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VIEWPOINT

FRITZ GETS HIS ASSIGNMENT

Although a wait-and-see attitude is advisable regarding President-elect Carter's delivery on campaign pledges and performance in office, the agenda he has outlined for Vice President-elect Walter Mondale looks promising.

All recent presidents have promised their vice presidents a bigger, more powerful, policy-influencing role than the last man in the job — and most have locked their veeps in the broom closet or sent them to coronation ceremonies in the south sea islands

Power has resided in the Oval Office and with nonelected members of the president's inner circle, but Carter apparently plans to change all that, the Lincoln Star said.

He has named Fritz Mondale his chief of staff, the title Alexander Haig and H. R Haldeman had under Nixon, and says Mondale will have offices in the White House. Both top elected officials will share some staff members, Carter said, and Mondale will be the immediate boss of all of Carter's aides and advisors in the White House

These are powers not usually — if ever — given to a vice president

It appears as if Carter is determined to remake the inner circle image Rather than delegating power to suspicious, withdrawn, unaccountable and non-elected types which have populated White House offices forever, Carter is putting the second highest elected official in the land at the head of his staff

It will be interesting to see how the chain of command works, especially since Carter says his staff will not be issuing gratuitous orders to department chiefs without the President's knowledge, but will only pass along the word from the top. And it will be interesting to see how Carter reacts to a vice president given — if indeed that is the case — something important to do and a White House stage upon which to do it.

It would appear that Mondale will not have a great deal of time for his constitutional duties, which vice presidents rarely attend to anyway, and that he will be closer to assuming that role of assistant president that other presidents have casually talked about in the past

Giving his vice president important duties and making him a more visible official is one campaign promise the new president apparently intends to keep, the Star said.

Healthy price hike, maybe

By Don Oakley

Americans might be a nation of tea drinkers today — if it hadn't been for that little tiff with George III a couple centuries ago They could be yet, the way coffee prices are going

Then again, they probably won't, the way tea prices are going

According to the National Coffee Association, the wholesale price of green coffee has risen 218 per cent since mid-1975, when a freeze struck Brazil, the world's largest coffee producer Latest announced increases, averaging about 20 cents a pound, will percolate down to the consumer early next year

Yet even before coffee prices started zooming, per capita consumption in the United States was in a steady decline U.S Department of Agriculture statistics show that it dropped from 11 1 pounds per person annually in 1967 to 9.4 pounds in 1974 to an estimated nine pounds in 1975

At the same time there has been no significant switch to tea The USDA reports that tea consumption has remained stable at 8 pounds per person for the last three years Meanwhile, tea prices on London markets have risen to record highs, as have cocoa prices

It all makes for a cloudy brew Americans are shipping less of their favorite beverage than before. (and aren't sipping more of any other beverage), but the decline in coffee consumption has been more than offset by the decline in available supply Thus the soaring prices

Agriculture Department economists say that coffee production probably won't return to normal until the 1979-80 marketing season

It may be a blessing in disguise Health experts have long been telling us that we drink too much coffee, anyway

AS TIME GOES BY

Shrader chairman

FORTY YEARS AGO
-1936-

M.R. Shrader was elected chairman of the Nebraska City Advisory Planning board, a nine-member body named by the city commission to study local projects and make recommendations...W.L. Stevenson, one of the owners of the Stevenson Packing Company, said that from a dozen to 15 cattle would be slaughtered on the first day of the operation...Grove Porter and R.P Kimmel were named to a committee whose purpose was to urge the Unicameral to enact a law which would require the packing, selling and grading of Nebraska apples to conform to U.S. standards...For the second straight year, the Motion Picture Herald placed child star Shirley Temple at the top of its money-makers list with Clark Gable coming in second.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
-1952-

The undefeated Palmyra Panthers whipped Eagle, 68-49...Gerald Peters hit 19 points to boost Talmage to a 32-20 win over Brock...Earl Deming was elected chairman of the Otoe county board. Terry Bickford posted 22 points as Weeping Water humbled Otoe, 53-24...Leonard Navrkal and Arnold Draeger with 16 points apiece paced the Dunbar Wolves to a 59-47 win over Adams.

TEN YEARS AGO
-1967-

Sgt. Gary Hobbie, son of Mr and Mrs Ralph Hobbie, was stationed in San Francisco...Dean Sukup, national punt and kick winner, defeated Randy Orton, son of Mr and Mrs Dale Orton, in the area meet at Lincoln...Generalissimo Chiang-Kai-shek expressed eagerness to invade the Chinese mainland with his 600,000 man army if the turmoil which was sweeping Red China gave him an opportunity...Nebraska Citians were asked to purchase a share of faith in a City-wide campaign to raise funds for industrial development.

