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VIEWPOINT

A special Arab talent

Money has always talked, but in our day and age oil does even more — it shouts.

Which explains why France let off the perpetrators of the shootout at the Iraqi embassy in Paris, which left one French police officer dead and two injured, with the equivalent of a slap on the wrist. Acceding to the argument of diplomatic immunity, the French merely deported Iraqi guards who had opened fire upon police taking into custody a Palestinian who had held the embassy staff hostage

Iraq, it so happens, is a major supplier of oil to France and thus not a country to be trifled with diplomatically, even when its agents shoot up French police in the French capital.

The Paris shootout was only the most spectacular of recent eruptions of made-in-Mideast violence which have disturbed the peace of other parts of the world. The latest series of raids, assassinations and bombings has also hit Britain and Pakistan

The mayhem is a manifestation of inter-Arab antagonisms which make about as much sense to outsiders, with the obvious exception of the Israelis, as would today the medieval feuding of Guelphs and Ghibellines.

At basis is a conflict over policy between hardliners and moderates — although the terms are highly relative in this case since none of the parties is disposed to a Mideast settlement and none is even sympathetic to Egyptian President Sadat's efforts to maintain a dialogue with the Israelis.

In the line of fire so far have been diplomats of Iraq, flagbearer and financer of the hardliners, and agents of Yasir Arafat's faction of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

When their ambushes, raids and assassinations occur within the Arab perimeter, the outside world does not much notice or really care — again with the obvious exception of the Israelis.

But when it spills onto the streets of Paris and London, with other than Arabs victimized or endangered, it's another matter One that does matter to the countries affected. Arab violence prompted Britain to expel 11 Iraqis. And while oil still argues powerful for speaking softly, the French attitude is also stiffening

When it comes to damaging their cause, it's clear that the Arabs have no need for external enemies. With their talents for internal dissension, they can find enough within their own ranks to do the job

Strikes, hits and no errors?

Why is it students who have trouble with simple math tests often are capable of complicated computations in their heads when the subject is something on the order of a ballplayer's batting average?

A good question, and the obvious answer is that math dealing with a young fan's special interest is fun, not work.

Which is the rationale of the Math Baseball League, a learning experiment tried out in New York last summer and going national this season under the cosponsorship of the Los Angeles Dodgers, Houston Astros and Atlanta Braves.

Based on an instructional game developed by the St. Regis Paper Co. in which players use math problem flash cards to score hits, the number of bases depending upon difficulty of solution, the league has signed up several thousand elementary students through Boys' Clubs and the YMCA in the three team cities.

The season runs through August with championships to be held in sponsor stadiums before regular major league games.

If it helps Johnny to figure, play ball.

AS TIME GOES BY

Sheriff searches

FORTY YEARS AGO
—1938—

Sheriff Carl Ryder was searching for two men who had "rented" a radio from a local store, then left town without paying for it. .A fire of unknown origin destroyed the Leo Kreifels home two miles west of Paul. .Four miners who had been trapped hundreds of feet underground at Scranton, Pennsylvania, were rescued alive and unharmed. Dean W N Delzell of Peru State Teachers College announced his retirement He had been associated with the school since 1905

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
—1953—

Mr and Mrs Walter Crowther bought the Little Diner Cafe from Robert Francois Three volunteer firemen, Otto Berthold, Robert Hartley and Emil Webering, were burned in an explosion while fighting a fire at the Schminke mill Evelyn Rawlings appeared on "Talent Sprouts" on KMTV Sexy actress Patricia Median blasted Hollywood's overemphasis on sex. .Secretary Frank Sorrell said everything was "spick and span" at the Otoe County Fairgrounds.

TEN YEARS AGO
—1968—

Former Nehawka resident, Mrs John Adams, of Madison, Wisconsin, was awarded a Master's Degree in library science at the University of Wisconsin's summer commencement

The Mid-County Jollyettes 4-H Club members pooled their talents to construct the top booth at the Otoe County Fair

The Prayer For Today From the Upper Room

"You know the way that leads to the place where I am going " (John 14 4 TEV)

PRAYER Forgive us, Lord, when we try the wrong shortcuts Help us to wait for thy leading, to follow Thee, and to show others the way Amen.

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"We agree you've taken a turn — we just can't decide if it's for better or for worse."



