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Now it can be told

The British government has begun unwrapping the details of one of the best-kept secrets of World War II. Summaries of 70,000 messages between Berlin and German commanders in the field, which had been intercepted by British intelligence's fantastic Operation Ultra, are being made available to historians and journalists for the first time.

The story of how Ultra geniuses cracked the German secret code by duplicating the Nazis' Enigma encoding machine became public knowledge some time ago. But the 70 000 messages are the first to be released from a file that began to be accumulated as early as February 1940.

It was months, however, before Operation Ultra was fully cranked up, during which Hitler scored some of his most stunning successes, such as the blitzkrieg through the Lowlands and France in May 1940. But eventually, the Allied high command was reading virtually every message the Germans sent out on the air, sometimes even beofre they reached their intended recipients.

The intelligence ranged from the tactically significant to the strategically crucial, from the camouflaged positions of planes on a German airfield, for example, to the extent of German strength opposing Allied troops begged down on the Normandy beaches on D-Day.

A number of tantalizing questions have been posed by the Ultra revelations. But chiefly, since the Nazis were in effect fighting with one hand behind their back, at least in the latter part of the war, why did it take so long to smash them? Or was the war shortened by Ultra, and if so, by how much? Could it conceivably been lost without Ultra?

The documents now being made available are not expected to result in any fundamental rewriting of the story of World War II But the knowledge of what the generals and strategists on both sides knew, and when they knew it, may shed new light on individual operations of the war

The papers will reveal, perhaps, Allied bungles that should not have taken place, or opportunities missed — and will certainly keep scholars well-fed with the raw meat of history for years to come

AS TIME GOES BY

Lunch prices up

FORTY YEARS AGO
—1937—

Nine cafe owners announced plans to increase the price of plate lunches from 25 to 30 cents after all nine had signed a petition favoring the increase The Nebraska Railway Commission said official sealers in the corn loan program would be selected by county conservation committees Police were investigating the breaking of glass in the ticket office at the Booth Theater The Junior Chamber of Commerce announced that Nebraska Coach Biff Jones would be the speaker at its annual banquet for the Nebraska City football team

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
—1952—

Al Bachler was elected president of the Last Man's Club at its annual banquet Vice presidents were Ralph Bosworth and Harry Johnson The United Press rated unbeaten Nebraska City eighth in the final Class A ratings .Peru State claimed its 10th straight victory by edging Augustana of Sioux Falls, 27-21 Grove Porter was named to membership in the American Hereford Association .Pioneers named to the All-Southeast Nebraska Conference team were Tom Hebard, Lynn Lyon, Jack Wier, Ken Kangieser, Phil Lightbody, Del Stoltenberg, Jim Herman and Marv Giittinger

TEN YEARS AGO
—1967—

J Ray Duncan, Nebraska City, took over as president of the Last Man's Club at the Memorial Building succeeding Grove Porter . Mr and Mrs Robert Burr, Mr and Mrs Ebert Kramer and Mr and Mrs Frank Biere were honored at the Otoe County Extension Service and the Otoe Soil and Water Conservation District's annual banquet Vernon Wilhelm, Unadilla, was a new board member of the Otoe County Extension Service board.. .F.L. Duffey retired as manager of Montgomery Ward and Company in Nebraska City He had been employed by the company for 38 years

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Today In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Nov.13, the 317th day of 1977. There are 48 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On this date in 1956, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that segregation of the races on public buses was unconstitutional.

In 1794, President George Washington sent soldiers into Pennsylvania to suppress an uprising by frontiersmen — the so-called Whiskey Rebellion

In 1834, California adopted a state constitution.

In 1918, the Republic of Austria was proclaimed.

Thought for today: Only that traveling is good which reveals to me the value of home and enables me to enjoy it better — Henry David Thoreau, American writer, 1817-1862.