Today In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Jan., 9, the ninth day of 1977. There are 356 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On this date in 1945, during the pacific War, American forces invaded the Japanese-held island of Luzon in the Philippines.

In 1719, France declared war on Spain.

In 1788 Connecticut became the fifth state to ratify the Constitution.

In 1861, Mississippi seceded from the Union.

In 1919, Grand Duchess Charlotte ascended the throne in Luxembourg.

One year ago: The San Francisco Giants were sold for more than $13 million.

Today's birthdays: Former President Richard Nixon is 64. Singer Joan Baez is 36.

Thought for today: More than machinery, we need humanity. — Charlie Chaplin in his motion picture "Modern Times," born 1889.





Ray Cromley

Mondale won't be sticking his neck out

By Ray Cromley

WASHINGTON — (NEA) — It may well be that President-elect Jimmy Carter has found the ideal spot for Walter Mondale: the inner sanctum of the White House.

By all the evidence, the new vice president is an "inside" man. He likes working behind the scenes where the levers are, in a post which guarantees him personal credit and publicity when he desires it, but free of public knock-down fights over policy.

As "chief staff person," Mondale will be able to shuttle tough problems gracefully to others, and wait to determine which issues are popular before going out on a limb with his stamp of approval.

And he will have the forceful President Carter as his shield so long as he keeps one step to the side and one to the rear of him. This Mondale does to Mr Carter's satisfaction. The president-elect has made it clear, publicly and privately, that he considers Mondale as no rival — and no threat — which he most certainly is not.

Mondale will take pains to alienate no one in the White House or in the Congress. He will come forward at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, as he did on Capitol Hill, as the sponsor, publicly giving the credit to Mr. and Mrs. Carter on the motherhood issues no one can fault — hunger, concern for children, the handicapped, the poor and the unemployed — but steering clear of the rough economic measures which any president must stab at solving, and which create opposition. Mr Carter, it is now clear, will face a considerable number of these no-win issues in the four years of his first administration.

Overall, Mondale, insofar as Mr. Carter pays him heed, will add a strain of caution to the Carter White House. He will be a conciliator, a smoother of conflicts between staff members, and between the White House and selected senators and congressmen. Mr. Carter here will be able to take advantage of the base Mondale has been slowly and carefully building on the Hill. Mondale will be especially valuable in dealing with that group of ambitious young men who will be quick to revolt against any presidential steps which they see as threatening their pet projects or the web of power they're slowly building for themselves.

Mondale is a superb technician, an expert at guiding long-shot legislation further along the road than most expert observers have been willing to predict in advance. If he can pass this expertise along to members of the Carter White House staff when Carter-backed legislation is in the works, Mondale will prove an important asset in the Carter reformation - reorganization campaign.

Based on past performance, Mondale will use the vice presidency and his White House staff role as a vehicle for securing as much publicity for himself as Mr. Carter will tolerate gracefully. For it is clear, thus far at least, that Mondale, who is not yet over the hill in years, is thinking about the presidency in 1984, as he did in 1976 —, but only, it's understood, if he can get the nomination without the rough primaries and tough campaigning typical of the contests Mr. Carter went through to achieve that goal.

This means Mr. Carter may not be able to count on Mondale to take the public lead in the kind of all-out fighting the new president has promised if it's necessary to get the bills he wants through a reluctant Senate and House of Representatives. Mr. Carter may have to go over the heads of balky congressmen to the people.

Don't overlook possible deductions

By Ray De Crane

(12th of a Series)

I don't know what value you place on your labor, but I can show you how to earn $25 an hour or more on a short-term basis.

All you have to do is to take your time when filling out your income tax return Look for extra deductions Chances are they are there if you look hard enough. If you are in a 32 per cent bracket and increase your deductions by $100, you have just earned $32. And it won't take you an hour to do it.

When listing your deductible state and local income taxes on your return, don't just copy off the figures shown on your W-2 statements for these taxes. There could be more

There's a good chance you made an additional payment — over and above the amount withheld from your income — for state and local income taxes last year Did you pay more when you filed your final return? Don't forget to include that before listing your deductible taxes

How about estimated tax payments? Were you required to make quarterly payments as well for state and local income taxes? They are deductible, too.

If you base your state sales tax deduction on the amount shown in the IRS tax charts for the individual states, bear in mind there are three ways you can increase that chart allowance

1 Don't use the adjusted gross income figure shown on your tax return when consulting the chart, if you have some other nontaxable income Add to your adjusted gross income your dividend exclusion, the other 50 per cent of your untaxed capital gains, any Social Security or unemployment benefits. Now look at the sales tax chart and get the higher amount.

