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Pipeline security problems

By David Bowes

Heretofore secret testimony before a Senate subcommittee focuses attention on the possibility that the trans-Alaskan pipeline — slated to carry 10 per cent of U S domestic oil needs — could be a 795-mile-long target of terrorists

Informed that assuring the uninterrupted flow of oil is too big a task for Alaskan state police the subcommittee headed by Sen James Eastland D-Miss recommended that a federal energy security agency be set up within the proposed new department to oversee all large pipelines

One witness estimated that fewer than 50 terrorists, timing their acts of sabotage to coincide with another Arab oil embargo could leave northeastern states virtually without fuel and tighten the energy squeeze elsewhere in the 'lower 48

A figment of some screenwriter s imagination? Apparently not Testimony revealed that in mid-February three former employes of Alyeska the pipeline construction company threatened to blow up the pipeline in 18 places unless their demands for extortion money were met

A lengthy search uncovered no explosives but the incident cast a long shadow

Nor are terrorists the only danger

Other witnesses warned the subcommittee that militant Indian citizens might occupy pump stations in order to press real or imagined claims against the government

Some 80 per cent of Alaska s highway signs are said to have bullet holes in them so vandalism or malicious damage by hunters can t be ruled out

Once ruptured the trans-Alaskan or any comparable pipeline would have to be shut down entirely

Witnesses differed as to how long repairs would take estimates range from several months to a year

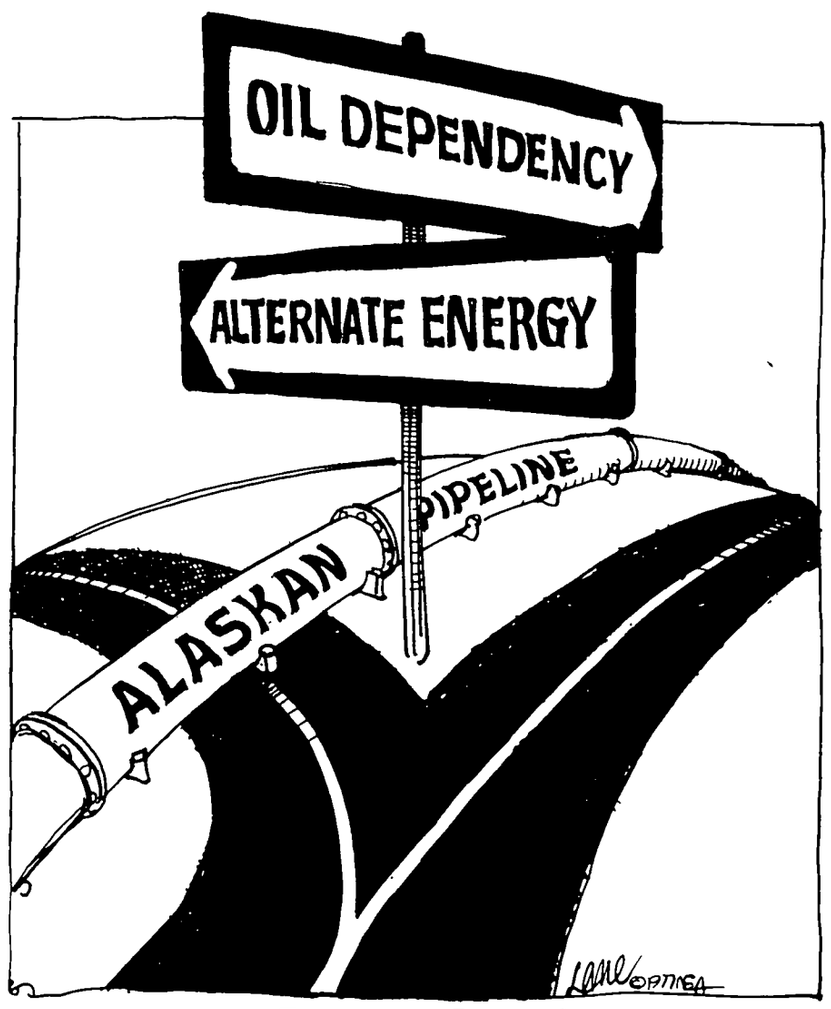
Either is unacceptable from a national security standpoint we believe