Martha Angle and Robert Walters

IN WASHINGTON

Airlines don't need financing

WASHINGTON (NEA) The nation's airlines are promoting an audacious scheme calling for the imposition of a special federal tax whose only purpose would be to collect almost $3 2 billion for the purchase of new passenger planes

The government's role would be limited to levying the tax on airline customers, then turning over the money to the airlines to finance the replacement of hundreds of aging aircraft with a new fleet of commercial jets

The unprecedented use of federal taxing authority to provide funds earmarked exclusively for one industry's equipment modernization program is authorized in a little-publicized bill now pending in Congress

Numerous legislators have criticized the plan, but among its most zealous proponents is Rep. Glenn M Anderson, D-Calif., chairman of the aviation subcommittee of the House Public Works and Transportation Committee.

Anderson recently allowed the Air Transport Association, the industry's trade association, to take over a congressional hearing room for an entire day to present one-sided briefings on the issue to other House members and their staffs

Consigned to the corridor outside the hearing room were representatives of Ralph Nader's Congress Watch who distributed literature describing the proposal as "a subterfuge to underwrite a new jet fleet at taxpayer expense "

The bill, the "Noisy Aircraft Revenue and Credit Act of 1978," justifies the unique taxation scheme on the grounds that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has imposed a 1985 deadline for jet engine noise reduction.

The industry argues that since the FAA is requiring quieter aircraft, the government should pay at least part of the bill by establishing a special 2 percent tax on all passenger tickets, then distributing the proceeds to the airlines

(The federal tax on airline tickets now is 8 percent The bill technically would reduce the rate to 6 percent, then immediately add back the new 2 percent levy)

The noise abatement requirements are hardly a surprise to the airlines, since the basic legislation was approved by Congress 10 years ago The most recent FAA regulations, issued in 1976, gave the airlines more than eight years to bring their planes into compliance

The airlines originally told the FAA they could meet the new standards by retrofitting planes with sound-absorbing material at a cost of $950 million. But now they claim that compliance also involves the purchase of new planes, at a cost of $6 billion to $8 billion

What the industry really wants is federal money to replace the first generation of the four-engine, long-range commercial jets — the approximately 450 Boeing 707s and McDonnell-Douglas DC-8s now in service

More than half of those aircraft will be 18 years old, the age of commercial retirement, by 1985 According to one estimate, more than $2.5 billion of the federal subsidy (three-fourths of the taxes collected) will be used to buy replacements.

The airlines already are the beneficiaries of generous federal tax relief through investment tax credits and accelerated depreciation benefits. In addition, the industry is enjoying a business boom of unprecedented proportions.

"Traffic has zoomed beyond all projections," says Business Week magazine, citing 'fat profits" and "spectacular second-quarter profit performance" of several airlines.

TWA's earnings were up 71 percent and United's earning more than quadrupled in the spring quarter, June was the busiest month in the history of commercial aviation, and profits amassed by all airlines are expected to easily top the $1 billion mark by the end of the year

United, Eastern and Pan American have placed orders in recent months for almost $2.9 billion worth of new planes — proving that the airlines are quite capable of financing their own aircraft purchases without a special federal subsidy



Harold Blumenfeld

GROWING OLDER

Good health means good eating habits

Growing older does not mean that we are ever too old to change bad habits At least we can try because the effort could possibly make the difference between being sick and well

For many years the American Heart Association has recommended a meal plan that is low in saturated fat and cholesterol and still provides all the essential nutrients. Their literature states this plan is mainly for adults from their 20s on who have a family history of heart disease or who may have increased their risk through a regular diet high in saturated fat and cholesterol

They suggest that children and adolescents, especially from susceptible families, can also benefit by forming tastes for food early in life that may protect them from heart disease when they reach adulthood I know that parents have to tread on soft-boiled eggs when giving advice to their children or grandchildren Perhaps putting literature in their hands, which is free from your local Heart Association, might just do the trick without resentment on the part of the younger set

From time to time I read health reports pointing a guilty finger at such staples as sugar and salt After extensive research, the Senate Select Committee on Nutrition and Human Needs has released its report on dietary goals for Americans which states that simple procedures could improve the health of all of us They suggest a good start by cutting down on salt and sugar The report advises cutting sugar intake by at least half and salt consumption by 50 to 80 per cent.

To make it easier, why not keep the salt shaker and the sugar bowl in the kitchen cupboard instead of putting them on the table? And cut down on the amount of salt and sugar when cooking Before you know it, you'll begin to enjoy the natural taste of unsalted foods Spices and herbs can be substituted for salt and sugar, often with surprising and delicious results

The body requires a certain amount of carbohydrates and these can be obtained from grains, dried beans and peas, milk, fruit, vegetables, etc.