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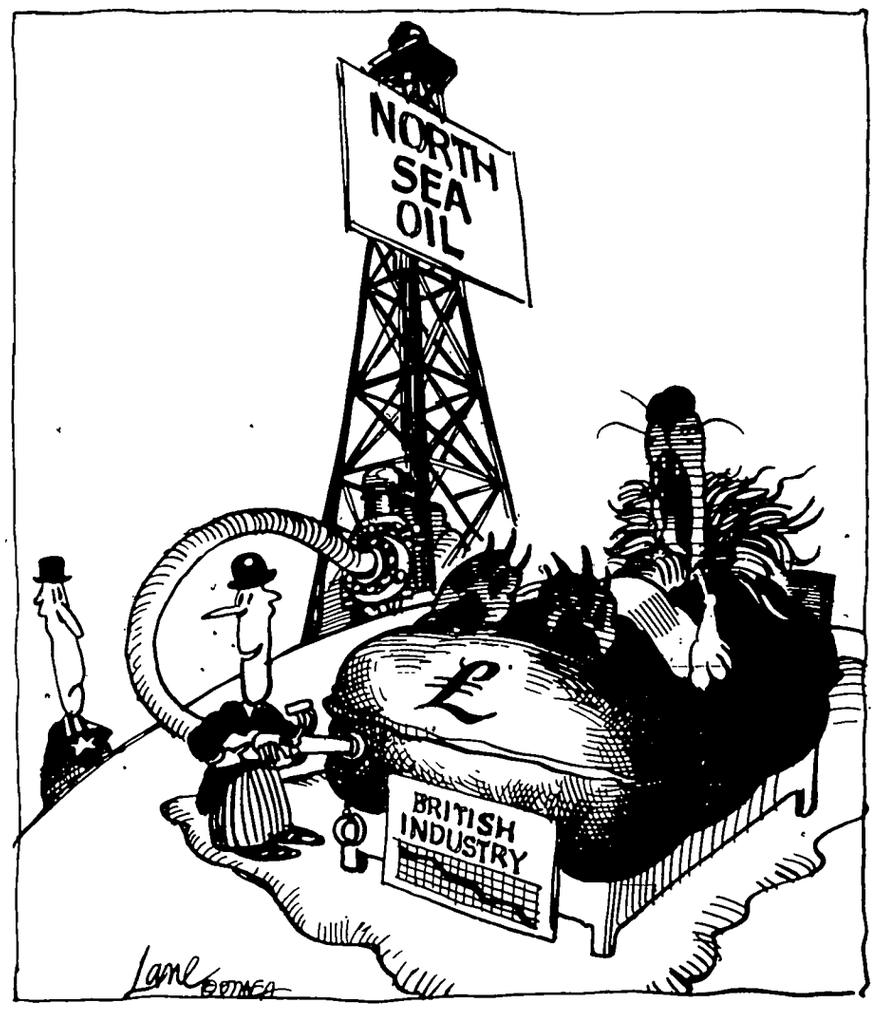
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The Prayer For Today From

The Upper Room

"O taste and see that the Lord is good!" (Psalm 34·8 RSV)

PRAYER· Loving Lord, season our lives with continual awareness of Your great gift to us in Jesus Christ, may the flavor of Your abiding presence with us permeate each relationship. Amen.



"His condition is still grave, but he's resting more comfortably."



Martha Angle and Robert Walters

IN WASHINGTON

Bureaucracy as usual

WASHINGTON — (NEA) — Howard Scharf is a man with an unusual problem· If he does his job too well, he's in danger of embarrassing his boss — and possibly losing his job.

Scharf's title is director of the investigations and inspections staff of the Economic Development Administration, a unit of the Commerce Department that currently is doing out more than $6 billion worth of federal public works grants to 12,000 state and local governments

Scharf's staff is responsible for insuring that there is no fraud or abuse in a program that's very big, even by government standards. But he must report directly to the Assistant Secretary of Labor for Economic Development — the man who runs the program.

That inherent conflict was cited at a congressional hearing earlier this year, and Scharf offered a surprisingly candid reply to a pointed question on the subject:

Q. Aren't you in a position where the better job you do, the more embarrassing it may be for your boss?

A. The better job I do, the better chance I have of working myself out of a job.

That situation, unfortunately, is typical of the problems faced by many of the inspection, audit and investigation specialists assigned by federal departments and agencies to reduce, if not eliminate, waste and mismanagement of the public's money.

Limited authority, overlapping responsibility, poor coordination, inadequate staff, underfunded budgets and a host of other impediments were documented in hearings conducted by a subcommittee of the House Government Operations Committee chaired by Rep. L.H Mountain, D-N.C.

Fountain's subcommittee produced a bill that would establish an inspector general's office at all major government departments and agencies. But that approach has been stymied by unwarranted opposition all the way from the depths of the bureaucracy to the highest levels in the White House.

If Congress can surmount that hostility, the House bill would bring badly needed uniformity to what now is a chaotic situation that makes federal spending susceptible to fraud.

Under the current system, for example, auditors and investigators report to different officials at different agencies and departments — and often, as in Scharf's case, the boss is the person in charge of the programs being investigated.