Pump stations and pipeline bridges ought to be guarded around the clock

Air patrols should scrutinize pipeline rights of way just as cruiser patrols monitor highways

The citizenry may be reluctant to see another federal police agency formed and wonder why the pipeline company cannot guard its own property

However if after careful study it turns out there is no other way of protecting 10 per cent of the nation s oil requirements the price of an energy security agency will have to be paid



Temporary Detour?

AS TIME GOES BY

Director visits

FORTY YEARS AGO
—1937—

Gladys Shamp, Nebraska National Youth Administration director, visited Nebraska City NYA projects at Riverview Park and the sunken gardens Five persons were killed and more than twenty were injured when fireworks exploded in a Nampa, Idaho drug store Mayor F E Ziegenbein said that work would begin as soon as possible on the long-delayed WPA paving projects It was announced that Nebraska National Guard troops would spend a week for army maneuvers at Fort Riley, Kansas

TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO
—1952—

The American Legion made final plans for the Free Fourth celebration Burr received two and a half inches of rain The outline of the American Meter Company's new building began to take shape as the pouring of concrete continued into forms for the foundation Actor Spencer Tracy who portrayed Father Flanagan in two movies, was named Honorary President of the Boys Town Alumni Association Mrs E G Tucker was elected president of the Red Cross at Cook Neale Copple was appointed city editor of the Lincoln Journal

TEN YEARS AGO
—1967—

The Otoe County commissioners raised the authorized salary ceiling for courthouse clerks to $300 monthly The Otoe County Sheriff's officers sought contributions toward the purchase of a trained police dog for use in county law enforcement The wheat harvest began in southeast Nebraska and early reports indicated a varied crop Governor Norbert Tiemann signed Nebraska into its first half-billion dollar plus spending era Lt Gen James Richardson, Jr , native Nebraska Citian, retired after 37 years in the service

Today In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, July 3, the 184th day of 1977 There are 181 days left in the year

Today's highlight in history

On this date in 1962, Algeria became independent after 132 years of French rule.

On this date

In 1775, George Washington took command of the Continental Army at Cambridge, Massachusetts

In 1890, Idaho became the 43rd state

Today's birthdays President Jean-Claude Duvalier of Haiti is 26 years old Former Agriculture Secretary Earl Butz is 68.

Thought for today Nothing good ever comes of violence — Martin Luther, 1483-1546.

SAFETY VALVE

" same treatment. "

EDITOR, News-Press I should like to comment on the article on the Sports Page in the Wednesday June 29, issue of the News Press entitled "Fisher aids own cause" This was the headline for the report of the Jay-Cee ball games held on Tuesday night

My particular concern is the reporting for the two pee-wee games It does seem a bit strange that 12 lines can be devoted to one of the games, and that the other game can only be afforded three lines After all, the pitcher for Central Beverage pitched all six innings unassisted, and there were two or three boys who made home runs to say nothing of the base hits that were made The game did have to go into overtime, and the game concluded around 11 20 p m The boys on both teams played hard as the final score, Eagles 21, Central Beverage 20, would indicate

It would appear that all teams should get the same treatment in giving credit to pitchers, catchers, hits, home runs, etc

We do think the Jaycee ball program is a fine opportunity for the young people of the Nebraska City area, and we do thank them and the coaches who give their time to make the program successful

A MOTHER OF AN EAGLE PLAYER

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The Prayer For Today From

The Upper Room

'If any one is in Christ, he is a new creation, the old has passed away, behold, the new has come." (2 Corinthians 5 17 RSV)

PRAYER Lord Jesus, mold and make us just as You will Amen



Martha Angle and Robert Walters

IN WASHINGTON

Bob Dole in '80?

