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VIEWPOINT

Freedom for whom?

There are landmarks and then there are landmarks.

We Americans, for example, take justifiable pride in such impressive features of the national scene as the Washington Monument, the Golden Gate Bridge, New York City's Flatiron Building and Katharine Hepburn, whose acerbic wit drew a comparison in terms of vintage and durability between the last-cited structure and herself during a recent appearance on the estimable television program, "60 Minutes."

It was a lively interview, ranging over a long career and related subjects, in the course of which the actress delivered herself of a one-word review of current movies: "filth." She also had a suggestion for dealing with the situation which, considering the way decisions have been going of late, made her sound like promising material for the Supreme Court.

"They say, 'Oh, no censorship No, no — freedom of the press,' " she observed "The hell with that! They've got to do something."

Well.

Everyone is entitled to an opinion, of course, and there is undoubtedly a large body of it out there in viewerland which would agree emphatically with this one. Amid all the sex and violence in films these days, it's not easy to detect the occasional redeeming social value

How to deal with the situation is another matter, however, and one on which there may be a considerable difference of opinion Who, for example, are "they" who must do something Congress? The courts? Federal or local law-enforcement authorities? A special agency?

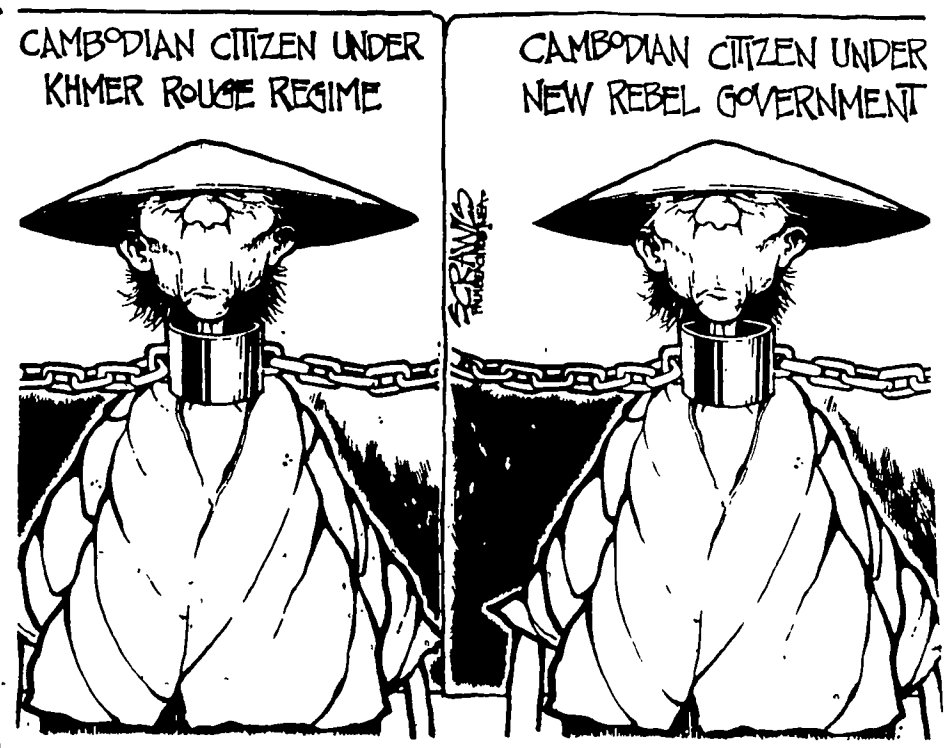
The movie industry is not unfamiliar with the subject. The Hays Office was a power in Hollywood during the '30s. While during that period the studios produced many classics, they were also restrained from picturing much that was true about American life It might be noted in passing that under the then-prevailing code, two pictures for which Katharine Hepburn was to receive Academy Awards in the '60s might not have been produced — "The Lion in Winter" for its frequently spicy language and "Look Who's Coming to Dinner" for its taboo subject matter, (whisper the name) miscegenation

Freedom, particularly of expression, is fragile and relative In the arts, it often is a matter of taste and value judgments One person's filth can be another's pristine truth, a point that was made not long ago by one of the persistent dissenters on the present Supreme Court, Justice William Brennan.

"I find," he commented in a case involving the radio broadcasting of objectionable language, "... a depressing inability to appreciate that in our land of cultural pluralism there are many who think, act and talk differently from (the members of the court majority), and who do not share their fragile sensibilities. It is only an acute ethnocentric myopia that enables ... censorship of communications solely because of the words they contain "

It is certainly an individual's right not to view — and an actress's not to appear in — films which are judged objectionable. That is a matter of value judgments and freedom of personal choice. But a very sensitive line is crossed in a pluralistic society when one individual's or one group's values are made the public standard and applied to others, whether they share such values or not.

