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VIEWPOINT

Reformers pay the price

President Carter's decision to fill dozens of key policy-making positions in his administration with "public interest" advocates is proving to be a mixed blessing for those who have accepted the jobs

For environmentalists, consumer advocates and governmental reformers, the unprecedented opportunity to gain control of many of Washington's levers of power initially was viewed as nothing less than a bonanza

But they belatedly are discovering there is a price to be paid, in terms of lost leadership, momentum and organization outside of government.

California's state government provides an intriguing model for the pattern now emerging in Washington because after he was elected governor in 1974, Edmund G (Jerry) Brown Jr recruited public interest activists for some of the most important jobs in his administration

Carl Pope, executive director of the California League of Conservation Voters, suggests that the newfound access to official power has indirectly harmed the environmentalists' cause

In a thoughtful analysis recently published in the monthly magazine of Environmental Action, one of Washington's most aggressive conservation groups, Pope offers this perspective

"It takes time and energy to contact policy-makers, to meet with them and their deputies, to come back to the office with detailed responses to the questions that were raised, and then to help push a final proposal through the bureaucracy

"It takes resources to use access properly, to keep information flowing and while Brown's election increased our access, it did not increase our resources A major new demand was being made on environmental leaders and the energy needed to do this job had to be taken from somewhere else

In California, the function that lost out to access was that of providing information to the environmental constituency — that constituency, once cut adrift, lost its momentum"

At the same time, California's business leaders realized that the access to government they enjoyed under Brown's predecessor, Ronald Reagan, would be greatly diminished — but they wisely began mobilizing a grass-roots lobbying apparatus to increase their influence within the legislature

Those crucial shifts in power are more advanced in California than in Washington only because Brown assumed the governorship two years before Carter became president

In Washington, the business community similarly realized that Carter would be less receptive to its demands than his two immediate predecessors, Richard M Nixon and Gerald R. Ford

But much of that loss has been offset by a sophisticated strategy of lobbying members of Congress with plant managers and other businessmen from the legislators' districts and states

There already is considerable grumbling within the public interest community about Congress' apparent loss of interest in consumer and environmental programs.

Mark Green, director of Ralph Nader's Congress Watch, complains of a "remarkable lurch rightward" on Capitol Hill and fears the trend is "seemingly irreversible "

AS TIME GOES BY

River rising

FORTY YEARS AGO
—1938—

The Missouri River continued to rise at Nebraska City with the gauge at Waubonsie Bridge reading 14.9 feet, just below the flood stage of 15 feet .Sheriff Carl Ryder was seeking a burglar who left behind a note of apology after ransacking the home of Mrs E G Mueller at 1312 First Avenue

Nebraska City ranked second in the total sales of United States savings bonds among the state's second class post offices.. Dorothy Lamour, Jon Hall, Mary Astor and Raymond Massey starred in "The Hurricane" at the Overland.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
—1953—

LT&T applied for a rate increase with the State Railway Commission. Dowager Queen Mary of England died. Mrs Frank Jacobson was named chairman for the Red Cross blood center in Syracuse, County Chairman Lucian Smith said. .First District County Commissioner Robert Wilson proposed a new road project to serve southeast Otoe county residents along the river The road would run south from Nebraska City past the Camp Creek cemetery and through Barney to the county line

TEN YEARS AGO
—1968—

Bernie Wirth, Nebraska City, planned to compete in the district Optimist Oratorical Contest in Omaha Gladys Wenzel, a 25-year employe of Ocoma Foods Company, was awarded a gold watch at an Ocoma Employe awards dinner Darrell Wichman and Allen and David Kennell were sworn into the Job Corps at the state employment office Campbell Kropp was president of the Educational Service Unit No 4 Members of the Rotillaries were Mrs Sam Metcalf, Mrs Harvey Raben, Mrs Bill Carroll, Mrs Ben Ryan, Mrs Frank Johnson, Mrs John Peterson, Mrs Dwaine Ross and Mrs Les Carr Chris Hofer, Phil Cruikshank, Gordon Clark and Scott Simms took first place in the Cub Scout Pack 346 kite flying contest