WASHINGTON — (NEA) — Virtually all the Monday morning quarterbacks agreed after last November's presidential election that Sen Robert Dole was a major liability to the Republican ticket

But Dole himself was so heartened by his experience in the national limelight that he is now displaying all the telltale symptoms of White House fever

The Kansas senator, initally hurt and angered by the critical reviews he received as Gerald Ford's running mate, now shrugs off the slings and arrows with characteristically sardonic wit

"Ford was in the Rose Garden, I was in the briar patch If we'd won, my role would have been forgotten Since we lost, it was my fault," he observed in a recent interview

Dole seems to have adopted the classic rationalization of every politician with a bad press never mind what they say about you as long as they spell the name right

The losing vice-presidential campaign, he said, greatly increased his "visibility" nationwide "It gave me exposure, experience and contacts " He is quietly seeking to capitalize on all three

Since the first of the year, Dole has spent almost every weekend on the rubber chicken circuit, traveling to 20 states for speeches to business, civic, ethnic and Republican organizations.

At each stop, he adds to the "contacts" file he started accumulating during last year's campaign Shades of Jimmy Carter? He has appeared on behalf of other GOP candidates, and will probably step up such activity as the 1978 congressional campaigns heat up He raised $18,000 for a recent "Salute to Ronald Reagan" here in Washington designed to fill the coffers of a Reagan-led political committee backing conservative Republicans in next year's elections

In the Senate, Dole is resuming the "point man" role (some say "hatchet man") that he occupied back in 1970-71, sharply challenging Carter administration decisions on issues ranging from farm policy to improving relations with Vietnam and Cuba

At the end of Jimmy Carter's first hundred days as president, it was Bob Dole — not GOP National Chairman Bill Brock, Senate Minority Leader Howard H Baker Jr or House Minority Leader John J Rhodes — who issued a scathing assessment that the new administration was stressing "style over substance."

Next month, he plans a trip to Jerusalem to address a Zionist conference Israel, of course, is a "must" stop on the 3-I circuit (Italy and Ireland being the other two) which every prospective American presidential candidate feels compelled to hit sooner or later

All this activity on Dole's part has gone virtually unreported in the press and has not exactly struck terror into the hearts of other would-be GOP presidential contenders

The prevailing view seems to be that Dole had his chance at national politics, and blew it Even some of the Ford people are openly scornful of his prospects "Anybody who would go around insisting that World War II was 'a Democrat war' is not likely to get very far in presidential politics," one top Ford campaign operative said

Maybe not But Dole is easy to underestimate Midway through his last senatorial campaign in Kansas, he was pronounced dead by all the so-called experts And look who wound up getting re-elected. Bob Dole

It is worth recalling that some "losers" summarily dismissed by the press and their peers have successfully ignored their lousy notices Who can forget Richard Nixon's famous "last press conference" of 1962?

Politics is a peculiar business In an era when the line between fame and notoriety has all but disappeared, all bets are off As Dole himself says, "who knows what can happen between now and 1980?"



Don Oakley

COMMENTARY

Lobbying report inaccurate

So much opprobrium attaches to the words "Washington lobbyist" that merely to identify a person or organization as such is to imply criticism.

Although lobbying stems directly from the First Amendment guarantee of the right of all Americans "to petition the government for a redress of grievances," in the popular mind is the image of high-pressure salesmen for special interests, armed with unlimited cash and lurking in the corridors and outer offices of Capitol Hill to waylay pliable lawmakers

Some lobbyists may fit the description Most, however, work for legitimate organizations with legitimate objectives to promote, and they share with all of us the human ability to perceive that what is good for oneself is good for the nation as a whole

But in view of the burden of the name the lobbyists carry already, it is adding injury to insult when a report grossly exaggerating the expenditures of the leading congressional lobbies is given circulation, as this writer unwittingly did recently.

