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VIEWPOINT

Resourceful economies

The billions of oil dollars flowing out of the United States are pouring into the OPEC countries, including most prominently the Arab producers

As imbalanced as it may appear at this point, however, the trade relationship is far from one-way The Arabs are also increasingly active importers — of a multitude of manufactured products out of choice, and of agricultural commodities out of necessity

In 1970, Arab countries imported $1 7 billion worth of farm products By 1976, their purchases had grown to $8 billion. By 1985, food imports are expected to reach a value of some $16 billion

They can well afford the expenditure, now and for some time to come But the wherewithal comes from one great source — oil. It is a finite resource, nonrenewable capital. In the long term, there could be problems in feeding the appetite that is being developed in what was not so very long ago a subsistence economy

An intensive effort is underway to expand Arab food production A 13-nation Authority for Agricultural Development for this purpose has been established wth an initial bankroll of $517 million

But time and nature are not working in the Arab favor Agriculture is well-developed at present only in vastly overcrowded Egypt, not likely under the very best of circumstances to be able to share much with its neighbors.

Where it is not unyielding desert, most Arab territory is still too arid to offer much potential for agricultural development. Optimistic forecasts see domestic production increasing at about three percent annually for the next 10 years or so.

Meanwhile, Arabs are also increasing. By the end of this century — a little more than two decades — they are expected to number some 270 million, double the present population.

The need to import food is thus in the process of being built into Arab economies. The primary source at present and probably in the future is the West, most prominently the United States

Agriculture may not be up there with oil in terms of economic glamour But as a resource it has one great advantage It is renewable



AS TIME GOES BY

Land flooded

FORTY YEARS AGO
—1938—

The Missouri River reached its crest at Nebraska City after flooding thousands of acres of lowlands Cattle prices on the Omaha market reached a new high $12 per hundredweight Workmen began laying new rails on Missouri Pacific track near Nebraska City The Nebraska City Junior Chamber of Commerce said it would try to get the state group to hold its 1939 meeting in Nebraska City

TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO
1953

American soldiers won Porkchop Ridge in Korea The city council okayed a park board request for a $525 Block House Park renovation project and erection of a $75 flagpole at Steinhart Park The House Judiciary Committee killed a resolution to impeach Supreme Court Justice William O Douglas Art Barstler was the head man at the Steinhart Park swimming pool Dunbar voters turned down, 88-82 the issuance of $48 000 in bonds to construct a school building addition

TEN YEARS AGO
—1968—

Mrs Jacob Weible and family of Dunbar hosted a family dinner honoring her brother Harvey Leeper and his son Kyle of Springfield Massachusetts Ivol Stever was chairman of the Community Chest fund drive 'The Secret War of Harry Frigg starring Paul Newman was showing at the Pioneer Theater The Rev George H Metzenthin of Topeka Kansas served his first ministry in the St John s Lutheran Church in Otoe and the First Lutheran Church in Syracuse R T Hill son in law of Mr and Mrs M E Conley of Nebraska City received a two-year grant for research study with a tuition fellowship at Notre Dame University Indiana

News in Brief

WASHINGTON (AP) - A new government policy will provide an estimated 40,000 Americans an average $100 in additional Social Security benefits over the next year The recipients are those whose spouses worked past age 65

The policy will allow the widows and widowers to collect the delayed retirement credit their spouses had earned Previously only the worker could collect the credit The extra benefit - about $2 a week began appearing in the widows and widowers checks this week along with an annual 6 5 percent cost-of living increase

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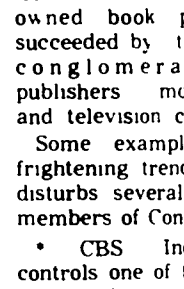
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The Prayer For Today From The Upper Room

All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching the faith and correcting error, for resetting the direction of a man's life and training him in good living (2 Timothy 3(16 PHILLIPS)

PRAYER Help us, O Lord, to take more time to discover the richness of Your word. Make us willing to make the effort and to be changed by Your spirit. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Saviour Amen



Martha Angle and Robert Walters

IN WASHINGTON

'Special' isn't profitable

WASHINGTON (NEA) There are no villains and there is nothing especially sinister in what anybody is doing says noted writer Herman Wouk There is nothing evil about it It's just the way the balance-sheet mind works

Wouk best known as the author of The Caine Mutiny ' is talking about a phenomenon that has turned book publishing into an industry dominated by a few powerful corporations most of them conglomerates

Wouk expressed his fears about the future of the publishing business in recent testimony before a Senate subcommittee Three days later Joseph D Duffey chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities, voiced similar concerns

In a speech before the Association of American Publishers Duffey referred to the fading of a revered tradition of independently owned book publishers succeeded by the growing conglomeration of publishers movie-makers and television companies

Some examples of the frightening trend that also disturbs several influential members of Congress

