VIEWPOINT

A declaration of war

The ayatollah himself wasn't present and just as well. It wasn't his sort of crowd.

Nevertheless, there is truth as well as sarcasm in referring to the event as the "Khomeini summit", as the press and other camp followers were doing by the close of the Tokyo conference of the leaders of the industrial democracies.

The oil crisis may not be all the ayatollah's doing, although there is no reason to doubt his capability of bringing it about single-handedly given the opportunity.

It has, however, been accelerated dramatically by the revolution he brought about in Iran. First, in temporarily shutting off a vital portion of the industrial world's oil supply, and then in shifting the balance of power among Mideast producers to the radicals at the expense of the so-called moderates, the Saudis and their Persian Gulf satellites.

Oil, as a consequence, dominated deliberations in Tokyo. And yet, rubbing it in, the final word was delivered a half a world away in Geneva, where OPEC gave another firm twist to the price screw. That demonstrated who's really on top.

The situation is now serious, so serious that Jimmy Carter is angry. He has denounced OPEC for the worldwide dislocation that oil at more than $20 a barrel will produce.

At a preliminary guess and just as it affects the United States, the economists are saying that it will boost the cost of oil imports from $43 billion last year to more than $70 billion by 1980, add a percentage point or more to the inflation rate and eliminate half a million jobs or more by 1980 as the economy slides into recession.

Put that way, it would appear that the oil cartel has progressed in less than a decade from a policy of price squeeze to a declaration of economic war on the industrial nations.

If so, it is a war in which the oil producers present a formidable front line but lack depth. They possess the current economic super weapon, but they lack reserves — the industrial infrastructure, the technology and scientific resources to advance it, the large, educated and skilled populations that in a prolonged contest are likely to determine the outcome.

The domocracies possess all this in abundance. And it may be that history will look back at Geneva and see its real significance not in the extraction of more billions of tribute but in finally provoking the democracies to a war footing themselves, the mobilization of their resources to regain control of their economies.

They have the means to develop alternatives to their overdependence on oil of the last several decades. Geneva may have given them the will to do so. Particularly Americans, who after the experiences of the last months are not likely to return to consumption as usual as was the case after the 1973 crisis.

If so, Jimmy Carter in the end should have less cause for anger than for gratitutude. They laughed, if they paid any attention at all, when he called upon the country to see in its energy problems the moral equivalent of war.

OPEC in Geneva may now have put sufficient meaning into that advise to at last convince country and Congress.

Briefly noted . . .

While the industry has been responding coolly to Transportation Secretary Brock Adams' repeated urgings to "re-invent" the automobile, students at a technical college in the Netherlands may have beaten Detroit to it.

A recent news brief informs that their experimental model won a fuel-economy competition with a top speed was just over 9 miles an hour. That won't burn up any tracks, but at the equivalent of 2,070 miles to a gallon of gas it's guaranteed to leave the energy crisis in the dust. And with a little tinkering, the designers think they might be able to hit 18 flat out.

There is something other than speed, or lack of it, that could be a problem in selling much of the public on the vehicle. To minimize wind resistance, the driver of the cigar-shaped sub-subcompact has to be flat on his back.

But then, it's just possible that in a continuing fuel pinch even that considerable obstacle to widespread acceptance could be overcome — providing power steering, air conditioning and other options were right.

Where there was smoke . . .

Speaking of fuel, Cleveland recently observed the anniversary of an event that has done more than add some to jokes about the city.

It was back in 1969 that the Cuyahoga River, meandering through the city's industrial heart, caught fire. The event did nothing for Cleveland's already well-charred reputation But it did spur the environmental movement. The burning river became a negative symbol locally and nationally.

The Cuyahoga today, while still not what you would want piped into your pool,is a different river. Cleanup efforts have changed its waters from thick black to a more fluid brown.

It's almost never too late, it appears. And a society that has been able in 10 years to make the sludge-like Cuyahoga again hospitable to birds and fish clearly has proved its capability of meeting formidable technological challenges once aroused.

Bring on the energy crisis.

