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Thinking Capsule

by John Cox
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On January 10, 1983, the Reagan administration made public a decision requiring some medical clinics to notify parents of minors who buy contraceptives. The rule applies to all federally-aided clinics—and there are 4,100 of them. Annually about 500,000 females under 18 years of age obtain their contraceptives from these clinics. Richard Schweiker, who was Reagan's Secretary of Health and Human Resources but has now resigned, believes the new procedure will provide a greater "opportunity for family involvement" for parents. Opposition to the rule—from both liberals and conservatives—is heated.

President Reagan is these days fighting a demanding two-front war. After months of struggling he has proposed his budget for the next fiscal year. The total spent by our government will be \$848.5 billion, with a whopping \$189 billion deficit (a new record). Reagan has increased the defense budget another \$30 billion

while cutting back even more on social programs such as food stamps and medicare.

On the international front the U.S. is looking ever worse in the arms control debate. European enthusiasm for Reagan's "zero option" missile reduction plan is fading rapidly. The "zero option" is our response to Soviet nuclear superiority in the European theater. Reagan has told the Soviets they had better dismantle their 350 plus ultramodern SS-20 rockets, or else we will build a bunch of bigger and better missiles of our own and deploy them in Western Europe. The idea is to scare the Soviets into reducing their arms packet. The Russians have not yet accepted the plan.

In early January, Reagan fired Eugene Rostow, chief of the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, and replaced him with the more conservative and less experienced Kenneth Adelman. Congressional opposition to this appointment is tough, as was expected. The confusion in D.C. regarding arms issues has been heightened by recent press conference antics and has sparked concern in this country and abroad. Rostow had long been in conflict with other officials because he concentrated too much on establishing an effective working relationship with the Soviets and not enough on pushing Reagan's plans. Lamenting Washington's current dearth of arms negotiation know-how, one State department official said, "The Secretary (of Defense, George Shultz), is just learning, the professionals at ACDA are gone, and there is no expertise at all in the White House."

Where's Your David Nash?

by Uni C. Orn
Wildlife Editor

One night I was near the woods watching the sunset and trying to forget the pressures at the pasture that day. I heard a hushed movement in the bushes behind me and scampered around the nearest protecting tree. I immediately saw a figure wearing a dingy gray sweatsuit. (Believe me, I know a figure wearing a dingy gray sweatsuit when I see one.) Surprised so completely that I left my tree, I found myself muddled in the stare of the grungy animal. "Why are you here?" I stammered. He spoke like a jack-hammer tearing up concrete, "I'm where you are, or you're where I am. What does it matter, we are as connected as shadows. We both need each other."

"How do I need something that is only a figment of my imagination?"

"I'm not only a figment of your imagination. I exist in the minds of many, administrators who have been working too long, Guilfordian writers who need a scapegoat, and students suffering from the d.t.'s. You look beyond the harsh light of reality and into

the shadowy realm of uncertainties. And in that land exists all who question the purpose of life and who rebel against the normal routine.

"I am that which cannot be seen or felt—the ethereal, you might say, of mankind. Humans don't see me because they don't need me. They are content with their explanations and scientific rationale. So another world was made for you, one filled with trolls, goblins, and many others. And me, too. We exist to help you live unfettered by daily drudgery and ready-made cake mixes."

"But how do I need you?"

"Without me, you would have left the world of the people — a world much too dull for unicorns. You would forget us only to feel an unrecognizable loss when we leave on our annual migrations to Miami. You would forget the world of life in the fast lane and high-tech multi-speed kitchen appliances, to stagnate among all this beauty and serenity.

Saying, "Take two and call me in the morning," he backed away from me, and casting one last hopeless glance over his shoulder, he disappeared into the underbrush.

El Salvador

El Salvador's Minister of Defense Jose Garcia, late last year, ordered one of his rivals, Colonel Sigifredo Ochoa, out of the country. Garcia had become jealous of Ochoa's rising fame. So, in an effort to protect his own position, he tried to give his rival the ax.

The plan did not work, though, because Ochoa's troops seized control of a northern province of El Salvador and declared themselves in rebellion. There was, luckily, no serious bloodshed; the rebellion lasted less than a week.

U.S. analysts express growing concern at the lack of discipline in the army of the current El Salvadoran regime. Internal jealousies are producing serious conflicts, and officers often seem more intent on keeping political power than on suppressing the popular rebellion. Official U.S. government sources deny that such inner duels have anything to do with the rectitude of our extending military aid to El Salvador. Reagan's officials cite as positive news the fact that political murders in the country now number only 200 per month.

Falkland Islands

British material expense in the recent South Atlantic war was high. It cost them \$1.1 billion to retake the Falklands and \$1.4 billion to replace their destroyed ships; the 4,000 man garrison now established on the islands will cost \$670 million per year.

British prime minister Margaret Thatcher made a five-day visit to the Islands in mid-January after appointing a blue-ribbon commission to determine why the British were caught off guard. Political opponents back in Britain criticized the moves as crass attempts to revive the nation's nationalistic spirit in order to divert attention from economic troubles. England currently faces supply-side woes similar to those of the U.S.; Thatcher's success in the upcoming election is anything but certain.

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