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To each his own

President Carter may be taking the good neighbor policy a step too far in offering to store in the United States nuclear wastes from foreign power plants.

It is one thing for the federal government to dispose of nuclear wastes from American power plants, as the president offered to do the other day

It is something else to extend that offer to foreign countries, which should be developing dumping grounds of their own for radioactive wastes

President Carter obviously is worried that other countries will convert spent uranium into bomb-grade plutonium and thereby increase the danger of nuclear war But turning the United States into a fuel dump for the world is an unusual way to protect American interests

To be honest about it, the United States has yet to come up with a really satisfactory arrangement for disposing of radioactive materials Much of the stuff is stored near the 65 nuclear plants now operating in this country And about two-thirds of these plants will have to build new storage facilities unless the government takes over that responsibility

Federal energy experts are studying rock and salt formations in 36 states this year and expect to recommend six regional burial sites But some congressmen already are clamoring for state "veto" power over where the sites are located which is a sure-fire way to kill the program entirely

If, as the president says, he wants to encourage nuclear power by giving nuclear plants a place to bury their wastes, he should insist that all parts of the country share the risk This makes more sense, from a safety and security point of view, than shipping nuclear wastes hundreds or even thousands of miles to a single superdump in some western or southwestern state



"I'm not afraid we won't find it — I'm afraid we will."



Martha Angle and Robert Walters

IN WASHINGTON

DOD scandal report is a dud

WASHINGTON – (NEA) -- Like most of its counterparts in recent years, the Defense Department Entertainment Scandal of 1975-76 included all the requisite elements of what has become the traditional script for such affairs

It began with a spate of news stories disclosing official wrongdoing. Next came the politicians' sanctimonious calls for reform Finally, there was the thorough housecleaning promised by the ostensibly embarrassed Pentagon officials.

The newspaper headlines told of aerospace firms and other defense contractors spending uncounted thousands of dollars to provide lavish forms of entertainment for both military and civilian employees of the Defense Department

There were detailed accounts of government procurement officers being flown by corporate jet to ski resorts, hunting lodges, golf tournaments, deep-sea fishing expeditions and free mid-winter vacations in the Caribbean

William P Clements Jr, then deputy secretary of Defense, promised a congressional committee "to focus the highest possible attention on this subject" The Defense Contract Audit Agency (DCAA) was dispatched to conduct special audits of the financial records of the Washington offices of the ten major defense contractors.

The Pentagon never voluntarily shared the results of those audits with the public But in response to a request filed under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act it has release a small portion of the material compiled by DCAA, the supposed "watchdog" of defense contractor spending

But the ten reports have been so heavily censored that they mock the concept of public disclosure In two cases, involving the Boeing Co. and the Sperry Rand Corp The material made public includes no reference whatever to entertainment expenses which might have been improperly charged to the taxpayers – the purported focus of the special audits.

In three other cases – involving the Rockwell International Corp., the Collins Radio Group (a Rockwell subsidiary) and the Raytheon Co. – there is only a hint that something might be awry It is in the form of a notation that the companies "reserved formal comment" until they could study DCAA's findings.

The report on the Lockheed Aircraft Corp. notes that the firm belatedly adopted an unwritten policy prohibiting reimbursement to its Washington employees "for entertainment expenses incurred on behalf of the Department of Defense."

But that policy will only "continue as long as it does not work to the contractor's disadvantage."

The report on the General Dynamics Corp has a mysterious reference to a "cost questioned" – but all explanatory material has been totally obliterated.

Finally, there are three firms which simply refused to provide needed information to DCAA The Martin Marietta Corp, the Sperry Univac Division of Sperry Rand and the Hughes Aircraft Co.

Sperry Univac "provided only limited access to employee activity and performance reports," the firm "would not disclose the names of luncheon guests" it entertained and a company official "was always present (during DCAA interviews) and imposed restrictions on our discussions," the report lamented

Martin Marietta "refused to furnish the names of government personnel contacted" and denied DCAA "access to documentation supporting entertainment expenses" on the grounds that the information was none of the Pentagon's business.

Hughes also "stated that it would not answer questions relating to" expenses for which government reimbursement was not sought It too "imposed rigid conditions" on all interviews

The score. The corporations won't tell DCAA much of what it wants to know, DCAA won't tell the public what little it has learned and the Pentagon offers bland assurances that the problem has been resolved.