How about the $5 and $10?

Speaking of anniversaries, it is a century since the opening of the first 5- and 10-cent store, F.W. Woolworth's in Lancaster, Pa.

A wire report on the occasion notes that none of the chain's outlets today sells anything for a nickel. There are, however, a number of items still obtainable for a dime.

Comforting, perhaps, but an artificial rose, a bubble pipe and a comb as examples of current rock-bottom pricing only make the good old days look even better.

AS TIME GOES BY

Kehlenbeck hurt

FORTY YEARS AGO
—1939—

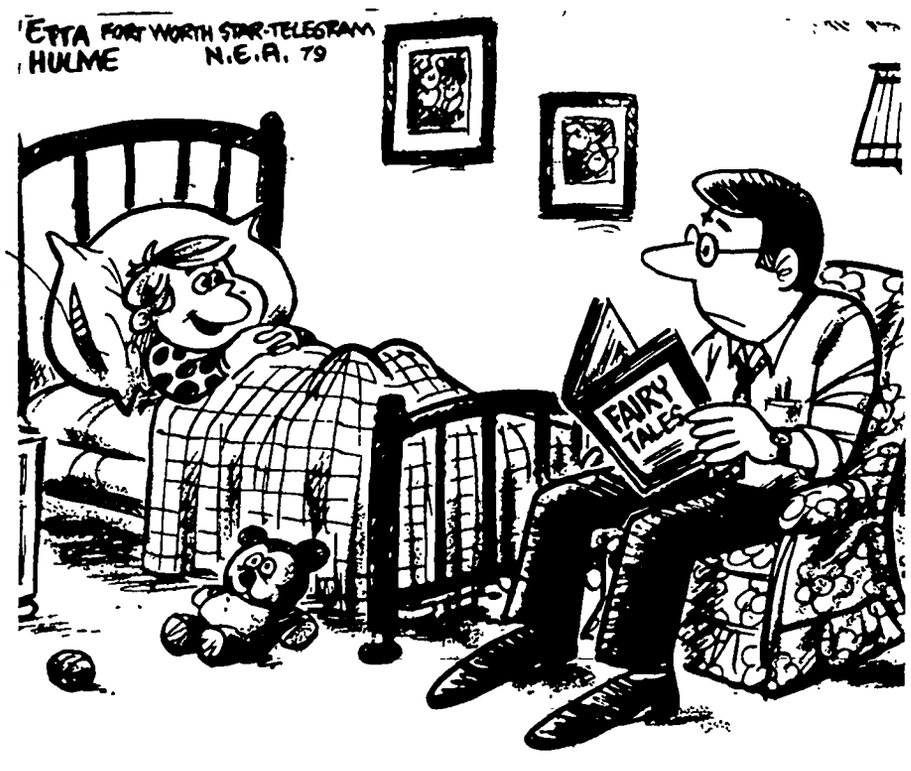
Syracuse farmer William Kehlenbeck was seriously injured when he tried to stop a runaway team of horses pulling a binder carrying his son-in-taw, Roland Brammeier ..Six bonding house representatives assured the Otoe county board that funds would be available to purchase Waubonsie Bridge and make it toll-free if the board wished to do so. .Fate of a new District 30 school building was still in doubt although voters had approved transfer of surplus general funds to a building fund...Aviator Charles Lindbergh made an unscheduled visit to his hometown, Little Falls, Minnesota.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
—1954—

The city council adopted a budget permitting the expenditure of $194,000 for 1954-55, up $4,000 from the previous year's estimate. ...Mrs L.A. Whipple, Mrs Art Sackles and Mrs Lorraine Coates were elected delegates to the National VFW Auxiliary convention in Philadelphia...Jerry Lee was named head track coach at the University of Nebraska ..The Nebraska City school board adopted a budget of $343,650.