The Committee report agrees with the American Heart Association's caution about foods high in cholesterol and advises cutting down on these. They state that approximately 45 per cent of our total food intake now consists of fat calories. They suggest cutting it to 30 per cent, with a bit more than one-third coming from polyunsaturated fats, one third from monounsaturates and the final third or less from saturated fats.

To achieve this it would help to substitute low-fat milk for whole. We use powdered nonfat milk in our home for drinking and cooking even for desserts and baking Or the powdered milk can be mixed with whole milk should one prefer We also use corn or safflower margarines. Eggs and organ meats should be used in moderation. Low-fat meats, poultry, low-fat cheeses, veal and fish and even some vegetables are a good source of protein and can help achieve the cut that the Committee suggests.

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Ivan D.E. Beaumont

THE BUCK ENDS HERE

Good show, school board

The plaque —

Today's Wormy Applewood Plaque goes to Dale Sharp, president of the school board and to the other members of the board for the boondoggle of the school year.

The board changed the opening date of the public schools because builders couldn't get the new grade school completed in time.

(Let's hope they have time to connect the plumbing.)

And now with the later school beginning, all the Moms and Dads can look forward to classes ending in June instead of the usual May school ending.

Good show, school board.

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The winner —

Congratulations to Mrs Dale Norstadt of Nebraska City on winning the Chamber's One Last Fling summer vacation special.

Mrs Norstadt and her group of four will be guests of Nebraska City businesses at Adventureland. The prize also included scrip money, hotel, meal and $35 expense money

Mrs Willard White was chairman of the event for businesses.

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School begins —

There was a clunkety-clunk of feet in the kitchen the other night er morning .and when the sun came up I discovered that No. 1 son had returned.

He and Craig Marshall arrived home during the early morning hours, dumped all their dirty clothes on the two "Moms", and took off the next day to go water skiing with friends.

That's the way it's been this summer — few visits and dirty clothes. Craig and Keaton have been working the summer for Jack Pagel at the Husky Truck Stop on I-80 near Aurora. The boys worked for Jack when he operated the J & P Truck stop on Iowa No. 2.

Gary Cohn is also working at the station and I imagine his visits have been running about the same. The boys worked long hours and have been trying to convince us they put some money in savings.

Well, summer is over and school is beginning. The boys have stopped pumping diesel fuel and changing truck tires and next week will be pumping brain-power into University books and changing their own sheets

It's been a good summer, but especially brief for parents.

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Congratulations—

to Greg Mann, son of Dr and Mrs G. E. Mann, who received a full tuition Regents scholarship to the University He completed his first year at UNL with a perfect 4.0 grade. We'd say he certainly earned that scholarship.

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The County Fair

Orville Koch, president of the Otoe County Fair Board, is pretty excited about this, the 50th year of the County Fair.

It looks like a "bumper" crop of entries in the livestock divisions. And that means more 4-Hers and FFA boys and girls and that's what the fair is all about.

The fair opens Sunday with entries and runs through Thursday, the sale day. It promises to be one of the largest in displays and entries.

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The brownout —

Thanks to the City Utilities crews for getting the electric service restored after the brownout Monday afternoon. The hour of the day bothered newspaper people more than the 90-plus heat, but the local power crews got things going and in a short time we were running. The paper was late, but not as late as we feared

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Saving wildlife —

Few people are dedicated to preserving wildlife as Joe Voges of Nebraska City and it's easy to see his true love in his display of mounted species.

Joe spoke to Optimists the other day about taxidermy but more about the need for preserving wildlife. He's a naturalist and takes a great deal of pride in the town's Nature Center. That is located in the former City Hall near St. Mary's Catholic church. It is open every Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m

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Football —

We're going to miss football at our house this year This will be the first time in several years that we haven't had a young man walking around the house chewing on his mouthpiece and calling to his mother "Hey, mom did you wash my jock?"

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From my mother-in-law —

Life isn't a bowl of cherries, it's a bunch of raisins — raisin' kids, raisin' money and raisin' heck about both of them.



HEALTH

Lawrence E. Lamb, M.D.

Spasm of the colon

By Lawrence Lamb, M.D.

DEAR DR. LAMB — I would like to know if diverticulitis can cause pain in the right side and the left. My husband has the pain all on the right side.

He had his appendix out a number of years ago. He had X rays last fall and the doctor told him he had hiatal hernia which he knew he had for a number of years. He also had evidence of diverticulitis.