That's not a very satisfactory resolution, but it really doesn't matter because interest in the issue has waned. The public, the press and the politicians have found new, presumably more compelling targets for their outrage and indignation

AS TIME GOES BY

House is destroyed

FORTY YEARS AGO
—1937—

A weed fire in the back yard got out of control and caused heavy damage at the Emma Baker home while Mrs Baker was out At least one Nebraska City bank stood ready to accept certificates on sealed corn as collateral for loans although plans for such a program had not yet been announced. The last of the large trees which grew on the block where the Otoe county court house stood before it was built was cut down with the death of the large elm attributed to old age Police were searching for the hit-and-run driver of a vehicle that sent Mr and Mrs Theodore "Tate" Miller to St Mary's Hospital with serious injuries

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
—1952—

John Aufenkamp defeated Robert McKissick in the Second District legislative race. McKissick of Nebraska City did carry Otoe County.....Pat Raymond of Farragut High was added to the list of Apple Bowl Queen candidates.....President-elect Dwight Eisenhower said he would go to Korea before his inauguration.. ..Larry Owens of Lincoln, was selected to succeed Dave Hallstrom as Chamber of Commerce secretary.....Suzy Switzer of Nehawka was named the ironing champion of Nebraska in 4-H Club work.

TEN YEARS AGO
—1967—

Technical Sergeant Gotthilf J. Weible, son of Mr and Mrs Albert Weible, Nebraska City, was on duty at Udorn Royal Thai AFB in Thailand. .Mark Lett and John Crook were the 1967 delegates to the United Nations Youth pilgrimage ....Pat Dawson, 11, had been a News-Press carrier boy for a year. ..Gov Norbert Tiemann proclaimed November 11 as Veterans Day in Nebraska .Jim Brehm, Talmage, was the winner of the News-Press football contest Verle Miller, son of Mr and Mrs Virg Miller of Nebraska City, was a local winner in the Nebraska Centennial Commission's Youth Essay Contest.

Today In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Nov. 6, the 310th day of 1977 There are 55 days left in the year

Today's highlight in history.

On this date in 1860, Abraham Lincoln was elected the 16th president of the United States

On this date

In 1792, George Washington was re-elected president.

In 1869, the first formal intercollegiate football game was played — between Princeton and Rutgers at New Brunswick, N.J

Thought for today My reading of history convinces me that most bad government results from too much government — President Thomas Jefferson, 1743-1826.

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The Prayer For Today From The Upper Room

God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved. (John 3:17)

PRAYER: Thank You, Lord, for doing for us what we could never do for ourselves We have allowed the garbage and debris of sin to become so immense that we have suffocated in our own pollution May our lives reflect our deliverance in everything we say and do Amen.



Ivan D.E. Beaumont

THE BUCK ENDS HERE

Good luck, Knights

Good luck, Knights —

The Nebraska City Lourdes Knights moved into the semi-finals of the state football playoffs Saturday night against Indianola. They didn't make the long trip alone.

A lot of fans went in cars and buses to the little community near McCook.

When the Knights and fans leave that community the residents will know they've met a great team and a special number of enthusiastic fans from Nebraska City. The boys want to repeat as champs and we're all with them.

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Good news —

We were pleased to read that Harms Realty Co., will build a 24-unit motel west of the Embers at the corner of Twelfth Street and Fourth Corso.

Mrs Robert C. (Betty) Harms also owns The Embers which is operated by her son, Bob Palmtag, and she owns the 50-unit Stephenson Motel.

The other good news is the return of Dr. Robert Manley to Nebraska City. He has addressed groups here before and he does such an interesting job of holding his audience with tales of history of the Old West.

He will speak November 22 at the Chamber annual banquet. You'll like him.

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New vision —

Bill Mann, Dallas, Tex., told a lot of stories and did a lot of singing during his brief visit in Nebraska City. He told one that stuck with us the other night at the Methodist church.

Mr Mann said he was 17 years of age when he met the greatest challenge of his life — singing for Helen Keller

Miss Keller was deaf and blind, but she glowed with a communication that made her one of the most famous people of our time She pressed herself against him and placed her hands on his throat and lips.

And as his tenor voice moved smoothly over her favorite hymn, tears flowed from her cheeks That .. was communication

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Back in town —

Lennie Fisher, owner of Fisher's Furniture on South Eleventh Street, said he is closing out his merchandise and will soon call it quits

Lennie has been a regular hospital and surgical "customer" and must give up his work As to the future, Lennie is not sure, but says he won't be lifting any couches or other heavy furniture

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The football contest —

Congratulations to Mrs Marlene Ramold on winning last week's football contest published in the News-Press. It was another toughie

The weather didn't cooperate and neither did the scheduling by school authorities during the teacher convention. John Quinlan plucked the games out of the schedule and then followed the teaberry shuffle during the monsoon, or something like that.