TEN YEARS AGO
—1969—

The city commission adopted six ordinances at the rate of one every 12 and one-half seconds...Fifteen area students were among the 96 students to be named to the Dean's Honor Roll at Peru State College for the second semester. .Lowell Hagar began as the new Hinky Dinky manager. Former manager Marvin Vinsonhaler was transferred to Plattsmouth...New machines were installed at the Kreifels Launderama at 107 South Sixteenth...Greenfield, Iowa, city council passed a motion to encourage the town's estimated 700-800 smokers to quit for 30 days.



"Could we get into some heavier stuff, like oil company ads?"



Arthur R. Sweet — REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK

Steinhart remembered

MY first recollection of Morton Steinhart was when I saw him in his World War I uniform. My last was when I had a minute with him in May, 1979, as he entered his home on South Eighth Street. My acquaintance with him during the intervening years was wonderful. Morton's sense of humor was unparalleled; he didn't feel very well on that afternoon in May, but he had a quip for the visitors.

Morton Steinhart called me a "traitor" for leaving my native town three years ago, but he had a twinkle in his eye when he said it and I considered it more of a compliment than criticism

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MORTON Steinhart was Mr Nebraska City to everyone who knew him I hope newcomers to Nebraska City know that Steinhart Park, improved by Morton, was named for his father, the late John W Steinhart, that he built Steinhart Park lodge, that he and Karl Nelson bought the Schmaus farm and then gave it, Wildwood, to Nebraska City for the use of the public

The things this man has done for his community can't be listed in one newspaper column His persistence resulted in American Meter Co. coming to Nebraska City

Otoe Food Products Company, later Morton House Kitchens, was his baby and with the help of his co-workers became nationally known. I don't suppose there was a single worker at "the factory" who didn't like and respect the boss. That isn't always the case, you know, but it was true on South Eleventh street in Nebraska City

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A COUPLE of amusing incidents came to mind the other day Otoe Food Products took under its wing a couple of Iowa inventors who, realizing that growers didn't like to snap sweetcorn in the hot August sun, invented a picker for a crop Otoe was canning in those days.

The day came when the picker was to have its first trial after it had been "perfected" and the prototype had been delivered to a corn field in Fremont county. This reporter was invited to take his movie camera to record a notable event. All was in readiness and the machine started down the row Very little happened on that first run, the same was true for 30 minutes The thing just wasn't picking corn and it appeared then that Iowa farmers would have to continue their hot work in August.

Morton, of course, was on hand. After 30 minutes he put on his hat and remarked: "I'm going home." That was the end of the demonstration.

Later, of course, the picker was perfected. Otoe sold it to a firm with resources and for all I know the machine invented by the two Iowa mechanics is doing the job. Otoe Foods stopped canning corn when World War II came along; the factory turned to other items.

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WHEN there was agitation in Nebraska City for municipal ownership of the electric facility, Morton Steinhart took an interest He decided that he should visit the University of Nebraska campus to talk to some of the experts there. would municipal ownership be a good thing for Nebraska City?

Morton invited this reporter to make the trip with him. We spent the morning interviewing the profs; around noon Morton decided we ought to call on an old acquaintance of his downtown. "He'll take us to lunch," said Morton. His friend, who later became head of the world bank, or something like that, fed us. Morton knew the right people everywhere!

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IN more recent years Morton Steinhart turned his activity to St Mary's hospital He was wintering in his home at Islamorada, Florida, when he read in The News-Press that St. Mary's was in financial trouble. Sister Clara, one of the most able people ever to be connected with the hospital, and The News-Press decided to "tell it like it was" as far as the hospital's finances were concerned Business was bad, the income failed to match outgo. One of the difficulties was the payment of interest on a loan that had been made to St Mary's by someone at St. Louis

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WHEN Morton Steinhart came home in the spring that year he went to work on this new project. All that had to be done, he decided, was to "pass a paper up and down Central Avenue," the result would be sufficient money to pay off the hospital loan

"We can't afford to lose the hospital," he declared.

