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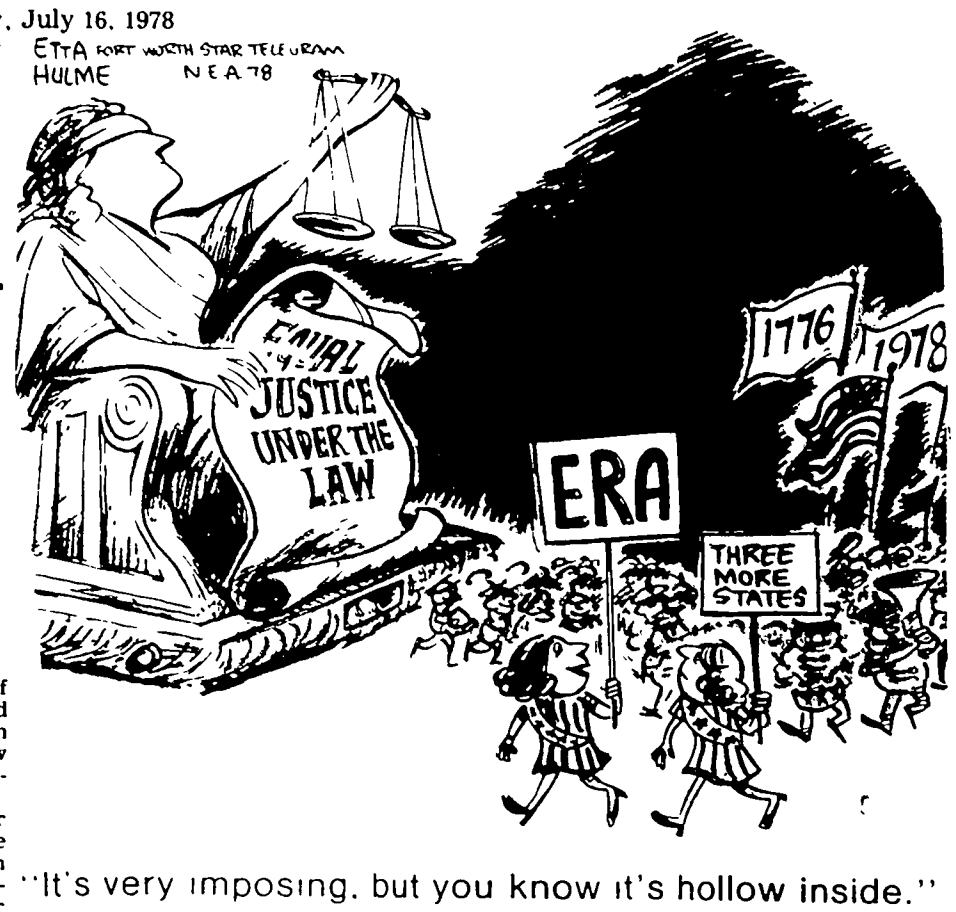
There are still places in the South, and no doubt plenty of them, where being an old Jimmy Carter supporter and friend doesn't quite measure up to being an old hometown boy. Take, for example, Beaufort, S.C., in the "low country" along the coast some 30-odd miles from Charleston.

White House aide Jack Watson, one of Carter's inner circle, was in Beaufort last week touring a comprehensive health center that relies heavily on federal funds. When Richard W. Riley, Carter's former South Carolina campaign director and now the Democratic nominee for governor, turned up among the local dignitaries who came to see Watson, the White House staffer gave him a fulsome introduction.

There was only one problem. The fellow Riley had defeated in a run-off election just a week earlier happened to be Lt. Gov. W. Brantley Harvey Jr., who hails from Beaufort. And Harvey's hometown friends did not exactly sprain their wrists applauding Jack Watson's and Jimmy Carter's "old and dear friend," Dick Riley.

Political upkeep

Watson, by the way, took a good deal of ribbing on a swing through Eastern Kentucky last week to look at rural development projects. Seems his visit didn't quite match the furor that surrounded the appearance, just five days earlier, of another old White House type — former President Richard M. Nixon, who staged his political "coming out" at Hyden, Ky., just a few miles from where Watson was.



"It's very imposing, but you know it's hollow inside."



Martha Angle and Robert Walters

IN WASHINGTON

Good gov't; but bad name

WASHINGTON (NEA) — President Carter's first attempt to mobilize a broad-based citizens coalition to promote a major administration program is on the verge of ending in failure.

