

Curious Zero Factor Casts Long Shadow Over 1980 Campaigns

BY GREG BASSETT

A bizarre factor of coincidence may develop into an important 1980 presidential campaign issue as the two men shaping up to be the major parties' nominees seem potential targets of a tragic factor — the zero factor.

Since 1840 no president elected in a year ending with zero has lived to finish his term in the White House. The factor's first victim was William Henry Harrison, 139 years ago, while the most recent victim was John F. Kennedy, 19 years ago.

Of eight presidents who have died in office, seven were elected in years ending with zero. Just two presidents, Thomas Jefferson, elected in 1800, and James Monroe, elected in 1820, have escaped the zero factor. The only president to die in office and not fall under the factor was Zachary Taylor, who was elected in 1848. Interestingly enough, Taylor died in a zero year — 1850.

Four zero factor victims have died by assassination while three have died in office of natural causes. Harrison died of pneumonia; Abraham Lincoln, elected in 1860, was assassinated; James Garfield, elected in 1880, was assassinated; William McKinley, elected in 1900, was assassinated; Warren G. Harding, elected in 1920, died suspiciously; Franklin D. Roosevelt, last elected in 1940, died of a brain hemorrhage; and John Kennedy, elected in 1960, was assassinated.

Although still unannounced as a candidate for the democratic nomination, Senator Edward Kennedy looms as a target for the zero of the zero factor. For years people have said the Ken-

nedy family is "cursed," pointing to family misfortunes and the deaths of both John and Robert Kennedy.

With the slayings of his brothers undoubtedly on his mind, Senator Kennedy will have a tough time campaigning for president. Should he run, the zero factor can only add worry to his already acknowledged fears of assassination.

The candidacy of the front-running Republican, Ronald Reagan, may also raise some questions relating to the zero factor. In 1980 Reagan will be 69-years-old, and if elected, would be the oldest president in U.S. history in 1983. Reagan's age in addition to the pressures of the presidency, could easily make him a victim of the zero factor.

In the 1980 elections the vice presidential candidates could play their biggest role in years. If indeed the zero factor were to strike again, the nation would turn to the vice president for leadership.

When asked for his feelings on the zero factor in 1960, candidate John Kennedy ironically called the zero factor a "historical curiosity," but said he would not allow it to detour his political aspirations.

Whether the zero factor will have an effect on entries in the 1980 elections is unknown. But Americans may be forced to take the tragic coincidences of the past into consideration when choosing their president and vice president for the 1980-84 term.

Of all the nomination contenders so far, strangely the two most likely candidates are the ones most vulnerable to the zero factor.

Maybe Ted would be wise to wait and run in 1984.



Walter Hollander (Aubrey Cuthrell) loudly insults the Sultan of Bashir (Kevin Wilson) during a lively confrontation in the U.S. Embassy as a wide-eyed Mrs. Hollander (Becky Brasie) wonders what happens next and a passive sultan's wife (Penny Jones) observes silently in a tense moment during the Chowan Players' performance of "Don't Drink the Water". (Photo by Gary Joyce)

Chowan Players Earn Bravo In Allen's Topical Comedy

By ROSE DRAKE

"Don't Drink the Water," a stage play in two acts by Woody Allen, seems terribly timely in the light of our government's current concern with 3,000 Russian combat troops are training in Cuba.

Are they "combat" and numbered accurately by our CIA, or are they "a training" only and innocently few in number as described by Castro and Moscow sources? Ah, national security and international intrigue.

One politician says that if those 3,000 wanted to, they could infiltrate and be absorbed by the downtown Miami traffic in a few hours. I wonder our man Henry Kissinger would say if he were in charge!

The comedy by Woody Allen centers around an international incident in our U. S. Embassy located somewhere behind the iron curtain. And the man in charge, alas, is no Kissinger, not even if we can imagine a bumbling one.

This U. S. Embassy intrigue centers around a family of three U. S. citizen tourists, who are novices at international jet-setting. The inadvertently stir up intrigue involving all foreign affairs personnel in the embassy, as well as both governments and Secret Police.

The father has a machine-gun fast mouth which almost does them all in, and it's nip and tuck from first scene to last, to see if the U. S. Embassy can survive the invasion of the Hollanders, with Krojak and his police on their heels as the officials in charge try to protect the Americans and American foreign policy at the same time.

Who dunnit and who dun what?

"Don't Drink the Water" is produced and directed by Mrs. Sandra M. Boyce; assistant director, Penny Jones; stage manager, Robert Lesene and assistant stage manager, Daniel Kenan; lighting by Jay Hilton (designer) and Warren Sexton, Jr., assistant; properties by Martha Brake (head) and Andrea Tillett; Sound by Denise Reynolds and Freda Powers; costumes by Darlene Keene; programs by Pattie Bolgosano; and publicity by Fran Morrison. (Reviewed at the first dress rehearsal, October 1).