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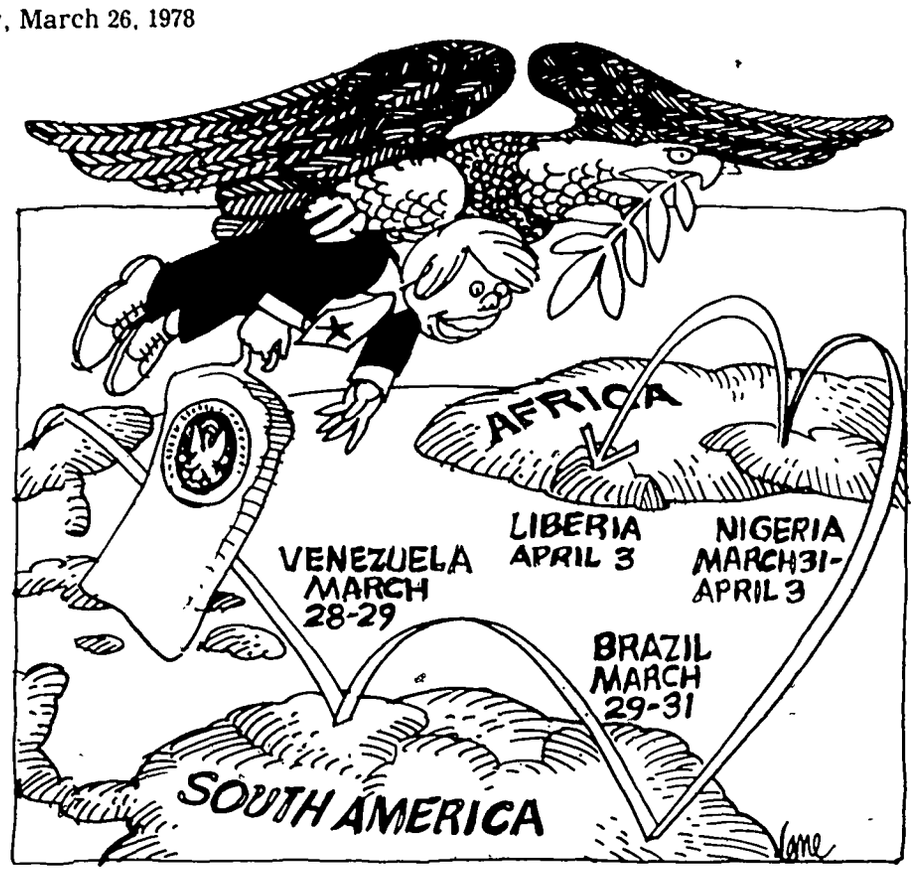
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The Prayer For Today From The Upper Room

Because I live, you also will live (John 14 19 TEV)

PRAYER Our Father, help us to receive the gift of Your Son, our risen Lord. May we hear Him reveal Your truth and purpose for our lives. In His name. Amen





Martha Angle and Robert Walters

IN WASHINGTON

Needed: a new order

WASHINGTON—(NEA)—Ten years ago this month, President Lyndon B Johnson unexpectedly abandoned his plans to seek reelection to a second full term in the White House American politics hasn't been the same since that day

Johnson's dramatic renunciation came at the end of a nationally televised presidential address on March 31, 1968 "I shall not seek and I will not accept," he proclaimed on that Sunday evening, "the nomination of my party for another term as your president."

Johnson withdrew from the race because a small but determined band of political activists opposed to continued United States involvement in the Vietnam war had successfully transformed a moral protest into a political campaign.

The standard-bearer of that campaign, Sen. Eugene J McCarthy, D-Minn , came within less than 8 percentage points of defeating Johnson in New Hampshire's March 12 Democratic presidential primary

Democrats in Wisconsin were to go to the polls on April 2 Every pre-election survey indicated that McCarthy would trounce Johnson, perhaps by a margin as large as 2-1 For Johnson, the quintessential politician, the humiliation would have been intolerable.

But Johnson's desperate effort to save face 48 hours before the Wisconsin primary did more than change the complexion of the 1968 contest for the presidency More significantly, it legitimized the radically different approach to politics embraced by a new generation of activists.

Some members of what initially was known as the ''Dump Johnson'' organization now are part of the Washington political "establishment" Perhaps best known is Sam Brown, McCarthy's youth coordinator, who now heads ACTION

Jessica Tuchman, a leading McCarthy strategist, is a member of the National Security Council's senior staff Joe Duffey, McCarthy's Connecticut coordinator, is chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Others maintain a continuing interest in local, state and national politics even though they now pursue careers in law, journalism and other fields.

Still others have dropped out of politics. Sheridan Bailey, a McCarthy advanceman, is a heating and air conditoning contractor in Phoenix Jeremy Larner, a McCarthy speech-writer, now turns out film scripts in Los Angeles.