The issue around which Carter sought to muster grassroots support was his well-intentioned but poorly executed tax reform program.

While the White House was responsible for the poor timing, lack of coordination and inept staff work that contributed to the emasculation of the president's program, the blame must be shared by two other groups.

The coalition of business, labor, civic and public interest organizations that initially rallied under the banner of Citizens for Tax Reform in 1978 but never delivered the expected and required support of their members.

The millions of middle income taxpayers whose notoriously lethargic attitude toward public affairs resulted in little backing for a White House proposal that would have shifted at least some of the federal tax burden from them to wealthier individuals and corporations.

Carter sounded the call for citizen participation in mid-April when he noted that "The voices we hear in Washington when tax reform is proposed are the voices of those special interest groups."

Added the president: "They are powerful, rich and influential. They are present here through lobbyists, spokesmen, lawyers and accountants trying to protect the selfish special privilege that has been carved out from them in the past."

The administration's effort to activate a counterforce began with an April 6 White House breakfast for more than 50 potential allies.

It was a top-drawer group and the State Room was jammed, recalls one participant.

After brief speeches from Carter, Treasury Secretary W. Michael Blumenthal and senior members of the White House staff, those invited by the president were asked if they would be willing to commit themselves and their organizations to the grass-roots organizing campaign.

Those who expressed an interest were invited back to the White House on April 17 when Carter invoked his florid rehtoric in an appeal for backing from "average Americans (who) foot the bill for the rich."

Formation of Citizens for Tax Reform in 1978 was announced the same day. The unusually broad coalition included officials of 13 trade associations, officers of major corporations, leaders of labor unions and representatives of senior citizens, black, hispanic, consumer and tax reform groups.

In and unprecedent move, the citizens' committee sought to publicize the votes of representatives on amendments proposed in the House Ways and Means Committee — the seldom-noticed process that shapes all tax legislation.

Formation of the citizens group and plans to generate constituent pressure on members of Congress for true tax reform were bold, innovative steps, but that effort proved to be too little, too late.

The national organizations that promised to carry the tax reform message to their membership generally failed to fulfill that commitment. "People just don't take to the streets to protect the DISC system," says one committee leader, referring to a special interest tax provision Carter sought to eliminate.

The bill now likely to emerge from the Ways and Means Committee will contain little of what Carter proposed and a major reduction that he opposes in the capital gains tax. As a result, the president may veto the legislation.

"The administration's bungling of this operation went well beyond the White House's normal lack of political agility," concludes one participant in the ill-fated effort. "It's unfortunately another case of Carter giving good government a bad name."

Today In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, July 16th, the 197th day of 1978. There are 168 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On this date in 1945, the first atomic bomb was exploded over the desert in New Mexico. It was the beginning of the atomic age.

On this date:

In 1790, the District of Columbia was established as the seat of the U.S. government.

In 1862, David Farragut became the first admiral in the U.S. Navy.

In 1951, King Leopold III of Belgium abdicated and was succeeded on the throne by his son, Baudouin.

In 1957, Marine Major John Glenn established a trans-continental speed record when he flew a jet from California to New York in three hours, 23 minutes.

Today's birthdays: Actress Ginger Rogers is 67 years old. Actress Barbara Stanwyck is 71.

Thought for today: Half the evil in the world is gossip started by good people. Ed Howe, American journalist, 1853-1937.

News in Brief

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — A representative of the Netherlands told the U.N. Economic and Social Council that his government wants the 1961 International Convention on Narcotic Drugs amended so that the Dutch can use and keep marijuana.

The convention requires all signers to prohibit possession and use of marijuana, also known as cannabis. Dutch delegate E.J.N. Brouwers said each country should be allowed to write its own rules concerning domestic consumption so long as it banned export of the drug.

AS TIME GOES BY

300 attend

FORTY YEARS AGO
1938

More than 300 people, 200 of them landowners affected by the flood, attended a meeting held in Nebraska City. WPA workers were to begin fighting grasshoppers in Otoe county as soon as a local project was drawn up. The Nebraska City midgets continued their winning ways, defeating the Auburn midgets 51-1. More than 200 forest fires were reported along the Pacific Coast during a 24-hour period.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
1953

Marvin Eden was elected quartermaster of the local Veterans of Foreign Wars post. Harold Truscott of Syracuse was hurt when he fell through a display window at his company. Syracuse residents donated 141 pints of blood to the Red Cross. Nehawka was struck by hepatitis, with nine residents suffering from the ailment at St. Mary's Hospital. Ely Feister was named finance campaign director for the Arbor Lodge District of the Boy Scouts of America.

