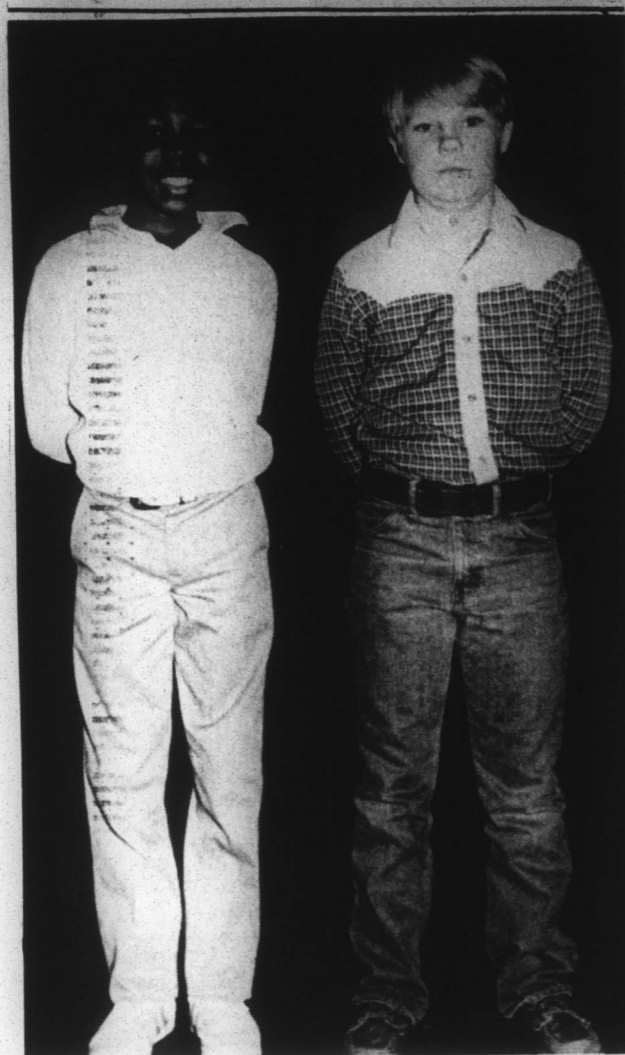


The Washington Report: Stockman Affair Reviewed

By Congressman Walter B. Jones

By this time I am sure most everyone knows that former Congressman, David Stockman, has been the architect and designer of the Reagan Administration's reform plans including budget cutting and tax cuts. So, it certainly came as a shock to many when Stockman was quoted in the respected magazine,



TOP SALESMEN FOR CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT SALE — The student in grades 4, 5, and 6 had a recent Christmas Ornament Sale. Awards were given to the top three salesmen by the Swain PTA. Steven Bembridge, right, received \$25 as the top salesman. Kevin Simpson, left, received \$15 for second place. Martha Hornthal, not pictured, received \$10 for third place.

The Atlantic Monthly, as saying the Reagan Administration's controversial economic forecast, which predicted simultaneous high growth, falling unemployment and a falling rate of inflation, was "essentially guesswork." In the Atlantic, Stockman is quoted as saying, "We didn't add up all the numbers." Other statements which certainly must be embarrassing to the Reagan Administration was Stockman's admission that the tax reform which the President was successful in pushing through the Congress was designed primarily to benefit the higher income levels, and it was hoped that some of this relief would "trickle down" to the lower income levels. Also in the article Stockman was quoted as saying that the "greed level just got out of control when the final tax bill was drafted." During the week Stockman offered his resignation to the President, who in turn refused it and publicly stated he would give him a second chance. Strangely enough, Stockman's statements were exactly the same which have been made by the Democratic House Leadership during the entire year.

Of interest to the peanut growers in the District, the House-Senate Conference Committee on the Farm Bill achieved a reasonable compromise which somewhat resembles the Senate version. It maintained price supports for quota peanuts for domestic edible consumption at a level of \$580 per ton as a minimum, and also allows peanuts produced outside the poundage quota system sold at market prices without the price support.

In a previous column I have mentioned the USDA sale of butter to New Zealand and the fact that the Department of Agriculture was not planning to use American ships in the transport of same. As Chairman of the Merchant Marine Committee, I held oversight hearings on Monday, November 9, at which time our Committee was assured that American ships would be guaranteed at least 43 percent of the tonnage, and if at all possible, even more. The amount of butter involved is 220 million pounds. During the hearing it developed that we sold the butter at 70 cents per pound while at the same time the world price was \$1.05 per pound. Strangely enough, New Zealand produces more butter than



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WE DO IT EVERY NIGHT OF OUR LIVES, WITHOUT EVEN THINKING ABOUT IT—BUT, IN BIBLICAL TIMES, IT COULD HAVE A VERY SERIOUS CONNOTATION!

THE TAKING OFF OF A SHOE IN BIBLICAL TIMES WAS THE SIGN A MAN USED TO SHOW THAT HE WAS NOT WILLING TO MAKE A DEAD BROTHER'S WIDOW HIS WIFE—THIS WAS A LEVIRATE DUTY WHICH ENABLED THE DEAD MAN'S NAME TO BE KEPT ALIVE IN ISRAEL. FOR THE FIRST SON OF THIS UNION WOULD BE COUNTED AS THE DEAD MAN'S SON AND WOULD RECEIVE HIS INHERITANCE. BOAZ, A NEAR-KINSMAN OF THE WIDOW RUTH (RUTH 4:1-14) WISHED TO MARRY HER BUT THERE WAS A NEARER KINSMAN TO WHOM THE PRIVILEGE BELONGED. HOWEVER, THIS MAN WAS UNWILLING AND, IN THE PRESENCE OF TEN ELDERS AS WITNESSES, HE TOOK OFF HIS SHOE AND GAVE IT TO BOAZ, SHOWING HE DIDN'T WISH TO "STAND IN THE SHOES OF THE DEAD MAN." THIS BOAZ WAS FREE TO MARRY RUTH AS NEXT OF KIN, WHICH RESOLVED THE MATTER HAPPILY—HOWEVER....

...IT DIDN'T ALWAYS WORK OUT AS EASILY AS THAT! THE LAW, AS STATED IN DEUT. 25:5-10, HELD THAT A BROTHER OR NEAREST OF KIN WAS DUTY-BOUND TO TAKE HIS BROTHER'S WIDOW TO WIFE IF THE BROTHER DIED CHILDLESS (IF THE WIDOW HAD CHILDREN, THEY HAD TO CARE FOR HER IN HER OLD AGE). NOW, IF A MAN REFUSE TO TAKE HIS BROTHER'S CHILDLESS WIDOW AS A WIFE, THEN, BEFORE THE ASSEMBLAGE OF THE TRIBE, HE WOULD "LOOSE HIS SHOE FROM OFF HIS FOOT AND GIVE IT IN HIS FACE," BECAUSE THE OLDFATHER WOULDN'T DO HIS DUTY TO HIS DEAD BROTHER BY GIVING HIM A LIVING SON! HIS NAME WOULD THEN BE KNOWN THROUGHOUT ISRAEL AS "THE HOUSE OF HIM THAT HATH HIS SHOE LOOSED." SO TO REFUSE THIS DUTY WAS A MARK OF SHAME TO THESE ANCIENT PEOPLE—BEFORE A MAN DID THAT, HE'D BE BETTER TO—IN THE JARGON OF TODAY'S YOUNG PEOPLE—"COOL IT WITH THAT SHOE, MAN!"

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