At the Department of Transportation, oversight authority is fragmented among no fewer than 116 different units — 11 conducting internal audits, 76 responsible for outside audits and 29 separate investigative units

With few exceptions, audit and investigative staffs lack both the money and manpower to initiate affirmative probes of programs to search out fraud and abuse "We rely ordinarily on reacting to complaint-type situations," an official of the Veterans Administration confessed to the House subcommittee

Officials of the Departments of Interior and Transportation acknowledged that some of their activities have never been audited. In other cases, departmental representatives said it would take from 10 to 20 years to complete a full cycle of audits of each of their programs

The Labor Department, for instance, employs only six trained criminal investigators and 13 program analysts to check for fraud and abuse in $25 billion worth of activities, including the vast unemployment compensation program.

Other agencies complained of having one-third or one-fifth the resources necessary to properly monitor the expenditure of public funds.

The House bill would provide the mechanism to control an unmanageable situation vividly described by Fountain: "Government has gotten so big, the agencies so big...we have a Frankenstein on our hands, we have a train running away without an engineer "



IT'S POSSIBLE!

Robert Schuller

Don't block new ideas

By Robert Schuller

Istanbul, once called Constantinople, is a beautiful city with a magnificent harbor It is an inspiring sight to see as you enter the golden horn and sail up the Sea of Marmara

There was a time in the ancient days when the ruler of Constantinople felt very insecure. In their efforts to protect the city, they created the largest and heaviest chain ever built by human beings The links are about a foot and a half long and several inches thick This monstrous chain was draped across the harbor to keep foreign vessels out of their territory People today still marvel at how they could even maneuver such a massive chain.

I marvel, though, at the chains people put across the harbor of their minds. They know what they believe and think and the thought of any new concepts or ideas entering is completely threatening. So they block out the new thoughts that could come streaming in, that could unload a cargo of abundance and prosperity.

If you're one of these people, snap the chains of negative thinking You will change into a happy, joyful, vibrant person.

Berry's World

"HONESTLY! If I see one more picture of a presidential aide with his FEET ON A DESK, I'LL SCREAM!"



Ivan D.E. Beaumont

THE BUCK ENDS HERE

Recognition is deserved

Youth week —

The Optimist Club selected the right week to recognize teenagers.

Gary Friesner, chairman of the Optimist's youth program, is recognizing outstanding students during the week as part of the club's recognition program.

And the sports pages have been carrying names of boys and girls who have been selected for conference honors. Congratulations to all.

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W. M. Alden and Keith Moyer of the SENCA office at Humboldt, made some interesting points during a presentation on conserving energy.

. . . .oops. . . .just remembered I never did get those basement windows covered. . .gotta remember to keep the drapes away from the heat register. . .think I'll follow his tip that a rattle in a storm window means heat loss and can be solved with tape. . .and, guess I better get that new latch for the storm door to make sure it closes.

You might want to take advantage of SENCA's suggestions on energy losses and controls. We suggest you contact the office in Humboldt and ask for a similar program for your club or organization.

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Washington visitors —

Mr and Mrs Bill Carroll of Nebraska City were among those who visited in Washington, D.C., and were pictured with Rep. Charles Thone on Page 1 of the November issue of Mortar and Pestle, a publication of the Nebraska Pharmaceutical Association.

The congressman conducted a tour of the Capitol for the pharmacists and spouses. Bill is a registered pharmacist for Jessup's of Nebraska City

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The year 2076 —

Thanks to Mr and Mrs Ed Bottcher of Talmage for telling us about the capsules to be sealed in a monument erected in the Village Park in Talmage.

We won't be around here to write the story when the monument is opened, the capsules removed and the contents examined in July 2076, but from what the Bottchers have told us there should be some value and benefit for the town.

The Tricentennial committee originated the plan and suddenly it snowballed. Coins, papers, other documents and a $200 savings account in the name of 200 people from Talmage are among the items in the vacuum sealed capsules. All documents were sealed in plastic

The committee expects the savings account to grow to $50,000 or more and they hope that when the contents are removed from the capsules, they will be used in some way to finance something for Talmage "The money has to be spent in Talmage," the committee said.

. .wonder what those people will think, say and do when they open that monument.

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The news beat —

Dean Terrill, the roving reporter for the Lincoln Journal-Star, covered the Beers murder case this past week in Otoe county district court.

Dean and this reporter worked at the old Fairbury Daily News He later did legislative reporting for the Lincoln papers and specialized in school or education news storries.

Still later the Journal-Star assigned him as the roving reporter and he's been on that "beat" for about 15 years covering everything from a beer bust, to ballooning and murder cases.

