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VIEWPOINT

For lack of a sleeping pill

The tension and drama of the final Panama Canal treaty vote managed to bring out the worst in some senators, including the inimitable California Republican S.I. Hayakawa who called a press conference four days before the vote to complain about totally extraneous aspects of Carter's foreign policy

Reporters had flocked to the press conference (it was a slow news day) in expectation that Hayakawa was announcing a switch from his initial "yes" vote. They were furious to find he was merely brooding aloud about other foreign policy foibles which he said caused him to wake up "in a turmoil" at 4 a.m. a couple days earlier. One newsman stalked away muttering, "To think we could have been spared all this with one sleeping pill."

Troubled metaphor

White House press secretary Jody Powell came up with the one-liner of the year at the recently concluded Washington meeting of the American Society of Newspaper Editors

In response to an observation that the Carter administration seemed to be in trouble, "and not in the sense that applies to teen-aged girls," Powell grinned and replied:

"The cause, at least figuratively, is the same in some cases"

AS TIME GOES BY

Sweet is speaker

FORTY YEARS AGO
—1938—

News-Press publisher J Hyde Sweet made the main address at the ceremony in Nuckolls Square at which a monument to Stepehn F Nuckolls, one of Nebraska City's founders, was dedicated Judge John M Dierks was unanimously elected president of the Nebraska City Chamber of Commerce at its annual meeting. Asparagus opened the spring canning season at the Otoe Foods Products plant with output expected to exceed 12,000 cases The Nebraska City Park Board was considering the use of crushed rock surfacing on the Riverside Park roadway

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
—1953—

The Nehawka American Legion selected Jimmy Baller as a delegate to Cornhusker Boys State Marion K Schroeder was installed as commander of the Syracuse VFW

Frank Erwin of Nebraska City was elected advisor of the Nebraska head camp of the Woodmen of the World at its convention here. Seventeen members of the Nebraska City Mothersingers sang with a 250-voice chorus at the State PTA Convention in Lincoln

TEN YEARS AGO
—1968—

The wind ripped in half a Pepper tree located in the back yard of the Ralph Dillman residence at 503 Third Rue. The Nebraska City Jaycees elected Larry Haack president of the organization Kurt Schreiner was elected president of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes Club at the Senior High School .Robin Ranae Bando, the 11-week-old daughter of Mr and Mrs Marvin Bando, was baptized at the Bethel United Church of Christ Mrs Sophie Kepler, Avoca, was elected president of the Housekeepers Extension Club.

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IN WASHINGTON

The real majority will

WASHINGTON—(NEA)—An oil company distributes regular mailings to its shareholders, telling them what to write to their representatives in Congress about pending legislation.

But both existing and proposed federal laws, supposedly mandating full reporting of lobbying activities on Capitol Hill, fail to require public disclosure of any information about the cost, source or purpose of that propaganda campaign.

Auto manufacturers conduct a national advertising campaign in 1,800 daily newspapers at a cost of $750,000, seeking public support for a five-year delay in implementing federal emission control standards Again, no disclosure is necessary

Pharmacists and doctors are solicited by drug companies, passengers are recruited by airline officials and gun owners are organized by firearms groups — all for the purpose of opposing pending legislation. Yet the public has no opportunity to learn of those highly organized lobbying campaigns.

Those examples were cited in congressional testimony by former Deputy Attorney General Peter F Flaherty, in a vain attempt to convince a House committee that grass-roots lobbying should be covered in new legislation governing lobbying designed to influence members of the House and Senate.

"Carefully coordinated grass-roots solicitations ..are a familiar aspect of large-scale lobbying operations, often characterized as the 'growth area' of lobbying," says Assistant Attorney General Patricia M Wald.

"Lobbying that counts is done through the grass-roots process," says Richard Lesher, president of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States.

There is, in fact, overwhelming evidence pointing to the need for full disclosure when a corporation, labor union, trade association or other special interest group stimulates a barrage of letters, telegrams or telephone calls to members of Congress in support of, or opposition to, pending legislation

Yet the House will soon consider a bill that specifically excludes any such reporting requirement, because the crucial provision was stripped from the legislation last month by the Judiciary Committee

That action represented a victory for an unusual lobbying coalition led by corporate interests, the American Civil Liberties Union and the ACLU's principal operative on the committee, Rep Don Edwards, D-Calif

They argued that inclusion of a reporting requirement would violate the First Amendment prohibition against any law "abridging the freedom of speech or the right of people to petition the government for a redress of grievances."

But the Justice Department researched the constitutional question and found no such danger, noting that no effort whatever was contemplated to restrict, control or prohibit grass-roots or indirect lobbying, only to require disclosure of basic information about such campaigns.