- CBS Inc which controls one of the nation s three television networks also owns two publishers of hardback books Praeger and Holt Rinehart & Winston - and two paperback producers Fawcett and Popular Library
- RCA, Inc , which controls another network NBC numbers among its many subsidiaries three publishing houses Random House Knopf and Pantheon
- Gulf & Western Industries owns Paramount Pictures producer of material for both movie theaters and television as well as Simon & Shuster and Pocket Books
- Time, Inc best known as a magazine publisher also owns tbe Book-of-the-Month Club and three book publishers — Viking Penguin and Little, Brown, as well as interests in television production companies and cable TV

The issue has become a matter of concern in government circles because the application of federal anti trust laws may be required to discourage further industry concentration

Sen Edward M Kennedy, D Mass chairman of the subcommittee that heard Wouk s testimony is studying the problem Rep. Morris K Udall, D-Ariz. has called for a major federal study of economic concentration in the industry

Representing The Author's Guild Wouk explained that it is the nature of a conglomerate that subsidiaries acquired by the corporation shall show not only a profit but a certain fixed policy margin of profit

That balance sheet discipline can be valuable in marketing many goods and services he concedes But publishing is something very special because books with the greatest social, artistic and literary value often are not commercial successes

Because many publishing houses now are tied to firms with large investments in the motion picture and television industries there is increased pressure to produce popular "blockbusters" that can generate extra profits for the parent company

"Publishers may find themselves relegated to the role of suppliers of raw material to satisfy the insatiable demands of the visual media for the new and dramatic," warns Duffey

There are other potential dangers as well Conglomerates with a broad range of economic interests may exert subtle pressure on their publishing houses to discourage production of books that might offend influential politicians, potential business allies and other powerful interests.

Wouk even fears that if the country ever again faces a "blacklisting" or "McCarthy" era, corporate officers will be especially reticent to publish books dealing with "the controversial, the difficult and the unpopular."

Unless the recent trend is halted the current flurry of concern may have arrived too late to preserve the valued independence of an industry especially crucial to the dissemination of ideas in a free society

The Insurance Adviser

Largent Parks Jr.

Is Social Security secure?

By Largent Parks Jr

QUESTION — I have paid a lot of money into Social Security Lately I have read a lot about the system going bankrupt Do I have insurance or don't I?

ANSWER — Your Social Security "insurance plan" is held by the federal government You do not have a policy as such

The government has made changes in the plan over the years and, I imagine, will continue to do so A major reason for the most recent changes was to make the program less likely to belly-up in your lifetime.

Last year's Social Security legislation increased premium contributions and put them on a rising scale to help offset the constantly growing benefits being paid out. (Some members of Congress, however, are talking about cutting back that increase and making up the difference from the government's general revenues)

If you were not worried about Social Security's stability 10 years ago, you have less cause to lose sleep now Let's hope our elected officials will continue to keep a close eye on "our" insurance policy.

QUESTION — I am disabled It looks like I will be off work for a year or maybe more Do I have Social Security benefits coming?

ANSWER — If you are 24 or under, you must have credit for 18 months of work during the three years before your disability From ages 25 to 30, you must have work credit for 50 percent of the time between your 21st birthday and the time of disability.

Disabled people 31 or older must be fully insured and five years of their work must have been in the 10 years prior to disability. Blind people need only to be fully insured.

The amount of benefit is equal to what the worker would have received as a retirement benefit at age 65.

Check with your local Social Security office. It sounds like you may be entitled to benefits.

To get a statement of your earnings to determine how much work credit you have and how large a retirement benefit you would be entitled to, simply mail a postcard to the Social Security Administration, P.O. Box 57, Baltimore, Md., 21230.

At the top of the card, print: "Please send a statement of my Social Security earnings." Then print your full name, address, date of birth and Social Security number. Finally, sign the card. There is no charge for this information.

QUESTION — I know of a man who says he is getting the maximum benefit possible under his Social Security, yet he has a substantial income. I thought you would lose all or a part of your benefits under these conditions. What's the deal?

ANSWER — Don't confuse income with earnings. This man could have income from investments, interest, dividends, rentals, insurance, pensions or whatever — as long as he is not performing substantial services."

In addition, you may earn as much as $4,000 a year and still get full Social Security retirement benefits.

A retired person could earn any amount — yes, even $1 million — in one month and then make less than $333 a month during the rest of the year. He or she would forfeit one month's Social Security check, but would receive benefits from Uncle Sam for the other 11 months.

And if your friend is 72 or older, he can have any amount of earnings without losing a cent of Social Security.

A retired worker's wife or dependent husband is also entitled to benefits, even if never employed outside the home. A divorced wife can receive this spouse's benefit if she was married to the retired worker for 20 years or more. After next Jan. 1, she need only have been married to the retired worker for 10 years.