That's what censorship is And pardon us, Kate, but to to hell with it



EAST MEETS WEST

U.S.-China hostility thawed in '70s

By Barbara McDowell

(Last of six parts)

When President Nixon alighted from Air Force One in Peking on Feb. 21, 1972, one of his first moves was to extend his hand to Chinese Premier Chou En-lai.

It was a gesture rich in symbolism.

Relations between Washington and Peking might have evolved much differently had Secretary of State John Foster Dulles not spurned Chou's proffered hand at a 1954 Geneva meeting

"It was probably the most expensive display of rudeness of any diplomat anywhere, ever," wrote journalist Theodore White, a World War II acquaintance of the Chinese Communist leader. "Chou became a dedicated enemy of American diplomacy for many years."

Yet, it was Chou and ex-cold warrior Nixon who were most responsible for the gradual thaw in relations between their countries.

The men's new attitudes reflected the changing times. The communism that seemed so frighteningly monolithic in the 1950s had been fragmented by the deterioration of the Sino-Soviet alliance Peking now felt it had as much to fear from Moscow as it did from Washington.

Within weeks of his 1969 inauguration, Nixon set events in motion by successfully seeking a renewal of the informal ambassadorial-level discussions between the United States and China that had taken place intermittently since 1955 in Geneva and Warsaw.

Then — through public utterances and private messages relayed by heads of state friendly with both governments — the American president made increasingly clear his desire for better relations with the "People's Republic" (not "Red China," "Communist China" or "Peiping," the terms used by previous administrations).

He launched a series of measures easing trade and tourism between the two countries. The United States dropped its long-standing opposition to Peking's admission to the United Nations, though it still opposed the ouster of Taipei from the world body.

The first big breakthrough for the new policy came in April 1971, when the U.S Table Tennis Team was invited to tour the Chinese mainland. "We have opened a new page in relations of the Chinese and the American peoples," Chou told his U.S. visitors

Three months later, National Security Adviser Henry Kissinger slipped away during an Asian fact-finding trip to meet with Chou in China. Out of their two days of meetings came the Nixon visit

At the end of Nixon's week-long "journey for peace," the two nations issued the Shanghai Communique, which pledged continued efforts toward normalization of relations. In the document, the United States acknowledged that "there is but one China and that Taiwan is a part of China" and pledged to reduce its military support of the Nationalists "as the tension in the area diminishes "

Nixon had hoped to recognize Peking late in his second term. But things had not progressed beyond the opening of "liaison offices" before Watergate intervened.

Other events prevented Nixon's successors from speedily carrying out his intentions President Ford had to reassert U S support for Taiwan following the Communist takeovers of Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia in 1975 And President Carter had higher diplomatic priorities in Panama and the Middle East

But the new Chinese leaders who succeeded Chou and Mao Tse-tung continued to press for full normalization of relations Now they were motivated not only by apprehension of the Soviets, at the urging of Deputy Premier Teng Hsiao-ping, China had reversed Mao's go-it-alone economic policy to seek increased trade and developmental assistance from the West

Finally — yet with the appearance of dramatic suddenness — President Carter and Chinese Prime Minister Hua Kuo-feng announced that formal relations between their countries would be established on Jan 1 Noted their joint statement "Normalization of Sino-American relations is not only in the interest of the Chinese and American people but also contributes to the cause of peace in Asia and in the world "

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AS TIME GOES BY

Sale is large

FORTY YEARS AGO
—1939—

Bookkeepers at the Nebraska City Sales Pavilion recorded $7,000 in sales from its latest sale, the largest business day in its history, with every animal placed in the ring being sold A Milwaukee bacteriologist announced he had found a germ that could be the possible cause of cancer The opening of the auto testing station in Nebraska City was delayed pending action from the Unicameral WPA workmen were clearing away brush and debris along South Table Creek in Steinhart Park

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
—1954—

Deryle Seefus was elected president of the Nebraska City Jaycees, succeeding Jerry Livingston Dr George Mann was elected first vice-president. Will Ost was named to the Weeping Water Creek Watershed Accociation. The Lincoln Star rated Syracuse No. 1 in Class C Bernard Spencer told Rotarians about his European trip Mrs Vea Kruger was installed as noble grand of Harmony Rebekah Lodge

