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VIEWPOINT

End of Eurocommunist road?

When all the points gained and dropped in the recent French elections are finally totalled, the really big loser may well be communism.

Not communism as embodied by the French party, but Eurocommunism — that specter that has been haunting the European political scene for the past several years.

Eurocommunism was presented as a new concept of the old faith which while not completely severing the Soviet connection, did reject any special status for the Soviet party and its particular line as applied to the situations of other national parties.

It was to be the vehicle by which West European Communists were to become politically respectable at home attracting voters outside their own ranks and eventually achieving — by sharing, if necessary — power through the democratic process.

The leading exponents were the well-entrenched French and Italian parties plus the Spanish, who had resurfaced upon Franco s demise and immediately become a major political factor

The Italians appeared almost on the threshhold of entering the government in Rome — and they may yet do so The French abandoning at least superficially their traditional Marxist rigidity and devotion to the faith as revealed by the Kremlin, had maneuvered themselves into a similar situation through their alliance with the Socialists

The situations had the establishment worried in a number of capitals, including Moscow The Soviets, richly experienced in dealing with the independent Yugoslav and Chinese national parties, have little enthusiasm for more of the same on their European flank. In the end, they are considerably more interested in maintaining their own preeminence than they are in seeing communism triumph elsewhere

As it is turning out, they may have worried unnecessarily

The Spanish party, which had made a particular point of its nationalist line, was cut down to more modest size in Spain's cautious experiment with parliamentary elections last June

The latest Italian crisis has simmered down with the Communists more formally associated with the governing process but still not in the govenment

And in France, the party's reversion to type some month s before the election clearly cooled the electorate's enthusiasm for the left alliance The French party, since World War II, has been one of those immutable aspects of the French condition, on the order of bread in baguettes and love in the afternoon It is conservative, Moscow-oriented, has a solid lock on one-fifth of the vote and in the end is more concerned with holding what it already has against the challenge of any leftist rival — namely, the Socialists than it is in winning new friends.

With the left's loss in France, Communist parties and their prospects of appealing to and being able to work within a broader political spectrum in their various countries may have come to the end of the Eurocommunist road

If so it would appear to be a classic case of the Communists - French variety, at least — having brought it on themselves

AS TIME GOES BY

Clean-up proclaimed

FORTY YEARS AGO
—1938—

Mayor C E Morris of Union proclaimed a clean-up week and urged the town's residents to clean the town of its winter debris and make Union a beauty spot. Rainfall was general over Nebraska and western Kansas with Otoe county receiving from a quarter to half an inch of precipitation Otoe county Republican chairman George Heinke said he recognized the need for cooperation of all people asked for by President Roosevelt in his latest "fireside chat" Chairman John C Miller said the fourth annual Easter crippled children's seal sale raised $151

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
—1953—

Mrs Lawrence Gregg was elected president of the Junior Woman's Club at Nehawka Mrs Fannie Abbott's home at Sixth Street and 11th Avenue was destroyed by fire. .Falls City and Peru Prep were the new champs of the Nebraska City Invitational track and field meet...Robert Poggemeyer was installed as commander of the John E Walls Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, by Past Commander Arthur Whyte.

TEN YEARS AGO
—1968—

Grand Counselor and Mrs Byron Motts, Hastings, were guests of the UCT & Me Too Club...Charles Gude, Otoe County Commissioner, said the trees and brush near the road leading north from the American Meter Plant road to Highway Two at Steinhart Park would be removed. .Walt Wenzel, Louis Eiserman and Father Vincent Kelly of Lourdes High were honored by the Knights of Columbus at the annual All-Sports banquet...Senator Roman Hruska presented a picture of the GOP Women's Organization which had been taken eight years earlier to Mrs Doris Sackles, president.

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SAFETY VALVE

"...thanks..."

EDITOR, News-Press: We are writing in behalf of the Otoe County American Legion and also the courthouse officials in Nebraska City. Our subject is Otoe County Government Day which was held on March 9, 1978.

We wish to express our appreciation to all News-Press personnel for the excellent coverage and support of the Day's activities.

WILLIAM L. JOSEPH
Otoe County
Veterans Service Officer





Martha Angle and Robert Walters

IN WASHINGTON

Has Jimmy learned to win?

WASHINGTON—(NEA)— In politics, as in war, there is no substitute for victory So if Jimmy Carter is celebrating right now, he's entitled.

But as crucial as the administration's triumph was on the first Panama Canal treaty vote, one victory does not a winning streak make

And it is likely to be awhile before anyone, at the White House or elsewhere, can say whether this vote represents a turning point for the Carter presidency

"It's bound to help. To come from so far behind and win creates a terrific psychological boost," said one administation official involved in the canal fight

"But in all probability winning won't help nearly as much as losing would have hurt. It doesn't guarantee us an energy bill, or a SALT treaty It just makes the president look stronger — to the public and the Congress."