Ivan D.E. Beaumont

THE BUCK ENDS HERE

She's on Cloud 9

The Class of 1907 —

Mrs Clara M Witte who penned the interesting story about her Class of 1907, said she received many interesting comments about the story

She was complimented further when the officers of the Nebraska City High School Alumni Association decided to enter the story as part of the minutes of the meeting

"I was on Cloud 9," she said in a note the other day

That class was active. It even had a dispute on the class colors and when the subject of pink and silver came up, one athlete challenged "now, how'd that look on a football field?"

The class also had a girls basketball team and one of its big nights was in a game against Elmwood. Thanks to the boys in the school, the girls rallied and won. Clair Macin, Latin teacher, was the coach Mrs Witte was a guard

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From Tom Hahn —

Tom Hahn, former news director at KNCY, was in town for a few days He has quit the radio news business and instead is doing something he enjoys more - teaching others how to be announcers.

He's at Brown college in Wisconsin When looking over the roster of students a few months ago, he came upon the name "Ree Miyoshi"

There's only one Ree Miyoshi, Tom said and sure nuf it was the Nebraska Citian Ree graduated from radio school and has a job in South Dakota

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U.S. Jaycee pres —

The election of Barry Kennedy from Pawnee City to the presidency of the U S Jaycees is about as fine a compliment as you'll find for the small town life

Barry is well known in Nebraska City. The local Jaycees put in a lot of hours helping him on his way up the ladder to the U S leadership and they backed it up with money to finance his campaign

Most of that money came from your entertainment — the Jaycee boxing matches Congratulations to Barry and especially to the local Jaycees who helped put it over

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Stolen —

A couple argued for years about spiritualism and reincarnation She was a staunch believer in spiritualism and he in reincarnation

The husband died first The wife attended even more seances in hope of contacting her deceased male Finally, one night his voice came through loud and clear She was overjoyed but couldn't quite keep the I - told you - so out of her voice

"What'$ it like there?" she purred.

"You wouldn't believe it," he replied "The grass is green, the sky is blue, the creeks are clear and clean and the cows have the loveliest big brown eyes"

"Cows?" she said "I didn't know there were cows in heaven"

"Heaven?" he answered "Who's talking about heaven' I'm a bull on a ranch in Montana"

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Growing ..again —

Ralph Weddle discovered that once the children are raised and on their own there's only a brief lull before the grandchildren arrive and they get attention

For example when it was hot and muggy, guess who went with the grandchildren to the free fireworks display at Steinhart park? You bet the grandparents Oh what the heck," Ralph said "We enjoyed it, too"

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No time for trouble —

City Utilities office and service personnel have held an appreciation for air conditioning The system has been "off" at the City Utilities office

Naw, silly they paid the light bill it's the mechanical part of the air conditioning system that's on the blink

Meanwhile they've been keeping their cool at the office building during the sweltering days with electric fans

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The good times —

A young mother was bathing her baby as a neighbor's little girl watched The child was holding a doll under her arms The doll was lacking an arm and a leg

How long have you had your baby? asked the little visitor

'Three months" replied the mother

' My but you've kept her nice the little visitor said

Today In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, July 9, the 190th day of 1978 There are 175 days left in the year

Today's highlight in history

On this date in 1776 General George washington summoned his troops in New York and had the Declaration of Independence read to them

On this date

In 1816, Argentina declared independence from Spain

In 1850 Presient Zachary Taylor died at the White House after having served only one year and four months of his term in office

In 1940, during World War II, the Duke of Windsor was appointed governor of the Bahamas

In 1947, the engagement of Britain's Princess Elizabeth and LieutenantPhilip Mountbatten was announced.

In 1964, the New Orleans cotton exchange closed after 93 years of operation

Ten years ago It was announced that President Lyndon Johnson and South Vietnam's President Nguyen Van Thieu would meet in Honolulu to plan strategy in the Vietnam War

Today's birthdays King Hassan II of Morocco is 49 years old Rookie Willie Wilson of the Kansas City Royals baseball team is 23

Thought for today Merit and good breeding will make their way everywhere — Lord Chesterfield, English statesman, 1694-1773



HEALTH

Lawrence E. Lamb, M.D.