Collectively, that group of men and women, most of them in their 20s or early 30s, did in 1968 what was supposed to be impossible They toppled an incumbent president with a challenge from within his own party

"That day we changed generations in American politics," says Curtis Gans, the principal theorist and co-organizer of the "Dump Johnson" movement and one of the most perceptive, talented and thoughtful young men to emerge from the 1968 campaign.

"The crisis came in 1968, but we're still going through the denouement," Gans explains. "We still haven't found the substitute for the common thread of New Deal liberalism and Cold War internationalism."

While rejecting that philosophy of the older generation, the newcomers embraced "a moral rather than a programmatic or ideological approach to politics," Gans believes "They matured politically during the 1960s under the rubric of relatively simple moralism — against poverty, for civil rights, against the war"

"They succeeded in toppling the old order but they didn't bring forward a new order," adds the reflective Gans "Ever since then, we've been engaged in a series of experiments, seeking new approaches."

Gans' profound retrospective deserves serious consideration on the part of his fellow Democrats because their party, 10 years into its generational transition, still lacks a coherent philosophy

Today In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, March 26 the 85th day of 1978 There are 280 days left in the year This is Easter Sunday

Today's highlight in history

On this date in 1953, a new vaccine to immunize against polio was announced by Dr Jonas Salk

On this date

In 1793 the Holy Roman Empire declared war on France

In 1804, land acquired in the Louisiana Purchase was divided into the Territory of Orleans and the Territory of Louisiana

In 1827, composer Ludwig van Beethoven died

In 1913 more than 1,400 people perished in floods in Ohio, Indiana and Texas

In 1918, Marshal Ferdinand Foch of France wa named commander of Allied armies in World War I

In 1972 Malta and Britain signed an agreement keeping the Mediterranean fortress island of Malta within the Western defense system

Five years ago The British actor, playwright and composer, Sir Noel Coward, died in Jamaica at the age of 73

Today's birthdays Playwright Tennessee Williams is 64 years old Actor Alan Arkin is 44 Gen William Westmoreland is 64

Thought for today The world itself is but a large prison, out of which some are daily led to execution — Sir Walter Raleigh, 1552-1618

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Berry's World



'Look! One of the senators is briefing his staff "



Ivan D.E. Beaumont

THE BUCK ENDS HERE

The Yellow Peril?

Ah—so! —

Roy Tucker who serves as a governor of Lions clubs, got caught in a bit of joshing recently while attending a Lions meeting in his district

He referred to the town of Ong as a Chinese community The Lions club members of the community took it in good humor and when Governor Tucker made his visitation to Ong, guess what he was served

You bet. A bowl of rice His "utensils" were chopsticks

Mr Tucker lived and worked in China for two years and has had considerable experience with chopsticks. In fact, he said, there's a difference between Japanese and Chinese chopsticks The Japanese use pointed chopsticks.

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The birth rate —

The birth rate is on the upswing according to records from St Mary's Hospital

Mrs Neal Martin said there were 199 births in 1977, an increase of 24 over a year ago. The increase was not what it used to be

A seven-year check of the hospital showed 295 births in 1971, 283 in 1972, 198 in 1973, 191 in 1974, 177 in 1975, 175 in 1976 and 199 last year

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The Ag luncheon —

Thanks to all the fine farm people who served businessmen and women a lunch the other day at the Methodist Church

One thing for sure. we knew the food was going to be good.

The luncheon was sponsored by farmers in this area as an appreciation to business people during Ag Day There were many table topics and we surmise a good exchange of farm-business related conversations.

The best news was from Mrs Don Ramold who said farmers hope to make it an annual event

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Job's Daughters —

The Job's Daughters chapter in Nebraska City had a special box dinner party the other night to recognize their dads and other "Secret Master Masons."

Each girl took a box of food to the meeting to be "sold" to some lucky dad. There was a hitch — the girls wanted Dollars from Dads for their foodstuffs

Honored Queen Laura (Toad) Miyoshi and her committee pulled a sneaky trick on the dads Instead of having the usual auction, the dads drew a number and that number matched a box of fried chicken or whatever The Little Miss went along with the food.

Then, after the dads were stuffed, the girls decided it was time for Dads to Dig Deep. The sneaky part was the system — dads were measured around the waists and the "charge" was 15 cents for each inch. (They put on a maximum figure, too)

Understand I'm not complaining. but don't you agree that Jack Johns or Jerry Wurtele should pay more than Bill Merritt?

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Task force —

A special water task force is being organized in Nebraska City to handle water recovery and drowning operations.