According to this story, which seems to have been originated by the same source that claims Adolf Hitler is alive and well in Argentina, the American Postal Workers Union and the National Association of Letter Carriers were far and away the biggest lobbying spenders last year, devoting a total of more than $12 million to attempts to influence legislation Runner-up was the public interest organization, Common Cause, spending an alleged $5 8 million

It happens that the figures represent the total incomes of these groups (in the case of Common Cause, more than the total) in 1976. Their actual lobbying expenditures were on the order of a tenth to a fifth as much

At best, the story, whatever its origin, was a misreading of the financial statements all lobbyists are required to file with the clerk of the House of Representatives and the secretary of the Senate

At worst, it was a deliberate attempt to sensationalize a controversial and much misunderstood subject

We apologize to all three organizations, and to our readers, for our readiness to believe the worst about "Washington lobbyists" and thereby repeating a canard that deserved no currency whatsoever

News in Brief

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court's decision knocking down the death penalty in rape cases is being hailed by women's groups as a move that will result in larger numbers of rape convictions For years, women's groups have maintained that many rapists end up getting acquitted because judges and juries are reluctant to convict them under laws providing for harsh punishment, including execution in some states



Ivan D.E. Beaumont

THE BUCK ENDS HERE

Ole ticker tickin'

Peppin' it up —

A Nebraska City man who had been suffering with a heart ailment, now has a pacemaker implanted in his chest and has a fresh and cheery outlook.

In fact, he's feeling especially good and one day explained to us the workings of his heart-prompter and told us about even newer devices that keep the ole' ticker tickin'

Well, since he was in such a good mood and joshed about being "wired", we asked if he was hooked up for heavy duty.

"Whattya mean?" he asked.

"2-20's," we explained.

"Good-by, Ivan," he said as he walked out of the office

"So long, Sid Come back for another visit "

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From H.H. Hall —

Our Oregon correspondent sends along a clipping about errors in newspapers "for your eagle eye readers "

"In an ordinary newspaper column there are 10,000 letters and there are seven possible positions for each letter, making 70,000 chances to make errors or transpositions "

Thanks, Mr Hall Our Proofreader, Mrs Andrew (Margaret) Kreifels, works on this every day and doublechecks her work by what we call "revises" to pick up any other errors

Mr Hall's address is Box DD, Myrtle Creek, Oregon, 97457. He's spending some time with his son, B E "Bob" Hall

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The State Fair —

This year's state fair will feature many celebrities September 2-11, but it also offers something else long-awaited — the new grandstand.

The new all air conditioned sports and entertainment complex seats 13,730 and the new grandstand promises to be a facility of comfort and enjoyment

All shows will be conducted "in the round" in the air conditioned complex and many of the seats are cushioned theater seats Acoustics? They're the greatest, we discovered last year

How about these for headliners.

Mac Davis, Roy Clark and Buck Trent, Neil Sedaka, Andy Williams, Mel Tillis with The Statesiders, Jim Nabors, Mary MacGregor, Jimmy Dean, The Statler Brothers, Tammy Wynette, Ronnie Milsap and the great slap happy man, Red Skelton

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The long, hot summer —

Here are some tips from OPPD on saving dollars during the warm summer months

—Keep the filters of your cooling system clean, have the system checked regularly

—Draw your blinds, shades or drapes to keep out the hot sun Light colored drapes are better because they reflect more heat

—Don't add heat to your home needlessly Turn off lights, radios and TV sets that aren't being used

—Be sure you have adequate attic insulation and ventilation If you don't excess heat will build up and make your cooling system work harder

—Awnings over windows exposed to direct sunlight can reduce the sun's heat penetration by 50 to 75 per cent Shade screen or solar reflective film on the windows can also keep the summer heat out

—Avoid direct sunlight on the cooling unit itself. If necessary consider shrubbery or a shade tree.

Exhaust fans can help A bathroom exhaust fan will remove heat and moisture created during bathing and showering. A kitchen exhaust fan will carry away cooking odors, as well as cooking heat and moisture Both are good ways to reduce humidity as well as heat

The brochure also points out that it takes six to seven years to build a coal-fired power plant such as is being built south of Nebraska City. That 575,000 kilowatt plant is now 35 per cent completed.