Too much emphasis on sex

By Lawrence Lamb, M D

DEAR DR LAMB - Modern discussions seem to presume all persons must be either homosexuals or heterosexuals What about the good old-fashioned souls like the old maid aunt or devoted school teacher or monk who was too busy helping others to have much concern about sex? Please let's hear it from a doctor so we might begin to wake up today's news media

DEAR READER You left out bisexuals and nonsexuals, but that's all right with me because I don't care much for labels I think people are not homosexuals, heterosexuals, bisexuals or nonsexuals but people Labels are a form of name calling and that doesn't help anybody

It's been pretty well established that if you want to look at all the cultures around the world you can find any form of sexual behavior What we think is bad is part of somebody else's culture This is also true through the ages

After you've looked at the picture of sexual behavior on a global basis and through time you become aware of the fact that mankind, both male and female, is capable of almost any form of sexual expression including abstinence It's the specific culture that determines or directs what the most common form of sexual behavior will be

We would think it distinctly abnormal to passify a crotchety old man by sending a young maiden to his bedroom but that's a common practice in certain parts of the Orient Recognizing the possibilty that people can and will engage in any form of sexual expression, it really behooves one to follow the old adage of "There but for the grace of God go I" and quit casting stones at each other

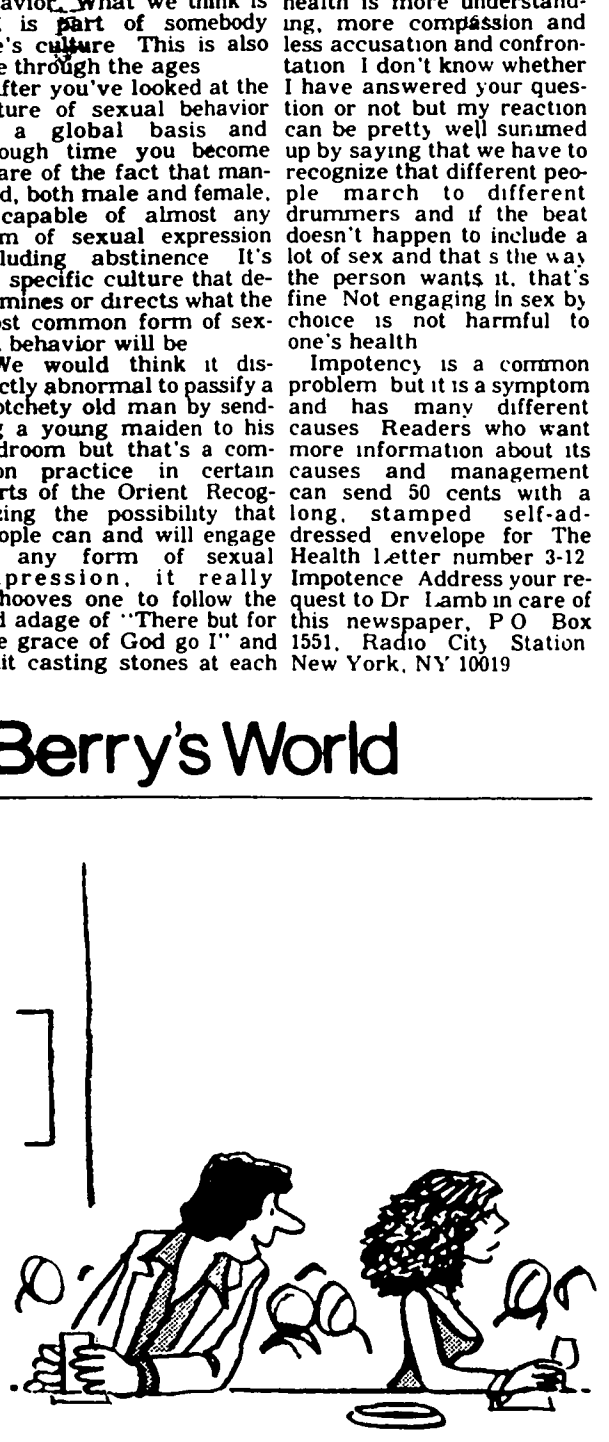
If someone chooses to be single and be the old maid school teacher and enjoys what she or he is doing that's fine It's primarily his or her business and not somebody else's

I would agree that there's too much emphasis on sex for the sake of sex Somewhere along the line too many people have forgotten that it is primarily a significant way of communicating love and devotion to someone else rather than a means of expressing one's masculinity or femininity or conquest And finally, in a world where there is so much hate I find it rather difficult to condemn genuine love and I'm not particularly enthusiastic about any form of divisions and separations whether they be on the basis of age, color, creed or social habits

In my opinion what we need for greater mental health is more understanding, more compassion and less accusation and confrontation I don't know whether I have answered your question or not but my reaction can be pretty well summed up by saying that we have to recognize that different people march to different drummers and if the beat doesn't happen to include a lot of sex and that s the way the person wants it, that's fine Not engaging in sex by choice is not harmful to one's health

Impotency is a common problem but it is a symptom and has many different causes Readers who want more information about its causes and management can send 50 cents with a long, stamped self-addressed envelope for The Health Letter number 3-12 Impotence Address your request to Dr Lamb in care of this newspaper, P O Box 1551, Radio City Station New York, NY 10019

Berry's World



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"You've heard of Proposition 13? Well, here's Proposition 14 — how about dinner and a movie?"