The Carter people knew from the beginning that the Panama Canal treaties would be a bruising domestic political battle. But they were privately dismayed to see them develop into a life-or-death struggle. "These treaties have gotten way out of proportion They're not such a big deal that the president should stand or fall on them, but that's what they turned into," one official said.

It needn't have been that way, of course, if Carter had gotten the energy bill through Congress when he hoped to, or had achieved a breakthrough in the Middle East, or even produced a settlement that would stick in the coal strike

But after a year of frustration and outright defeats, the president had to win this—one to remain politically viable at home. Even more important, as it developed, was the threat that rejection of the treaties could destroy his credibility and effectiveness as a world leader

Carter recognized his jeopardy in the latter regard, and used it to stunning effect to win over wavering senators. At least a half-dozen members with serious doubts about the wisdom of the treaties voted for the first one purely for the sake of the presidency itself

There was no single hero in the fight for ratification. Vice President Mondale, trouble-shooter Bob Strauss, Hamilton Jordan, Frank Moore, the entire State Department congressional liaison team, Senate Majority Leader Robert C. Byrd and Minority Leader Howard H. Baker Jr all worked ferociously and effectively

And for the first time, Carter himself used the awesome moral force of the presidency to persuade reluctant senators to risk their own political necks on his behalf.

In winning, especially on an unpopular issue, Carter has at least temporarily silenced the chorus of critics who questioned his very competency to hold the office of president. And that is no small achievement.

Equally important, in terms of his future dealings on Capitol Hill, the president has shown he is capable of flexibility in bargaining for what he wants and willing to sanction good old-fashioned deals made in his name by others in the administration.

There was a delightful irony to the eleventh-hour squawks from treaty opponents that the White House was trading anything that wasn't nailed down in order to win ratification votes. For months, Carter's critics had complained that he was too stiff-necked to horse-trade and hence doomed to fail in his relations with Congress.

"I think they've finally learned what it takes to win around here," said one Senate Democratic leader

"This vote shows what they can do when they have to and that is bound to rub off on other issues."



HEALTH

Lawrence E. Lamb, M.D.

Cause of bleeding

DEAR DR LAMB I have had diverticulosis for at least 10 years Occasionally I have had internal bleeding from something I ate I never knew just what caused it My doctor had me take two ounces of castor oil at bed time for a good clean out then go on a soft diet So far it has always cleared up

Now I eat bran cereal every day as did the person mentioned in one of your columns I would like to have your opinion on what causes the internal bleeding I have experienced and also would like The Health Letter number 5-6 on Diverticulosis that you mentioned

DEAR READER There is no way anyone can be certain what caused your bleeding without examining you Those little pockets of the colon we call diverticula can bleed There is usually a small artery at the opening of the pocket But you could have bled from internal hemorrhoids also

In any case I do not agree with the idea of taking castor oil or any other laxative for a person with diverticulosis who bleeds The only laxatives that a person with diverticulosis should ever take are the bulk laxatives that do what your bran is doing To do otherwise is to invite medical complications.

Keep in mind those little pockets are just like your appendix In fact when one becomes inflamed we often call it left-sided appendicitis because most of them are on the left side

I'm sure you know that no one should ever take a laxative if they suspect they are having an attack of acute appendicitis The same applies to having a complication of diverticulosis A harsh laxative could cause an inflamed pocket to burst. So let me remind all my readers with this medical problem to never, never, never use any laxative other than the simple bulk expanders used for daily purposes as a dietary supplement.

I am glad you have included bulk in your diet, that may help you avoid such problems in the future I am sending you The Health Letter on Diverticulosis you requested. Others who want this issue 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

DEAR DR LAMB I am writing about a problem I can't seem to control Every night after I get home from work, I eat until I'm stuffed, then go into the bathroom and gag myself What I want to know is what damage can this cause ' Will I get a serious illness '

DEAR READER - The Romans did it during their orgies After emptying the stomach they returned to the orgy and consumed still more

There are two problems One is that by forceful vomiting you can tear the lower part of the esophagus where it joins the stomach, causing emergency bleeding.

The other is why you are doing this If you are already of normal weight or thin it raises the question of whether you are on the verge of anorexia nervosa These are usually young girls who have a false body image of themselves and literally starve themselves to death These individuals often need psychiatric help Perhaps you need an objective appraisal by a professional as to whether you are overweight, normal weight or too thin Often people with such a problem are totally incapable of making such an appraisal themselves.

Berry's World



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"That will NOT bring back the Carol Burnett show!"



Ivan D.E. Beaumont

THE BUCK ENDS HERE

Just takes exercise

Free Advice —

A rather large man was going through an examination by Dr. Madison and was admiring the doctor's slender frame compared to his paunch.

"Gosh, doc," the patient said, "What's it take to keep weight down"

"Exercise," the doctor replied, "Just move the head slowly from right to left a couple times when asked if you wish a second helping."