Dean and his family who maintain their home in Fairbury, have visited Nebraska City on many occasions, including Arbor Days and Applejack Festivals

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Welcome back, Mrs D —

Mrs' F. L. (Dorene) Duffey, the News-Press society editor, is back at her desk after an absence of almost two months. Mrs Duffey got well acquainted with St.. Mary's hospital, whirlpool baths and medications after a bout with shingles.

She's one of those unusual people who live by an unwritten code of "what goes down on its back, must get up on its feet."

And so we're pleased to have her back, even on half days, just to keep her in the groove. . .and to answer a whole lot of telephone calls from people who say: "Mrs Duffey, please."

Welcome back, Mrs D.

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Marina paving —

The announcement in the N-P the other day about paving for the Riverview Park Marina road was a long-awaited pleasure for boaters and campers.

Often forgotten by most, Nebraska City is a unique community with two state parks — Arbor Lodge State Park and Riverview State Park. New restroom facilities were built in the Riverview Park several years ago, the marina dock improved and now the paving.

The camping facilities have become popular in recent years providing a place for tents, camper trailers, pickup campers, boaters and a whole lot of river fishermen . .and women



HEALTH

Lawrence E. Lamb, M.D.

Family doctor may help

By Lawrence Lamb, M.D.

DEAR DR LAMB – About two months ago I realized that I had breast cancer At that time, I did not have a family doctor A friend who is a nurse referred me to the best surgeon in town I had a radical mastectomy, but when I came to my right upper leg was numb in the flesh, like a local anesthetic would be, yet very painful as though someone was cutting gashes with a razor blade

My surgeon was out of town and another surgeon took care of me He wouldn't tell me anything When I was strong enough to walk I had a terrible muscle cramp Of course it went away in about four days, but I didn't know it would He could have saved me some mental anguish if he would have just told me what to expect

A third surgeon came in to see me and he looked at the place but wouldn't tell me anything to relieve my mind from the torment of things going haywire

There I was "stranded" in a hospital, with the strong feeling that I badly needed a doctor but I couldn't get out to go find one I needed help, yet there was a doctor coming to see me every day, checking on the surgery

I keep thinking that if I had had a family doctor perhaps he would have taken care of the side effects these doctors refused to treat I really don't understand what the score is The public needs to be educated on simple basic steps they should take when they need medical aid Do you have any comments?

DEAR READER – You are telling me a familiar story You and your doctors had a communications problem This happens to patients seeing the best doctors in the world Your doctors didn't know you as a person before your surgery, and you didn't know them You were not professionally neglected, but you did have anxiety because you didn't understand your problem

Some doctors are reluctant to talk to patients because it takes time which some of them really do not have.

Every ache and pain cannot be diagnosed when it first occurs With time, the true nature of the difficulty may become apparent Your doctors may have been concerned that you may have been developing a clot in the leg, but the signs were not sufficient to make such a diagnosis What should the doctor do? If he discusses all the possibilities, he may alarm the patient needlessly If he waits a few days, and if need be, takes tests, he may then be able to say exactly and correctly what the real problem is

Today many doctors, particularly surgeons, practice defensive medicine. Some people look for an excuse to 'sue the damned doctor He's got plenty " Anything the doctor says when he takes the patient into his confidence may be held against him, and no one is going to be there to advise him of his rights before he speaks That is a social problem

What should patients do? The most important thing is to have a family doctor who does know you BEFORE you have an emergency He can refer you to a surgeon if you need one, and can help bridge the gap That will not solve every problem, but is will be a major step in the right direction

For information on Cough How and When to Treat It, send 50 cents for The Health Letter number 8-140. Send a long stamped, self-addressed envelope for mailing Address your request to Dr Lamb in care of this newspaper, P O Box 1551, Radio City Station, New York, NY 10019

NOTICE

A bill passed by the 1963 Legislature required that the owners of property owned and used exclusively for educational, religious, charitable or cemetery purposes have an application for tax exemption filed with the County Assessor by January 1, 1964.

This same bill requires that each owner of real property, where the exemption was allowed, shall file an affidavit with the County Assessor by January 1 of each year certifying that the use of such exempted property has not changed during the year.

The affidavit forms are available in the County Assessor's office and will be mailed to you upon request It is the responsibility of the owner of this property, not the assessor, to see that the affidavit is in the Assessor's Office by January 1, 1978, otherwise the property will become taxable

The above does not apply to government owned property or cemetery lots owned by an individual.

HOWARD ZIMMERS
OTOE COUNTY ASSESSOR