TEN YEARS AGO
1968

Engineman Third Class Ted R. Lyon left by plane for the Philippine Islands after a 15-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Lyon. The Nebraska City Saddle Club named Cheryl Gress as the candidate for Sidney, Iowa, rodeo queen. Mrs. Ardis Heng, a long-time worker with the Nebraska Heart Association, was pictured with her certificate of appreciation. Terry Edward Hoeman of Nebraska City received his bachelor of science in mechanical engineering degree from the University of Nebraska.

Safety Valve

free passes

EDITOR, News-Press: Mike Medaris, the new City Minister of Finance, got his feet wet Thursday night at the City Council meeting when he defended the Council's proposal to give all full time City employees and their families free annual passes to any City connected sport or recreation.

Most of the spectators attending the Budgetary session spoke up against such a "freebie" despite the Council's unwillingness to allow a sample vote on the matter. Unless second thoughts on the issue reverse their decision, the Council members will present the proposal at the next meeting of the Park Board. It might be a hot potato by that time. But according to some observers the Park Board does the last word on such proposals if it comes right down to it. Maybe the PB will welcome the gesture as the Council itself explained its position, to sort of say "thank you" to the host of potential recipients of the proposed passes.

We believe the decision to present passes to select persons is arbitrary and unfair. It is untimely and uncalled for. It is discriminatory and the mollifying effect it might have on the favored minority who serve the public certainly is a misconceived notion on the part of the Council. The people, once again, are getting the augur with little choice in the matter.

Medaris himself agreed with one protester by calling the free tickets, if issued, no more than "perks", or "fringe benefits", as he said, to regular, full-time employees on the City pay-roll.

It might be best to preclude murmurs of discrimination and include all of the personnel of the Nebraska City Utilities. And the County staffs and the Federal agencies. Where do you stop? Why not consider the truly needy folks who DON'T have the dough to send their kids to the fun spots where the fees are at all time highs"?

Can't you imagine a kid at the pool or the golf course telling a buddy who has just paid his money: "Oh, I get in free, my Dad works for the City".

FRED OETGEN

city council

EDITOR, News-Press: It is understandable why public attention is so poor at city council meetings.

There were seven members of the Otoe County Taxpayers Association and they suggested that the budget be broken down and explained by departments. This was done.

The council is always asking for citizen input and it got it at this meeting and ignored it. Many felt that a 7 percent increase in salaries to all city employes was not justified and should be in X number of dollars to those who earn it.

In reference to the free pool, golf park privileges to city employes this was also objected to by many in attendance. The council refused to ask for a show of hands on this fringe benefit.

City employes are well compensated for their labors and if any of them don't like their jobs or pay all they have to do is quit and look for another just like the rest of us.

BILL PAYER

Berry's World



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"My advice to you is stop worrying about your chances of getting into Studio 54!"



Ivan D.E. Beaumont

THE BUCK ENDS HERE

No wind in basement

The weather report —

We often call the Dr. R.C. Fenstermacher home to check wind velocity because they have a measuring device and because they live on the "point" in the north part of town.

Sorry, we couldn't report the wind velocity to you during the storm last week. The Fenstermachers wisely went to the basement as the storm approached and increased in intensity.

Ed Thomas drove home in the storm and tells a story like it was the Last Frontier and all he and son Mark had was their pickup truck and a determination to get home.

I tried to be the brave soul. Millie wanted her Donkey Tail plants brought in, but when I opened the door and got soaked in one whish of wind, I said that was enough.

The plants? They blew down but now are being nursed back to a growing life.

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Congratulations —

to the Lyle Babcock family on being selected as the church family of the year for the First Christian Church in Nebraska City.

They will be honored by the congregation at a fellowship dinner on Sunday.

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The new Pioneer —

Sid Metcalf will retire soon after 25 years of operating the Pioneer and Trail Drive-In theaters in Nebraska City.

Sid sold the movie business to Peter Frederick of Des Moines and the new owner has begun immediate changes. He plans to convert the present Pioneer Theater building on Eleventh Street to twin theaters, naming them appropriately Pioneer I and II.

A large fan was removed from the rear of the building by Leroy Fletchall and his American Meter crew. The fan will be used for additional ventilation at the [illegible] because of this discovery.