The big problem was moving the tie-breaker game to a Wednesday night.

This week's schedule has a different variety — college games and is mixed with a good cross country slate.

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The Dunbar Review —

George had had enough and took the witness stand. The judge asked him to explain what had happened.

He proceeded to relate a lengthy tale of woe, exhibiting considerable disgust with life in recent days, closing his comments with "it was then that my wife hit me over the head with the oak leaf."

The judge looked puzzled and asked the witness: "I don't understand, George. That surely couldn't have hurt."

"It hurt aplenty, your honor, when the oak leaf is out of the middle of our dining room table"

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If you've just about had it "up to here" with football, then take a look at the story in this week's Newsweek on the cheerleaders for the Dallas Cowboys, Buffalo Bills and Denver Broncos and a few others.

The promotion people of Dallas decided the public should see something else besides hairy legs and that idea has developed into an organized cheesecake performance.

The girls get $10 to $30 a week and practice up to 20 hours a week for a Sunday game. They've gotta smile all the time and are under contract to keep away from the troops, er... football players.

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The bazaar —

Who can say more . . . . congratulations to the many fine people who once again made the St. Mary's hospital bazaar the super success that it is. The job was co-chaired by Mrs Harold Rowe, Mrs Duane Hall and Mrs Phil Fisher and involved a whole lot of people from 24 organizations.

Something like $5,500 was collected in the one-day bazaar. That has got to be one of the finest civic projects we've seen.

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Hot lunch —

Check the menu elsewhere in today's paper on what Mrs Tom Bryant will be cooking up for the boys and girls at Nebraska City Lourdes.

We've heard and eaten Pigs in a Blanket. ...but "Mafia Special", "Cows Under Cover", "Stork Chips" and "Cooked Sponge" sound ....well, different.

When you think about those titles.....you'll find they are tasty foods Pretty tricky, Mrs Bryant

Berry's World



"Well, shucks! If John Wayne is goin' along with ratifyin' the Panama Canal treaties, I reckon I will, too!"



HEALTH

Lawrence E. Lamb, M.D.

Scant chance of pregnancy

By Lawrence Lamb, M.D

DEAR DR LAMB–My husband and I get into arguments over whether or not I can become pregnant He says no and I'm afraid I may still become pregnant

I am not taking the pill and am 56 years old I haven't had my period in more than three years but I believe I am still going through the change as I get very nervous at times and still get estrogen shots How long must I get shots? It's over 18 years now

DEAR READER–If you get pregnant you are likely to set a new record Published accounts say that the oldest woman to have a child was 56 at the time of the birth Some of my readers have brought to my attention at least two instances of women who were 57 who gave birth Since you must be past your 56th birthdate and it will take nine months to have a child you will be at the top of the record if you achieve that rare distinction.

Many doctors believe that if a woman in her 50s goes through the menopause and doesn't menstruate for one year she is not likely to get pregnant Others prefer to wait two years after menstruation has stopped before saying that a woman is no longer fertile

The symptoms you have may not be from menopause It is very likely that your ovaries have not been functional for nearly all of the three years since you have stopped menstruating There is a lot of the confusion about what symptoms are caused by menopause Put simply, a lot of people get nervous who are not going through the change of life, including men

To give you a better understanding of the change in life and what symptoms it really causes I am sending you The Health Letter number 5-12, Menopause Others who want this information can send 50 cents with a long, stamped self-addressed envelope for it to me in care of this newspaper, P O Box 1551, Radio City Station, New York, NY 10019

Whether or not a woman needs estrogen after menopause is an individual matter. Some women produce enough female hormones from the adrenal gland to get along quite well and others do not Only an examination by your physician can answer the question of whether or not you need it

For women who need estrogen support it is really not a replacement hormone therapy to help do part of what the ovaries used to do In these women the female hormones help to prevent changes in the vagina cells that cause dryness and may lead to chronic infections The hormones are specific for controlling hot flashes caused by lack of estrogen

There is some evidence that adequate amounts of estrogen help to protect against osteoporosis (dissolving bones) but less indication that they stop the process once it has begun

There are good studies that show that women taking female hormones after the ovaries stop functioning, or have been removed, have a much lower death rate from a variety of medical conditions, and live healthier and happier lives Women who take estrogen after the menopause should have careful regular medical examinations to be certain there is no evidence of breast cancer and there are no signs of malignancy of the uterus if a hysterectomy has not been done

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