TEN YEARS AGO
—1969—

Elmer Hallstrom, a longtime resident of the Avoca community, was shown in front of the bank where he had been employed 50 years The Pioneer wrestlers captured the runner-up spot in the seven-team Twin Rivers tourney at Crete Mrs Martha Aldrich, Brock, was 109 years old on January 28, 1969 .Dr Arden Bonebrake was elected president of the Otoe County Medical Society. Garry Ailes, Nebraska City Jaycee, was pictured presenting John Schumacher with his Hole-In-One golf trophy which he won late in the season

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The Prayer For Today From The Upper Room

The man who will not accept the kingdom of God like a little child will never get into it at all. (Luke 18:17 Phillips)

PRAYER: Thank You, God, for children and youth. As they learn from us, may we also learn from them. Amen.

Today In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Jan 28, the 28th day of 1979 There are 337 days left in the year Today's highlight in history On this date in 1871, France surrendered to Germany in the Franco-Prussian War

On this date

In 1596, Sir Francis Drake, the English navigator, died on his ship off Panama and was buried at sea

In 1807, Pall Mall in London became the first street in the world to be lighted by gas

In 1914, the California city of Beverly Hills was incorporated.

In 1915, President Woodrow Wilson signed legislation creating the Coast Guard

In 1932, Japanese forces attacked the Chinese garrison at Shanghai

In 1976, the U S Senate approved a 200-mile fishing limit off the coasts of the United States

Five years ago Israel, acting under an agreement with Egypt, lifted its siege of Suez City, surrendered 300,000 square miles of Egyptian territory and freed the encircled Egyptian 3rd Army

One year ago It was announced that President Carter had invited Egyptian President Anwar Sadat to Washington for new detailed discussions of the next steps in Middle East peace negotiations.

Today's birthdays: Pianist Artur Rubinstein is 90 years old. Artist Claes Oldenburg is 50. Actor Alan Alda is 43. Artist Alice Neel is 79.

Thought for today: If man could be crossed with the cat, it would improve man, but it would deteriorate the cat — Mark Twain, American humorist, 1835-1910.

Berry's World



"I think it's cousin Louie, from Chicago."



Ivan D.E. Beaumont — THE BUCK ENDS HERE

Poor attendance

American ag —

The attendance at the American Agriculture meeting the other night at Senior High was pretty poor for the numbers the group has attracted previously

We got a preview on the speech by J C Lewis of Guymon, Oklahoma Ed Rowen, Jr , who headed up the session, provided a tape made on an earlier speech,

Mr Lewis' points were the same He speaks well-informed and projects his beliefs very well about a one-world government

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Dean Terrill, reporter for the Lincoln Journal, said he always wanted to do a favor for me, so before he left Fairbury for the drive to Nebraska City to cover the American Ag meeting, he called my mother-in-law and offered her a ride to see me

As luck would have it - snicker snicker she had made arrangements to go elsewhere at about the same time

Dean apologized and I said that's OK He said it was troublesome for him to haul around someone's mother-in-law and I agreed

He said, sorry, but he won't offer it again I said, that's OK yabba dabba doo

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The DAR contest —

Congratulations to Mrs Paul Knoll She provided the enthusiasm that got her seventh graders interested and they competed in the DAR essay contest

The boys and girls did a much better job than we did when we were in the eighth grade The subject was on types of travel and the conditions during the colonial years

Debbie Hall was the winner Second place went to Pam Lutz Honorable mention went to Bret Ford, Holly Lima and Wendy Harger

We were also pleased with the good spelling and the penmanship It's nice to see that the ball point pen hasn't ruined good penning habits

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The Jaycees —

Congratulations to the Jaycees during the week designated as recognition for the men in the organization

The Jaycees are not connected in with the Chamber They are a separate organization and conduct their own projects However they are the Good Guys and help on most Chamber projects

They serve the community in many projects that take long volunteer hours They also are the organization that directs Nebraska City's ball program that attracts 800 or so boys and girls to the parks during the summer

They used to have a pretty foxy Jaycee softball team but that may have fizzled That was back in the years they used to take on heavies like Darling Truck Transfer at Auburn Dwaine (spitball) Ross was on the mound, Bill (speedy feet) Dawson was the lead off batter and Jerry (giggles) Hall was a pinch hitter but did a better job as coach and cheerleader

They called it fun but everything hurt for several days after a game

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IFR —

In airplane lingo, they call it IFR (instrument flight rules) For the passenger it's pretty tricky sitting there looking out the window and relying so much on the skills of others

