twice that much, i.e., well above today's figure.

Nixon was especially keen to cut the country's reliance on those countries that placed an embargo on oil exports to it in 1973. Just the opposite has happened. Supplies from old friends, notably Canada and Venezuela, have fallen. The Arab countries' share of American oil imports went up from 7 per cent in 1973 to 34 per cent last year.

So during the first six months of this year the United States spent nearly $16 billion to buy oil from abroad: 27.3 per cent of its total import bill. It is still the world's third largest crude oil producer (with 8.2 million barrels a day) after Russia (10.1 million barrels a day) and Saudi Arabia (8.5 million barrels a day), but it is also the world's biggest oil importer.

In 1970 it imported 23 per cent of its oil — this year it will import about 45 per cent.

The administration offers two main excuses for this dependence. The first is that it virtuously concluded the costs of Project Independence were too high to fit the national interest.

The second is the unvirtuous way Congress has refused to wear such White House proposals as laxer clean-air standards, the abolition of price controls on fuel, and Ford's 1975 bill to help private industry, through treasury bond issues and government loan guarantees, to raise $100 billion for approved energy projects over 10 years.

Also, it is said, Congress has scared the oil industry off investment, and kept the public's mind off more important energy issues, by making "big oil" a villain The now postponed effort by Congress to force the vertical disintegration of up to 22 oil companies is cited in support of this view

Price controls remain Under a two-tier system newly found crude oil in the United States is held at about $11.55 a barrel, crude oil from pre-embargo wells at about $5.13 a barrel These controls are supposed to be phased out by the spring of 1979 That may not happen.

The Federal Energy Administration, a "temporary" agency created during the oil crisis that now boasts 3,400 employees, has published many exceptions to the price rules. Others think those who have benefited now form a strong lobby for continued controls.

The American voters are a still more powerful force for continued price controls According to public opinion polls, they are more distrustful than ever of big business, and most especially of "big oil." The oil companies are suspected of running the price cartel for OPEC and of making an old-fashioned killing out of higher prices

The industry's critics find it hard to explain why then the oil companies are in such a hurry to diversify. Atlantic Richfield has invested in Anaconda, a copper miner, Mobil in Marcor, the owner of a department store chain, Standard Oil of California in Amax, a metals producer Exxon, Continental Oil and Occidental Petroleum are exuberant diggers for coal

Unsurprisingly, allies of the United States, particularly its partners in the International Energy Agency, are restive The noises they are making up in the the gods have become even ruder since Henry Kissinger, the secretary of state, abandoned an effort to push the Congress to agree to that famous $25 billion "safety net," the petro-dollar recycling scheme

The United States, as they see it, has acted in an unneighborly way in rejecting the two alternatives it had to cut oil demand quickly rationing by price or rationing by allocation True, the American treasury flirted briefly with the idea of raising the federal government tax on gasoline, now 4 cents a gallon, as high as 30 cents a gallon. It blushes when it is reminded of this

Other countries, of course, continue to warn of the risk of petrodollar recycling hardships unless the United States does its big bit to restrain demand so that OPEC thinks twice before it puts up prices American treasury officials are not much impressed They recall the Europeans and Japanese cried wolf on this after the 1974 OPEC price increases but the money markets, helped by floating exchange rates, coped

The Federal Energy Administration is not as relaxed, but then it has less clout. John Hill, its deputy chief chief, thinks the treasury scoffs too hard at the danger that if some Arab oil countries, helped by burgeoning American demand, continue to take in more money than they know what to do with they will cut production. He sees the specter of a cutback by Saudi Arabia from 8.5 million barrels a day to 3 million.

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Berry's World



"OK, son — now go out into the world and spend like there's no tomorrow!"

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The Prayer For Today From

The Upper Room

"Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted with evil and he himself tempts no one." (James 1:13 RSV)

PRAYER: Lord, we admit that we sometimes choose to yield to temptation. We are responsible. Forgive us and grant us the strength by Your spirit to be the person You call us to be. In the name of Jesus who overcame every temptation. Amen.

Today In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Oct 10, the 284th day of 1976. There are 82 days left in the year

Today's highlight in history

On this date in 1911, Chinese revolutionaries under Dr Sun Yat-sen overthrew the Manchu dynasty in China

In 1938, Nazi Germany completed the occupation of Czechoslovakia's Sudetenland

In 1845, the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md., was opened

In 1913, the waters of the Atlantic and Pacific oceans flowed together in the Panama Canal as the Gamboa Dam was blown up

In 1973, Spiro Agnew resigned as Vice President under an agreement with the Justice Department to admit evasion of Federal income taxes but avoid imprisonment.

Ten years ago· Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko was meeting in Washington with President Lyndon Johnson.

Five years ago· The death toll was put at more than 200 in a hurricane that swept parts of Haiti, Cuba, Florida and Mexico.

One year ago: It was announced that a top-level meeting on economic problems would be held in France by U.S., British, French, West German, Italian, Japanese and possibly Canadian leaders.

Today's birthdays: Actress Helen Hayes is 76. Pianist and composer Thelonious Monk is 58.

Thought for today: People want peace so much that governments had better get out of their way and let them have it. — President Dwight Eisenhower.

Bicentennial foonote: Two hundred years ago today, it was reported in Salem, N.C., that American troops had burned several Cherokee Indian villages.