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The new food —

Virg Pitstick showed us a clipping from the Los Angeles Times which reprinted a story about a new food called tempeh (pronounced tem-pay) which is eaten regularly by millions in Indonesia and rediscovered in the U.S. through Gale Randall of Unadilla

Randall came up with the right combination with the help from the National Soybean Institute and Dr. Hwa Wang, a research chemist for the U.S Dept of Ag. Randall feels he not only found the tempeh culture, but improved the quality and taste.

Tempeh is a combination of soybeans and whole wheat and is formed into sausage-shaped sticks or pancakes, frozen and then fried or sauteed. The flavor may be varied with sauces of maple syrup.

Prevention magazine says tempeh has the potential of challenging the fast-food hamburger and become a staple for people on the run who want a good tasting food that is inexpensive and healthful

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I confess ..I'm the spoiler when it comes to health foods Oh, I try them And I really enjoy some of the cereals from the Brownville Mills, but Millie always flips when I dunk my sour cream chocolate cake in it .never did understand her



HEALTH

Lawrence E. Lamb, M.D.

Trichinosis still a problem

By Lawrence E. Lamb, M.D

DEAR DR. LAMB — Nineteen days ago I ate some undercooked pork at a party It was ground sausage meat stuffed into mushroom caps and cooked in the oven about 30 minutes The sausage was dark brown on top and I didn't notice it was pink on the inside until I had eaten some I am concerned about trichinosis.

Is trichinosis a dangerous disease? In this day and age should I be concerned? If so, what would the symptoms be? Within what time period? What tests can be utilized to determine if one has the disease?

If trichinosis is present, what procedures are available to rid the body of this parasite?

DEAR READER — Unfortunately, "in this day and age" trichinosis is still a problem and everyone needs to be concerned about it About 30 years ago you could find the cysts of trichinosis in the diaphragm of more than 16 per cent of the people who were examined by autopsy Now the figure is down to about 4 per cent.

The main cause is from eating underdone pork To protect yourself from trichinosis you need to be sure that the pork has been cooked to a temperature of 60 degrees C (140 degrees F for 30 minutes for each pound of pork — or until all parts of the meat held this temperature for at least 30 minutes) The pork should be well done and never pink — except for the natural pink color of ham If pork is frozen to minus 15 degrees C (-59 degrees F) for 20 days that will also kill the cysts that cause the disease

Proper smoking and pickling of pork products will destroy trichinosis but you must be careful about home prepared items or those that have not been inspected You can also get trichinosis from eating hamburger The beef may be ground in the same grinder used to grind sausage or sausage may be added to the hamburger The only way to completely safeguard yourself from this is to grind your own hamburger — which you do from lean cuts to avoid fat as well — or cook your hamburger very well

There is no way to inspect or test pigs to be sure they do not have trichinosis and the safe approach is to assume they do Prevention of trichinosis in pigs — by not feeding them raw garbage among other things — has helped immeasurably to decrease the incidence of trichinosis New York used to have a lot of it because of garbage fed pigs

The symptoms may begin within two days — nausea, diarrhea, abdominal pain — similar to food poisoning Invasion of the muscles begins in about a week and may take six weeks Fever, swelling of the eyes and muscle pain is common Inflammation of the heart muscle may also occur The diagnosis is made by blood tests and particularly the use of muscle biopsy techniques The muscle is examined under a microscope to find the trichinosis

Yes, it is a dangerous disease About 5 per cent of those who have it die in spite of treatment If the nervous system is involved the death rate is about twice that high If a person has trichinosis there are good medicines that your doctor can use but there is little you can do for yourself Your best bet is prevention

For information on 'Food Poisoning of Infectious Origin" send 50 cents with a long, stamped, self-addressed envelope for The Health Letter number 6-2 Send your letter to Dr Lamb in care of this newspaper, P O Box 1551, Radio City Station New York, NY 10019

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"Okay — I'll bite! What did you learn while you were in Hawaii?"