The jet put down at Kennedy airport in New York with visibility zero That means you couldn't see clearly across the street We didn't care Kennedy was the third or fourth choice and the hazy ground looked mighty good

Next to us was a coed returning to school She was quite nervous (we circled New York over an hour) but once we struck up a conversation, she jabbered up a storm and almost forgot our situation

The skill of the American Airlines pilot and crew made it a comfortable flight despite the weather

As a matter of fact, we took a seat in the smoking section on the return home, fired up the Kaywoodie with some Cherry Blend, a cute stewardess handed us a blend of something else and we had an enjoyable trip to Omaha (Told her my name was Jake Clem of Palmyra)

I thought of Andy and Eula Seybert The AA magazine carried an interesting article with pictures about "touch" dancing and how Paul Moorehead is helping keep it alive

I was going to pick one up on another flight but got sidetracked by another cute stewardess (Told her my name was Mel Ommen of Syracuse)

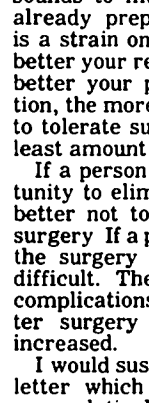
Oh, say guys leather legs, are still the "in thing for New York women and helmeted policemen

News in Brief

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) Under a proposal by state Rep Phyllis Pond, Indiana married couples could separate for a day - at least on paper — to avoid a higher tax bite

The Internal Revenue Service had no official comment Thursday, but a spokesman indicated the IRS didn't think highly of the idea

Mrs Pond, a Republican from New Haven in northern Indiana, says it's unfair that married wage-earners are taxed more heavily than unmarried, live-together couples.



HEALTH

Lawrence E. Lamb, M.D.

Gentle walk after operation

By Lawrence Lamb, M.D.

DEAR DR. LAMB — I will have my gallbladder removed in two months because of an attack of pancreatitis In the past, I have had several gallbladder attacks and X rays showed gallstones

I would like to know if there are any health measures that will prepare my body for surgery? Also, after the operation? Is there anything in the line of vitamins, diet, or exercise that will help me in recovery? I am 62 years old and in good general health and enjoy exercise, jogging, swimming, golf and yard work

DEAR READER — It sounds to me like you are already prepared Surgery is a strain on the body The better your reserves and the better your physical condition, the more likely you are to tolerate surgery with the least amount of difficulty

If a person has the opportunity to eliminate fat, it is better not to be fat before surgery If a person is obese, the surgery is much more difficult. The likelihood of complications during or after surgery are definitely increased.

I would suspect from your letter which indicates you are relatively active that this is not a problem for you I would caution against any crash diet, severe diet or rapid weight loss just before surgery

For people who have the time and the opportunity and are physically able to do so, it is good preparation for surgery to gradually improve your physical fitness level. That means to gradually build up your exercise capacity to an optimal level and maintain it

What you should do after surgery depends a lot on what kind of operation you have had Unless the nature of the operation limits your ability to do it, the person who resumes normal daily living patterns, including normal daily activity, is the one who recovers the fastest Now, this has to be tempered with reason and you don't need to be exercising muscles that have had recent incisions

For example, in your case I certainly wouldn't recommend any sit-ups or anything that would put a strain on the abdominal muscles until they have completely recovered and your doctor has told you it's all right to do this sort of thing

Post-operatively, one of the best exercises most people can do is a gentle walk Being able to get outside and walk around and enjoy life is a good tonic for speeding up recovery

I am sending you The Health Letter, number 11-4, The Pancreas Your Enzyme Organ It will give you more information about pancreatitis and what causes it Other readers who want this issue can send 50 cents with a long, stamped, self-addressed envelope for it Send your request to me in care of this newspaper, P O Box 1551, Radio City Station, New York, NY 10019.

Gallstones are a frequent cause of pancreatitis The stone coming down the bile duct from the liver can lodge at the opening of the duct that drains the pancreas This is how the whole thing starts

Although it seems logical that stones would be the cause of your pancreatitis, it is important that you follow good health habits to prevent any future attacks that might occur

In my opinion anyone who has had an attack of pancreatitis should never drink a cocktail or use alcohol in any form ever again This can contribute to further damage and may be a factor in chronic reoccurring pancreatitis which you certainly want to avoid

CARRIER ROUTES OPEN OR COMING OPEN

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ROUTE # 13 — South and east of 11th Street Overpass

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ROUTE # 20 — 8th Ave to 13th Ave. east, from 9th Street to 3rd Street

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