2 Study the footnotes, if any, to your state sales tax chart. The chart allowance is based on statewide rates. The footnotes may tell you that there is a higher rate in your local community. Get it all.

3 If you bought an automobile, boat, airplane or mobile home last year the actual tax on this purchase should be added as an extra entry

Of course, in your interest deduction you will list the interest paid on a home mortgage, car loan, personal loan or home improvement loan. But don't forget to list as a "finance charge" all the interest you may have paid on revolving charge accounts at department stores, the extra charges on oil company credit cards and the interest paid on bank credit cards.

(NEXT: "Extras" In contributions.)

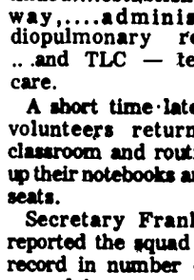
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Berry's World



"Dear, your father and I have been wondering — how long do you intend to look the way you do?"

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Ivan D.E. Beaumont

THE BUCK ENDS HERE

That's how it's done, doc

Ivan D.E. Beaumont

Two doctors and a nurse got a first-hand report on how Nebraska City rescue squadsmen react and answer emergency calls the other night.

The squadsmen were being lectured by the three visitors at the first of seven weeks of classes on emergency care at City Hall when suddenly the alarm sounded:

Ah-o-o-g-a-a!

Three red-uniformed volunteers left the class as duty fireman Ken Wiles answered the white phone. The large overhead door opened and the unit and three men left the building.

The leeture continued....establish an airway,....administer cardiopulmonary resuscitation ..and TLC — tender loving care.

A short time later the three volunteers returned to the classroom and routinely picked up their notebooks and took their seats.

Secretary Frank Batailon reported the squad set another record in number of calls answered in a year — 644 compared with 532 a year before.

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Senator Carsten —

State Sen. Calvin Carsten, Avoca, would like to hear from readers on any legislative subject. His address:

Sen. Calvin Carsten
Second District
Room 2012 Nebraska Statehouse
Lincoln, Nebr. 68509

The legislature opened its first-of-two sessions last week. If you'd like to visit a session, you might drop Sen. Carsten a line. I'm sure he would be pleased to meet you. He represents Otoe, Cass and Johnson counties.

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The movie "Idol" —

King Kong, the mechanical monster with all the steel mesh and electric wiring, causes children to squirm and has the same effect on the pocketbooks of moms and dads.

The re-made old movie is expected to be the biggest money-maker topping even "Jaws."

We visited the film studio in Hollywood a couple years ago on vacation. The boys and girls had to stand in line to buy T shirts and other "Jaws" sales items.

King Kong is expected to get a similar sales punch. You'll see T-shirts, buttons and bows and depicting the monster of the King Kong movie.

In case you're interested....that hair on the monster is real. Hundreds of horse tails were used.

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Lifeguard Muffler —

Congratulations and much success are extended today to Bob Ferguson who purchased Lifeguard Muffler Shop at 420 Fourth Corso. Bob has managed the business since it opened a couple years ago.

One of the features of Lifeguard is the bend-it-to-fit operation. That new equipment was installed several months ago and permits a perfect fit on any vehicle.

We gave ole' Bob and Dave Silcox the testo-testo on a 1966 Ford pickup truck. The fellows rigged manifold exhaust pipes and installed side pipes....and made a young driver in our house very proud.

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The football "faculty"

The Cornhuskers lost three games during the season and all the sports "fans" suddenly talk about replacing Coach Tom Osborne.

Maybe he was cleaning house.

News in Brief

WASHINGTON (AP) — The occurrence of cancer varies geographicly for nonwhite persons as well as for whites, a new federal study says. That finding provides further support for theories that cancer risks are linked to local environmental factors.

Safety Valve

"...since the election..."

EDITOR, News-Press: Some of the things that have happened since the election. The Steel Companies have requested a six per cent increase in steel. President Ford sounded out Congressional leaders about a large pay proposal for top ranking federal employes. Ford met first with Republicans on the recommendations of the federal salary commission headed by former Secretary Peter Peterson. The panel favors an average 40 per cent increase in congressional, judicial and top level executives salaries.

News note Dec. 15, 1976. Panama increases beef import share from 1,180 tons a year to 2,200 tons for 1977. The maximum overall amount of beef to be allowed into the United States next year under the Meat Import Law has been set at 582,000 tons compared to 560,000 this year.