The doctor gave no further information or caution as to diet. My husband also has a lot of gas and bloating and is a diabetic with a heart condition. Do you have any suggestions?

DEAR READER — Your husband has a number of important medical problems and deserves regular personal medical supervision. Pain in the right side can occur from spasm of the colon and this is thought to be a major factor in causing diverticulitis.

You mentioned the fact that your husband has a lot of gas. If he has a colon spasm, even on the left side of the colon near his terminal portion as it enters the rectum, it will still obstruct the flow of gas. The accumulated gas, then, may be in the right colon which is stretched and distended just like a balloon. It's the stretching, and distension that causes the pain.

I would suggest that improving your husband's bowel function would help. For this reason I am sending you The Health Letter number 2-1, Irritable and Spastic Colon and Constipation.

If your husband can follow a good bowel routine, it should help relieve his gas and abdominal distress, which in turn may relieve the diverticulosis (pockets of the colon) and gas. Other readers 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 recently developed cataracts in both eyes and was wondering if you have any advice on the subject I read in a journal that the new way of treating cataracts is to use a hollow suction needle to remove the cataract while it is still soft. Otherwise by the time the cataract "ripens," the eye will be damaged by the dent left by the hardened cataract when it is finally removed. Please advise me on this matter

DEAR READER — A cataract is the hardening or opacification of the lens in the eye Small spots of opacification can develop in the lens and a person can still see adequately around them. That's why some people go for years with some small cataracts in their lens and still do not require surgery.

The choice of the proper means of removing a cataract must be based on the individual case It is true that if you develop a hard lens, in some cases it can produce pressure inside the eye that causes a problem in the normal drainage of fluid from the eye. This can cause an increased internal pressure.

Whether a person should have cataract surgery or not depends on the condition of the rest of the eye If the rest of the seeing mechanism is perfectly normal the surgery is often very beneficial.

However, if there is already significant disease in the rest of the eye that impairs vision, then removing the cataracts may not be the final answer to restoring vision

Berry's World

Today In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Aug. 20, the 232nd day of 1978. There are 133 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On this date in 1791, Danish navigator Vitus Bering discovered Alaska

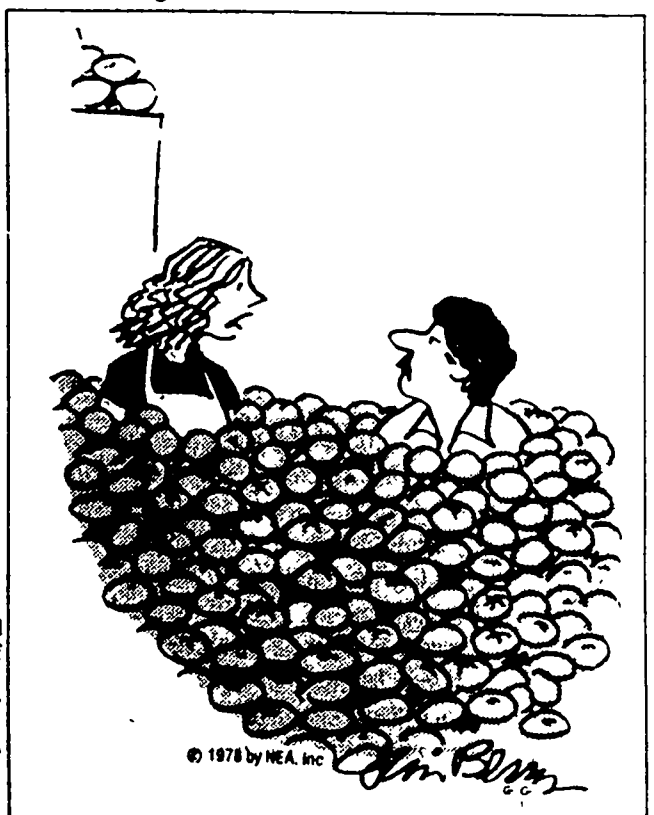
On this date:

In 1776, George Washington eluded the British in Brooklyn, N.Y., and moved his army across the East River to Manhattan in dense fog.

Ten years ago: Troops of the Soviet Union and four other Communist countries invaded Czechoslovakia to halt the country's move toward more liberal rule.

Today's birthdays Third baseman Graig Nettles of the New York Yankees is 34. Former baseball manager Al Lopez is 70.

Thought for today: The theory of communism may be summed up in one sentence: Abolish all private property — Karl Marx, German political philosopher, 1818-1883.



"I TOLD you NOT to put in those extra tomato plants!"