When "passing the paper" didn't materialize after due consideration, Morton took more direct action. He paid off the loan and let the hospital have the money at a ridiculously low rate of interest There aren't many people around today who would do a thing like that, should it ever be necessary in the future

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MORTON inherited some of his love of doing civic good from his father, John W Steinhart, known as "J W" by everyone who knew him Mr Steinhart worked with the county commissioners for the Court House improvement, the building of the east wing that became so badly needed Mr Steinhart pushed and pulled on this project until it became reality

It may have been during that time that the author of the little book, "Nebraska City Beautiful," remarked "Nebraska City is bounded on the east by the Missouri river, on the south by South Table creek, on the north by North Table creek and on the west by the county commissioners"

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WE have a couple of reels of home movies called "Local Yokels," put together by my father years ago.

There is a flash of Morton Steinhart standing in front of an Otoe Food Products sign. Someday I'm going to give these reels to the historical society, will future generations recognize "Steinhart" as one of the famous names in Nebraska City history? We hope they will.

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A R.S.

SAFETY VALVE

"...purple flowers..."

EDITOR, News-Press: Lately I have been noticing the beautiful purple flowers that many of the residents of this city have been growing in their yards.

I am from the farm and have lived in this city since the middle of May Back on the farm we were always pestered by the county commissioners to get rid of thistles in our pastures. Other farmers thought evil of us if we had even one thistle growing on our property.

I think it is high time that the people of Nebraska City who are growing these beautiful "weeds" be made to get rid of them There is no need for the farmers to get rid of theirs when the seeds from the plants in town are blown out to the farms.

Why spread the problem when you can take care of it right here in your own yard? I certainly hope that the people who are growing these thistles will take it on their own part to get rid of them and that the street department or whoever is in charge will enforce that they do.

WALK TOGETHER

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The Prayer For Today From The Upper Room

PRAYER: O God, we thank Thee for our Savior who is the light of the world. Open our hearts and minds that our inner darkness may be dispelled by His wondrous love. Amen.



Ivan D.E. Beaumont — THE BUCK ENDS HERE

You'd think they'd know

New words—

Read the other day that Webster is considering adding a new word to its dictionary — "humongous," meaning something large or huge.

You mean. to tell me that there never was a word like that??????? Are you trying to tell me my kids don't know English??????

Jeez. y-u-c-k barf, garf, and snarf . you'd think those people would know more about the English language

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The free bridge—

The Nebraska City river bridge became a "free" bridge in 1955 and the town rolled out the red carpet for a celebration over the Fourth

That should answer a number of inquiries we've received in recent days.

The activities included boat races on the river, fireworks, band festival, circus, Jack Paar stage show, square dancing and the Fourth of July program and fireworks

Co-chairmen were Verne Jones and the late Clemmy Holmes.

Over 1,400 vehicles crossed the bridge that opening day (The state man said the other day the traffic count now was 4,100 a day and projected to near 7,000)

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The county attorney—

We've been watching the campaign and recall of the county attorney in Cuming county As reported in the News-Press the other day, John Feller, 27, is the new county attorney

We have learned about John and the problems of the Cuming county attorney's office from our most informed News-Press reader, Marilyn Feller, a sister

Marilyn will be a senior this fall at the University She is working this summer at the News-Press as an all-around young woman in the proofreading, production and ad departments She also "winds" Associated Press coded tape for John Quinlan

John tried for the county attorney's job in the election, but lost out The voters removed the elected official, put in another, then removed him and put John Feller on the job

John is a graduate of the University Law College His wife is a country school teacher

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Country Music—

Nebraska City will have its own "concert" and although the music group won't rock 'em like the Beach Boys, Nebraska City retailers figure it'll be a foot-stomping good time

The music will be provided by the Cornhusker Country Music club, an organization of people who enjoy country music and play it for many groups and organizations.