Australia and New Zealand who have about 75 per cent of the market have agreed in principle voluntary to restrain their shipments to the United States in 1977. Australia will get about 296,000 tons against 287,000 tons this year and New Zealand about 121,000 tons against 118,000 the sources say. Those figures show an increase over 1976.

The cattle men were in a lot of trouble this year and to increase the imports next year will only add to the problems we had this year. We should have laws strictly enforced that meat for our armed forces, hot lunches in schools and meat served in any tax supported institution must be raised and fed in the U.S.

All slaughtering and processing of cattle, hogs, sheep and poultry in the U.S. is done under supervision of federal inspectors so the public is guaranteed a wholesome product. All meat sold should be identified as to where it was processed and meat served in restaurants should be advertised if U.S. or foreign meat.

Something else to think about is this. A Chicago bank and a nationwide investment firm announced plans to create an investment fund in agricultural land. Plans call for a maximum investment of $50 million, no more than 15 per cent of it in any single property. We would like to have no more than 30 per cent invested in any one state. Thompson said, "We will be looking for properties in the Midwest, the mid-south and some western states such as Texas or a total of 100,000 acres in about 22 states."

It looks to me like these problems are going to have to be solved by the incoming president and that is the way it should be done. The only answer to our runaway inflation and unemployment is wage and price control and I wouldn't be surprised if that happened in 1977

BOB KREIFELS

"...Sixth Street..."

EDITOR, News-Press: All right. Since Hayward park is an (un) popular subject just now, let's concentrate on Sixth Street.

All the children that should attend Sixth Street can walk or run there. No bus is needed. Most of the people that would need to sell will be glad of the opportunity as I have heard some of them say so.

They don't like the proximity of a school house and the noise. No problem there and it is a good location. Must be as its been there quite some time.

Stop all this hullabaloo and make plans for the Sixth Street location.

MRS BERTHA TAIT



Dr. Lamb

Surgery possible for varicose veins

By Lawrence E. Lamb, M.D.

DEAR DR. LAMB — I am a woman, 23 years of age I have very bad varicose veins and have had for three years. This is very inconvenient since in the warm weather it is too embarrassing to wear shorts, and I can only wear dresses with leotards. They are so severe that surgical hose are not much help

My previous doctor said surgery was only for older women My present doctor said if I want it done he'd go ahead with the operation, in fact he suggested it.

What does the operation entail? Are there scars left? Will the veins disappear, including the spidery ones as well as the large ones? Would you suggest that I continue to wear the surgical hose after the operation?

DEAR READER — The real answer to your question has to be based on the condition of your veins as determined by an examination Your first doctor was right in saying that surgery is usually delayed until a woman is older. Why? Because a young woman in your age group may have one or more pregnancies, and that will usually increase the extent of the varicose veins. It is good to be able to correct the whole problem once and not have to do multiple operations.

Your present doctor is probably right if your condition is really far advanced. If your superficial leg veins are so large that they do not contribute anything to your venous circulation and they cause your legs to look unsightly, there may not be much to gain by delaying the surgery. Current thinking is that correction may even help prevent further changes.

Varicose veins are overstretched veins. You can't correct them any way except by surgery You can minimize the leg swelling and help improve circulation with support hose, surgical hose or even elastic bandages, but the basic defect in the veins is still there

The operation is usually simple A common method is to identify the veins to be removed, make a small incision at the top and bottom of each segment to be removed, then literally strip out the vein There will not be long unsighty scars from ankle to hip. Smaller branches that can be identified are also removed

Usually the patient is allowed to walk brief periods the first post-operative day, but elastic bandages must be used. The patient is not allowed to sit around with the feet hanging down Elastic support to the leg is usually continued for at least two to three weeks after surgery. The sutures are commonly taken out in the second post-operative week

Small veins that connect the superficial veins with the deep ones that you can't see may be involved, and these may become apparent after surgery. These may then need to be injected with sclerosing agents or tied off

Whether you will need elastic support after recovery from surgery depends on the individual case If you have involvement of the deep veins as well, you may need to wear support hose

To give you more information on what varicose veins are and what to do for them I am sending you The Health Letter number 5-8. Others who want this issue can send 50 cents, with a long, stamped, self-addressed envelope for it. Just send your letter to me in care of this newspaper P.O. Box 1551 Radio City Station, New York, NY 10019.

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The Prayer For Today From

The Upper Room

We have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. (1 Peter 1:3 RSV) PRAYER: Lord, help me to remember the things I ought to remember and to forget the things I ought to forget. In the name of Christ my Redeemer Amen.

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