Edwards and some other liberal Democrats on the Judiciary Committee have opposed a tough lobby disclosure bill, on the grounds that "there has been little evidence of the corrupting influence of those who vigorously advocate their ideas."

But that view of "corruption" is a very narrow one. The legislative process is indeed corrupted by the fact that not all groups possess the money, manpower, organizational capability and other resources needed to secure the laws that will satisfy their particular needs.

More than 30 years ago, a congressional committee described the problem to which the Judiciary Committee remains oblivious today

"Beset by swarms of lobbyists seeking to protect this or that small segment of the economy or to advance this or that narrow interest, legislators find it difficult to discover the real majority will and to legislate in the public interest"

That may not be as blatant as distributing unmarked envelopes stuffed with illicit cash donations, but it surely is corruption of the legislative process, which the full House must consider when it debates the bill later this month

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Today In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, April 23, the 113th day of 1978 There are 252 days left in the year

Today's highlight:

On this date in 1564, William Shakespeare was born at Stratford-on-Avon in England. He died on the same date in 1616.

In 1789, President-elect and Mrs. George Wasington moved into the first presidential mansion — at the corner of Franklin and Cherry Streets in New York City

In 1838, the first regular transatlantic steamship service began as the "Sirius" and "Great Western" arrived in New York from England.

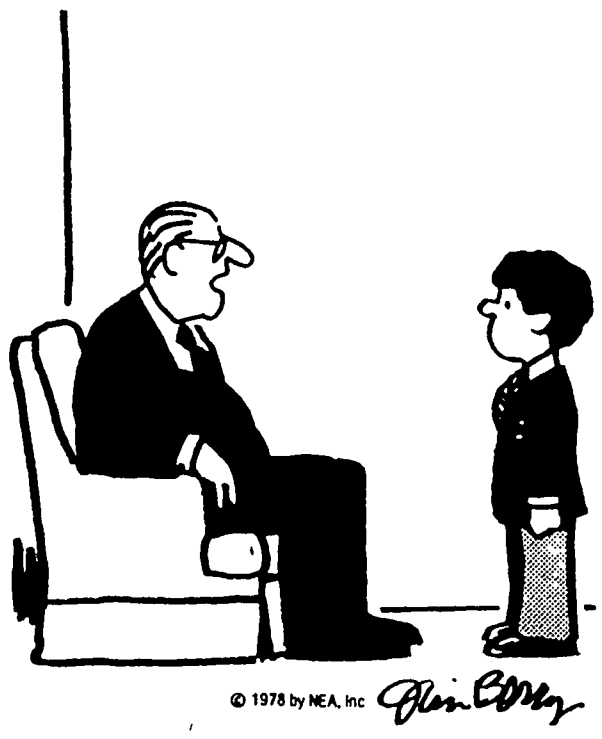
In 1940, more than 200 people died in a dance hall fire at Natchez, Miss.

In 1941, during World War II, King George II of Greece fled to the island of Crete after German troops had broken through the Thermopolae Pass on the Greek mainland.

Today's birthdays: Ambassador Shirley Temple Black is 50.

Thought for today. Force is not a remedy — John Bright, English statesman, 1811-1889.

Berry's World



"Instead of sex, I would like to tell you about tuition tax credit."



Ivan D.E. Beaumont

THE BUCK ENDS HERE

Utilities offering

Readin' red —

City Utilities is offering a new service in the hopes of saving energy and at the same time cut the bills of users

Infrared aerial pictures of homes were taken in January and they're all put together for use by Utilities users, according to Manager Bill Brockley

Although it cost City Utilities nearly $2,000 for the picture job, it doesn't cost you anything to look at the picture of your home at the office at 100 Central Avenue Hours are 8 to 5 Monday through Friday

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Tree planting —

The Arbor Day tree planting ceremonies were scheduled during the weekend, but the tree planting job was completed several days ago.

Craig Bergman, Arbor Lodge State Park superintendent and his staff, take care of the tree planting job several days ahead of time to assure that everything goes all right on the dedication day On that day, the ceremony is a formal earthshoveling.

Congratulations to the honorees, Mr and Mrs Jerry Livingston, who are honored with a Bradford Pear, Mrs Frank Morrison, a Kwanzan Cherry and to Bud Dasenbrock, Lincoln, a Shag Bark Hickory

There was one other special dedication and that was a Mountain Ash in memorial of slain police officer Gary White He died from wounds sustained from a shotgun blast on July 9, 1977 He had only been on duty as a policeman a few days

That tree ceremony was Saturday at Nuckolls park. Larry Boardman and his city park crew handled the planting arrangements

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Much success —

Congratulations to Ken Kraenow, MFA agent, on the opening of his new office building at 111 So 14th Street. Open house was held Thursday

Ken is a native of the Cook community He worked for Electro Gas before joining MFA 10 years ago. His sales awards attest to the success of his business and we congratulate him on his new move and wish him much success.