The music days are July 13-14 with square dancing on Central Saturday night Retail co-chairmen are Jim Wood of Penney's and Dennis Jett of KNCY

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Happy birthday—

to Maynard Dunlap, president of Farmers State Bank at Douglas Mr Dunlap, a jovial and industrious banker with a special love for the "hometown" bank, will celebrate his 80th year

And he's tossing a birthday party There will be a free barbecue at the Douglas park on July 9 for his many friends and customers

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Moving—

The Rev Anthony Ley, pastor of St. Mary's Catholic church will be leaving soon for Park Falls, Wis. ..Msgr Jerome Murray, former superintendent of Lourdes, will go to Imperial, Nebr.,

Richard Johnson, NCHS guidance director, has submitted his resignation to the school board. We thank each for his contributions to the community and wish them success at their new locations

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Beach Boys—

No, we didn't get up to see the Beach Boys (Sally Broers said it was g-r-e-a-t) but we saw the overflow parking at Southroads. We had read that Southroads was not doing so hot in retail business, so when we saw a full parking lot. and it was full we looked twice.

The overflow parking was handled at Civic Auditorium and Southroads and the fans transported to Rosenblatt Stadium The Associated Press said 25,000 people were at the Stadium we can believe it



HEALTH

Lawrence E. Lamb, M.D

Hypoglycemia diagnosis

DEAR DR LAMB — I would appreciate some information about hypoglycemia Does the physician find it by a blood test? Is the diet the only treatment? Are there actual symptoms? Does one stagger or shake? Just what does the word "glycemia" mean? I can't find it in my dictionary

DEAR READER — The term "emia" refers to the blood That's rather interesting because anemia literally means without blood which, of course, isn't true The "gly" refers to glucose Therefore, the term means glucose in the blood Hypoglycemia means low glucose in the blood and hyperglycemia means too much glucose in the blood

Yes, the doctor determines that a person has hypoglycemia, commonly referred to as low blood sugar, by measuring the amount of glucose in the blood

It takes more than that to make the proper diagnosis, though Many perfectly healthy, active young individuals have blood sugars intermittently below 40 If there are no symptoms associated with the findings in the blood, no diagnosis should be made The correct basis for a diagnosis of hypoglycemia is to demonstrate the low level of glucose in the blood at the same time symptoms are produced

I'm sending you The Health Letter number 3-9, Hypoglycemia, Low Blood Sugar, to give you more details 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

Many of the symptoms ascribed to hypoglycemia can be caused by other things That's because an excess amount of adrenaline will cause a person to have shakiness, anxiety symptoms or nervousness and even a fast heartbeat. A low blood glucose level will cause your adrenal gland to release adrenaline, but so will anxiety or sudden fright or a number of problems That's why stress and anxiety so often get confused with hypoglycemia.

A person who's having adrenaline symptoms because of anxiety should not be diagnosed as having low blood sugar He needs to have his anxieties studied and be given help for that.

As The Health Letter that I'm sending you will explain, there are several kinds of hypoglycemia In general, there's the reactive hypoglycemia which follows eating. The blood sugar tends to go up with eating and then with a rebound reaction, it goes too low and produces symptoms

The other kind of hypoglycemia is sometimes called primary hypoglycemia and is associated with low blood glucose levels before eating. Some of these rare cases are associated with a tumor of the pancreas So the first hurdle is making a correct diagnosis of hypoglycemia The second hurdle is finding out what caused the hypoglycemia if it's present Obviously, the treatment for reactive hypoglycemia related to eating is quite different than the treatment of primary hypoglycemia associated with a tumor of the pancreas

Today In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, July 8 the 189th day of 1979 There are 176 days left in the year

Today's highlight in history

On this date in 1944 in the Pacific War, the most important of the former Japanese mandated islands in the Marianas, Saipan, was captured by the United States after fierce fighting

On this date

In 1663, King Charles II of England granted a charter to Rhode Island

In 1835, the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia cracked as it was being rung during the funeral of Chief Justice John Marshall

In 1919, President Woodrow Wilson received a tumultuous welcome in New York after his return from the Versailles Peace Conference.

In 1950, U.S Gen Douglas MacArthur was named commander-in-chief of United Nations forces in Korea

Today's birthdays Singer Steve Lawrence is 44 Ballerina Cynthia Gregory is 33 Actress Faye Emerson is 62. Singer Billy Eckstine is 65.

Thought for today It is a great nuisance that knowledge can only be acquired by hard work — Somerset Maugham, English writer, 1874-1965

Berry's World