Mr. Frederick had it removed to make way for air conditioning.

Sid has hired a lot of boys and girls over the years to work at the ticket sales, concessions and clean up. His office wall is decorated with pictures of a lot of graduates. They remembered him.

Best wishes to the Metcalfs in their retirement.

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The WWII story

Remember the Safety Valve a few weeks ago in which a man from England wanted to locate a Tech. Sgt. Raymond Shephard who lived at 1207 Third Corso?

Well they're getting together. Tech. Sgt. Shepherd (his last name is Shephard) is married to the daughter of the Lew Hunts of Nebraska City.

Mr. Shephard now operates an air freight business in the Los Angeles area and resides in Torrance.

The writer from England wanted to locate the Nebraska City sergeant for information for the book he is writing on the USAAF base at Goxhill, Lincolnshire, England.

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Imo Heebner —

The other night Cliff Johnson, the singing evangelist, soothed his audience with good humor. This one made Miss Imo Heebner chuckle.

It's entitled "How to get your son to church."

On a Sunday morning this young man turned and declared "I'm not going to church today and I have 2 reasons - No. 1 They don't like me. No. 2 I don't like them."

The woman of the house flashed a look in his direction and quipped:

"Well you ARE going to church and I have 2 reasons. No. 1 you're 43 years old and No. 2 you're the pastor."

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And little Will West, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby West, cracked up when he heard another of the Johnson family jokes.

It was about a young boy who squirmed in his seat, wiggled, piddled and about drove his family nervous nuts. Later at the fellowship coffee the little fellow was gazing around when he saw a large bronze plaque.

He turned to his dad:

"What's that thing?" he asked.

"That's a memorial plaque for those who died in the service," his father answered.

"Which one?" the young man asked. "The 9 o'clock or 10:30 service."



HEALTH

Lawrence E. Lamb, M.D.

Treating Addison's disease

By Lawrence Lamb, M.D.

DEAR DR. LAMB: I am a female and 40 years of age. Nine months ago I found out that I had Addison's disease and I would like to know all about it. Also my electrolytes get out of balance and I have to have blood tests every month. My sodium gets very low and my potassium is high. My blood pressure is always low. I work but have to miss quite a bit because of this disease. I had a hysterectomy about four years ago. Could this be why I have Addison's disease?

I'm taking 45 mgs of cortisone a day and I'm always tired, too.

DEAR READER: Classical Addison's disease involves damage or inadequate function of the adrenal cortex, the little glands that sit over the top of each kidney.

This part of the adrenal gland forms important hormones that stimulate the formation of blood cells by the bone marrow and control your salt and water balance. The fact that this gland is not functioning properly in your case is why you're having so much trouble with your sodium and potassium.

Normally hormones from the adrenal cortex cause the body to retain sodium and eliminate potassium. When you don't have enough of these hormones the reverse situation occurs. The loss of salt and water contributes to the low blood pressure. There are various degrees of severity of the disease itself which of course relates to how much gland damage has occurred.

Fatigue goes along with the disease and some individuals have a darker pigmentation of the skin. Upsets of the digestive system are common and can be associated with changes in salt and water balance.

Individuals with this disease frequently have a craving for salt and may use large amounts on their food. I hesitate to mention this because of the frequent American habit of using lots of salt whether you need it or not since so many people have habituated their taste buds to salty food.

It's a fairly complex disease but a lot can be done to treat it now. It's possible for doctors to replace the hormone deficiencies caused by damage of the adrenal cortex. There are various reasons for damage to adrenal glands, a common cause for it in the past was tuberculosis but since tuberculosis is rather rare today that's seldom the cause. You can be fairly certain that your hysterectomy had nothing whatever to do with your Addison's disease.

It may take a while for your doctors to get your particular case regulated and find out the best way of managing you, but you can be reasonably optimistic that they will be able to provide quite a lot to help you replace the normal function of your adrenal gland and thereby minimize the problems that you will have.

You will be interested in the role sodium and potassium play in the body's function so I am sending you The Health Letter number 10-12, Salt: Your Vital Sodium and Potassium Balance. 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 326, San Antonio, TX 78292.

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The Prayer For Today From The Upper Room

Teach us to number our days and recognize how few they are, help us to spend them as we should. (Psalm 90:12 TLB)

PRAYER: Heavenly Father, may we live each day for You, and help others while we can. Amen.

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