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Prom night —

Mrs Duffey goofed it this year She didn't go to the prom.

The N-P society editor has covered more proms over the years and heard more different bands and has seen more different decorating ideas, that she has "absorbed" some authority on the subject

Well, Mrs D you missed a pip at NCHS last week The kids all looked great. It was difficult to tell who was who because I kept looking for faded jeans and "holey" tennies

We heard a lot of Mommas and Pappas remark how handsome the teen-agers appeared. We had to agree. We especially liked the choice of band Oh, it was loud (Don Abernathy said that was about right for that kind of music), but it was good for the night The singers were performers in that they walked onto the dance floor singing to the dancers. Pretty foxy job of entertaining, we observed.

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Congratulations —

to Roland Jensen who is the new president of the Nebraska City Jaycees, to Boyd Mayfield who was named Elk of the Year, to Kathy Saathoff on being tapped into the Midland Lutheran college chapter of Cardinal Key and to Donna Kuhlenengel, Syracuse, for winning the $100 Otoe County Home Extension club scholarship.

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The sport —

Bill Schock of the Falls City Journal tells the story about the golfer who paid his Country Club dues twice this year

"A friend told us that since this guy generally takes twice as many strokes to get around the golf course, he apparently feels he must pay twice as much as anyone else."

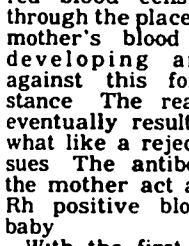
SAFETY VALVE

"...band trip."

EDITOR, News-Press This past weekend the Junior High Band participated in a wonderful experience by performing at a Festival of Bands at Worlds of Fun in Kansas City

On behalf of our son John, we as parents wish to thank Mr Jerry Harrenstein for making all the arrangements for the band and assuming the responsibility for such a venture, Mr Bill Harshbarger for his help, the Board of Education for giving their approval, the Music Boosters and Mary Ulbrick for their financial support, and all of the sponsors for giving of themselves and their time to accompany the youth.

Sterling and Adelene Vock



HEALTH

Lawrence E. Lamb, M.D.

Rh negative blood

DEAR DR. LAMB — A very close friend of mine is pregnant She has Rh negative blood and her husband has Rh positive blood. Her doctor has never said anything to her about it I thought it was dangerous to have two types of blood mixed. Could you tell if it will hurt the mother or child?

DEAR READER — It is an important consideration and one I am sure her doctor will take care of when her baby is born The basic concept is that Rh positive blood is the antigen, or a substance capable of causing the mother to develop antibodies against the Rh positive blood factor

If the baby is an Rh positive baby, during the pregnancy some if its Rh positive red blood cells will leak through the placenta and the mother's blood will start developing antibodies against this foreign substance The reaction that eventually results is somewhat like a rejection of tissues The antibodies from the mother act against the Rh positive blood in the baby

With the first pregnancy the mother usually doesn't develop enough antibodies to seriously harm the baby And if the baby is Rh positive the doctor will give her a serum that neutralizes the reaction shortly after the baby is born This helps to prevent the mother from developing an immunity that might harm later pregnancies This protective serum should also be given to women who have an abortion of an Rh positive fetus that has developed far enough to induce the reaction

Also, to help prevent such reactions, an Rh negative woman who is a potential mother should never be transfused with Rh positive blood

If the baby happens to be Rh negative there is nothing in the baby's blood to induce the formation of antibodies in the mother's body If she already has antibodies they only react against Rh positive blood in the baby. Thus an Rh negative baby will not have any difficulty

To give you more details about blood types I am sending you The Health Letter number 6-4, Blood Type, Rh Factor and Transfusions. It will also tell you about matching blood types for transfusions. 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.

DEAR DR. LAMB — Is it advisable from a health standpoint for my wife and me to move from Florida to Colorado where we would reside at an altitude of 7100 feet? We are in our 70s and have lived in low altitude Florida practically all our lives

We greatly desire to accept our daughter's invitation to come live with her in Colorado but wonder if there are health drawbacks due to altitude and our age.

DEAR READER — Altitude simply decreases the oxygen in your lungs. An altitude of 7000 feet is a bit like increasing your physical activity slightly If you are in fairly good health already and you have no lung problems it is probably not going to bother you I would advise you to check with your doctor; he may want to test your lung function Otherwise, if you go try not to overdo it at first and give your body a chance to acclimatize itself to the new altitude Being 70 is no barrier to becoming acclimated if you are in good health otherwise.

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The Prayer For Today From The Upper Room

Whatever God says to us is full of living power (Hebrews 4 12 TLB)

PRAYER O God, search us and cleanse us Reveal our weakness and help us to see our strength. In the name of Your Son, who spoke in parables so we could understand. Amen

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