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We'll miss you —

Mr and Mrs Carl Zimmerman will be moving to Mountain Home, Ark., this weekend where they have a retirement home We're going to miss them, but we wish them much happiness.

Mrs Zimmerman has been prominent in many civic activities in Nebraska City and in the county. An accounting of her zest for work appeared in the paper the other day.

The pipe-smoking husband is perhaps a special individual. Carl doesn't say much, but his smile wins a lot of friends.

We think Mountain Home, Ark , is about to be awakened from a deep sleep. Best wishes, friends.

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Blossom time —

The cherry trees were in full bloom the past week and the magnolias followed suit. Next come the apple trees, and the orchardists say Nebraska City will be blossomed out for the April 22-23 Arbor Day celebration

If you're a newcomer to Nebraska City, you're invited to take part in the Arbor Day ceremony There's a flea market, early morning fly-in at Grundman Field, a parade and the ceremony and tree dedication Sunday afternoon

Arbor Day started 106 years ago and Nebraska City people try to re-live that heritage in a tree planting ceremony

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Spelling contest —

Four boys dominated the Otoe county spelling contest, but a girl represented the county Saturday at the Midwest spelling bee in Omaha

Only the best speller in the 7th and 8th grade divisions can compete in the Midwest-bee and since the two top winners chose instead to participate in the Worlds of Fun band trip on the same day, third place winner, Julie Dennis, daughter of Mr and Mrs Lowell Dennis, Bennet, was the county's representative

Brian Olsen, son of Mr and Mrs Jim Olsen, Nebraska City, won first. John Vock, son of Mr and Mrs Sterling Vock, Nebraska City, won second.

In the 5th and 6th grade divisions, Dan Thomson, son of Mr and Mrs Dean Thomson, Palmyra, won first.

The top winners received dictionaries from County Supt. Robert Smith. The News-Press annually awards silver or gold I D bracelets to the two top spellers. Sue Quinlan covered the contest and made the presentation for the News-Press.

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The Players —

The Covenant Players staged several performances before the Optimist-Rotary clubs the other day and their efforts were applauded.

The Players preach the ministry of Christ through plays depicting scenes in homes, in families and in familiar Sunday newspaper cartoon characters. Their performances are well executed, brief and to the point.

Thanks to the Nebraska City Ministerial Association for sponsoring their appearances.

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Congratulations —

...to the award winners at the annual KC banquet. They are Mary Kreifels, Susan Roddy, Peggy Miller, Dave Schreiter, Leonard Harris and family, Sister Mary Rudina, and Orville Riege.

And how about that little Miss Gretchen Finke! She's the national champion of the Daughters of the American Revolution essay contest.

She's the daughter of Mrs Judith Finke and is a seventh grader at Nebraska City Junior High A special thanks goes to Mrs Troy Cushing, contest chairman. She's been working with boys and girls on that contest for many years...and now she too, has a winner!

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The sacrifice —

No. 1 son, Keaton, sold his motorcycle and bought something he's wanted for a long time, a special weight lifting set and bench.

Our home was not designed with an athletic department so it was a matter doing some shifting. I suggested that since he has always been so nice (Ha) to his sister, that she might give up her room (He didn't cotton much to that suggestion)

Well, he's all settled now and lifting and grunting on a daily schedule.

Where'd he put the iron? Why, in his room, of course.

What about his bed, dresser and "junk?"

You oughta come up to the house and see it...all of it is in the hallway in the basement.

I think I'll snap a picture of his new "room " He's made a sacrifice for weights and it's worth remembering.

Today In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, April 16, the 106th day of 1978. There are 259 days left in the year

Today's highlight in history

On this date in 1917, the Communist leader, Lenin, returned to Russia after years of exile to assume leadership of the Russian revolutionary movement.

On this date:

In 1521, Martin Luther arrived at Worms, Germany after being summoned to appear before the Diet to justify his criticism of the Catholic Church.

In 1789, George Wasington left Mount Vernon for his inauguration in New York as the first president of the United States.

In 1906, the Pacific cable was completed between the United States and China.

In 1945, U.S. troops entered Nuerenberg, Germany in World War II.

In 1947, more than 500 people died in fires and explosions at Texas City, Tex., as a French freighter loaded with nitrate blew up.

Ten years ago: A settlement was reached in a 65-day strike by sanitation workers in Memphis, Tenn. The strike had brought Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to the city, where he was assassinated.

Five years ago: The U.S. Defense Department informed Congress that it planned to close or reduce the size of 274 military bases, eventually saving $400 million a year.

Today's birthday: Composer and conductor Henry Mancini is 54 years old.

Thought for today: Determine that a thing can and shall be done, and then we shall find the way — President Abraham Lincoln, 1809-1865.

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The Prayer For Today From The Upper Room

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. (Proverbs 3:5 RSV)

PRAYER: Lord, so often we fail without you; so often we succeed with You. Make us as ready to call on You for help as You are ready to render it. Amen.

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