It can be pretty rough duty, as explained by Sheriff Russ Seals, but it has to be done. Rescue crews asked to serve on the special force.

The crew would handle water recovery such as a boat adrift in the river And, since boating in the river is dangerous, only experienced river boaters will be serving on the crew Jim Chaney is in charge of the boaters and equipment

The other duty of the force would be to direct dragging operations in drowning cases. Sheriff Seals who is in charge of such operations, welcomed the organized help. One of the problems he has now is getting people and equipment

The special force could use some help — it needs scuba divers If you or someone you know is an experienced scuba diver, contact the sheriff's office or rescue squad.

Congratulations —

.to Kathy Marfice, Elmwood, on her selection as the 1978 Capitol Pork Producers Queen. Kathy is the daughter of Mr and Mrs Don Marfice.

to Joe Wenzl, son of Mr and Mrs Walt Wenzl, on being selected as a semifinalist in the National Register Foundation of Commended Scholars Joe is a senior at Nebraska City Lourdes.

. and to Denise Davis on being selected for an internship with Rep. Charles Thone Denise has been a very busy and successful senior at Nebraska City Lourdes. She is the daughter of Mr and Mrs Wm F Davis

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The aerial pictures —

For you photo bugs, those aerial pictures of the flooded areas were taken with two different cameras, Yashica and Rollei, using 120 Tri-X film, ASA of 400 Lens settings varied from f8 to f16 and shutter speeds 125 sec The film was developed 3 and ¼ minutes in Kodak HC110

Vic Grundman of Grundman Field piloted the Cessna 150

A week earlier while riding with Harold Gress in his plane over the Iowa bottoms, we observed a lot of moisture from the melting snow Ken Parkison who returned the other day from vacationing in San Diego, said it will be quite awhile before the Iowa soggy soil is dried enough for tilling The roads in the bottoms are also spongy, he said



HEALTH

Lawrence E. Lamb, M.D.

New diet needed

DEAR DR LAMB — I need to lose three pounds a week I am 5-feet-6, weigh 180 pounds and am a 63-year-old nurse's aide I am taking high blood pressure pills

My doctor gave me a diet to follow but it doesn't work out for me Just eating meat or fish or cheese, no bread or vegetables except a little lettuce and drinking eight glasses of water daily leaves me too hungry and weak I have hard work to do eight hours a day. When I get home at nearly midnight I am extremely hungry and eat too much

Please give me a low calorie diet so that I could lose at least three pounds per week

DEAR READER — Yes, you need to lose weight and it could help lower your blood pressure You shouldn't try to lose three pounds a week That is too much too fast and can lead to other problems You need to develop new eating habits that you can stay with to avoid regaining the weight after you lose it Why not be more patient? Be satisfied to lose one, or at the most two, pounds a week You will do better in all respects and you will have a better chance to keep it off.

Your eating pattern is important. You are correct that if you go too long between meals you will get so hungry you will control and overeat. If you have access to some uncreamed cottage cheese it makes a good snack during the day, contains only a few calories and may help tide you over

Your diet sounds like a low carbohydrate diet and some of these are dreadful

DEAR DR LAMB - In one of your columns a few months ago you mentioned th use of silicone rods as a method of solving cases of total impotence I have been a paraplegic for 25 years and feel this could be of great benefit to me

Will you please give me some information on what doctors or hospitals may be able to do this for me"

DEAR READER - Destruction of the nerve fibers or nerve tracts as in your case is one of the causes of permanent impotence Such individuals are candidates for help to correct permanent impotence

There are two main methods that will help in these cases One is the insertion of flexible silicone rods This is simple and provides a permanent semi-erection that is functional The other method is insertion of collapsible cylinders that can be filled to induce a complete erection or emptied to return to the flacid state This is connected to a pump inside the body and is a bit more complicated and more expensive

Both procedures have been around long enough that any urology department in any university medical center should be fully informed about them.

Routes Open

ROUTE # 3
First Corso south to 3rd Corso and from 2nd Avenue west to 8th Street. This is a 45-paper route.

ROUTE # 4
First Corso south to 3rd Corso and from 11th Street west to 15th Street. This is a 70-paper route.

ROUTE # 14
Thirteenth Avenue from 8th Street west to 11th Street. All of the Broadview addition. This is a 101-paper route.

ROUTE # 24
Fifth Avenue from 9th Street west to 14th Street and 6th and 7th Avenue from Highway 73-75 west to 14th Street. This is a 42-paper route.

CARRIERS NEEDED 10 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER

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