The Chowan Players The Cast

Father Drobney	Dan White
Ambassador Magee	Steve Whittemore
Kilroy	Bobby Cunningham
Axel Magee	Rhett Coates
Marion Hollander	Becky Brasie
Walter Hollander	Aubrey Cuthrell
Susan Hollander	Laura Askew
Krojak	Kevin Cole
Burns	John Sullivan
Chef	Darlene Keene
Sultan of Bashir	Kevin Wilson
Sultan's Wife	Penny Jones
Kasnar	Jamille Aceves
Count	Bruce Walbert

In this farce on foreign policy Mr. Know-it-all Hollander walks right past the guards, barbed wire, guard dogs and all, and manages to snap shots of foreign military installations as picture souvenirs of high-spots in his Iron-Curtain sojourn — quite innocently of course. Despite his "bird brained" wife's protestations of "I don't think you can take pictures here," he keeps shooting film, albeit with an upside-down camera, pointed at himself, which yields great views of his own nose.

Suddenly, they realize their jeopardy when guards turn on them in an attempt to arrest them as American Spies.

Now that they have escaped the action outside, just what have they run into, inside? To greet them is Axel Magee, the absent U. S. Ambassador's son; Mr. Kilroy (first assistant) and Mr. Burns, second assistant in charge, in that order. The Embassy building is peopled already with colorful residents,

Judiciary

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cluding the chairman would vote by secret ballot.

The Judiciary would not set a penalty if a guilty verdict is returned. However, it could make a recommendation concerning penalty in writing to the sentencing body if it so wishes.

The sentencing body would consist of the chairman of the Student-Faculty Judiciary, president of the Student Government Association and one faculty or administrative person to serve as alternate, appointed by the Committee on Committees. The associate dean of students would be ex-officio to this sentencing body.

The Judiciary Council alternates would serve in the absence of a member or when a member could not hear the case objectively. The student alternate would replace only a student member and the faculty alternate would replace only the faculty member.

The recommendation of the sentencing body would be reviewed by the dean of students who would have the authority to approve or alter its recommendation.

The student defendant, according to Winslow, would have the right to appeal an approved sentence to the dean of students and ultimately to the president of the college. Also, the student would have the right to appeal a sentence altered by the dean of students to the dean of the college and ultimately to the president.

"There are some things that could be improved on . . . I'm not saying this is utopia, but an alternate," Winslow concluded.

Dunn, '79 Alumnus, Honored for Work

Tandy Dunn, Chowan College alumnus, Class of 1979, has recently been selected Employee of the Month for Parker Brothers, Inc. in Aoshkie, where he is supervisor of the camera department.

According to a release from Parker Brothers, Inc., "Tandy's nomination was based on his consideration for his work, concern for getting work out quickly and efficiently, and his ability to get along with all departments."

Dunn, a graduate of the School of Graphic Communications, was manager of Chowan's 1978-79 conference basketball champions. He received the Superior Citizenship Award at Honors Day this past May.

Thefts and Vandalism Decried by Mrs. Vann

The following expresses the feelings voiced by Mrs. Alice Vann, director of residence hall life, after a weekend tour of the campus disclosed thefts and vandalism in the dormitories.

We believe publishing these feelings may have a beneficial effect on the student body at large.

I wish I knew some way to express my sentiments in some "neat" or eye catching manner, but I don't; therefore, the best I can do is to simply state, "To you who are guilty of theft and vandalism of campus vending machines and furniture, I AM VERY DISAPPOINTED IN YOUR BEHAVIOR."

My "weekend on duty," September 28-30, was filled with educational and revealing experiences. As I arrived on campus Saturday morning one of the maids from West Hall greeted me with, "I wish you'd go over and see what they've done with the lamps and furniture."

True, it could have been worse, but what I saw really bothered me, and whether or not you who are guilty of the vandalism care how I feel, I want each of you to know that I am extremely disappointed in your behavior! Also, I refuse to believe that the majority of our student body is pleased with your behavior. Why should they have to pay for and be inconvenienced by your immature and inconsiderate behavior?

During the previous weekend, one picture had been taken from the wall in the lounge of West Hall, a sofa cushion from one of the new sofas, and one of the new footstools was taken. The footstool was recovered during the

Thursday night room check. During the early hours of Saturday morning, however a lamp was taken, one was broken in an attempt to take it, and two footstools were taken. (The sofa cushion and the picture are still missing.)

You may ask why am I so "up tight" about this matter. First — because I am largely responsible for the lounge furniture and living conditions of the residence halls. Second, and in this particular case, as the commercial states, "I put my money where my mouth is." I wanted the residents of West Hall to have lamps on their new tables — enough to pay for them, if necessary!

I know I can recover the money for the lamps — and the college can replace the sofa cushion and footstools through "Pro-rate," but that is NOT the point. It's the principle involved. It's a shame that the majority of students must be inconvenienced and penalized because of the behavior of a few!

I have not yet made reference to the vandalism of the Nab vending machine (another convenience) in West Hall — twice already this semester. Also the Nab vending machine and the cigarette machine in East Hall have both been vandalized. When I visited Mixon Hall on Saturday morning, I found cushions missing from the sofa; a lounge chair, table, and lamp also missing. Even Belk Hall's Nab machine has been tampered with.

I can't believe such behavior would be tolerated in your homes. Why should it be tolerated here?

Since that weekend, the sofa cushions, table, and lamp have been returned to Mixon Lounge.



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