

# EDITORIAL AND OPINION PAGE

"We cannot know where we are going if we do not know where we have been."



## Looking at WASHINGTON

### Dealing With Russia

One of the realizations affecting the Administration's dealings with Russia is that policies of three recent U.S. administrations—aimed at getting Russia to accept the status quo—have not succeeded.

Writing in *The Washington Quarterly* recently, William Odom, formerly a staff member of the National Security Council in the Carter Administration, says the failure of Presidents Nixon, Ford and Carter to gain acceptance of the status quo with expanded Russian trade policies and arms control pacts shows the Soviet system of government will never accept the status quo. To do so would be a threat to Communist Russia's power and survival, he feels.

That's because the Soviets suppress the nationalistic forces at work in and out of their empire with a strong military force and brutal suppression of

individual freedom. The economy, also, is on a permanent wartime footing, Odom says.

Odom suggests, in effect, that President Reagan's more realistic policies in dealing with Russia is the sensible policy. Ever-increasing trade concessions will not bring about liberalization within the USSR, he suggests.

U.S. trade policy should recognize this situation and trade should not include strategic goods. Any concessions should be based on reciprocal commercial or diplomatic concessions. And western military strength should be built up to a degree that keeps the NATO allies stronger militarily than the Soviet Union.

Finally, the peoples of all the subjugated countries should be constantly reminded that U.S. long-term policy is that they someday enjoy the individual freedoms those in the western democracies enjoy today.

These proposals sound as if they were emanating from the present-day White House. They are sound, and in tune with reality, the times and American interests generally.

"Reading maketh a full man; conference a ready man and writing an exact man." Francis Bacon

### Say Can You See

Regular eye exams are important for all Americans, but there's one group of people that must pay particularly close attention to eye health. All diabetics should have annual eye exams, even those with no signs of visual problems.



A diabetes-linked eye disease known as diabetic retinopathy is now a leading cause of blindness in the U.S.

To learn how to take care of your eyes, contact your state Society to Prevent Blindness or the National Society to Prevent Blindness, 79 Madison Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10016.

## As I See It



by Bruce Barton

### THE CAROLINA INDIAN VOICE MOVES AGAIN

To be honest with you, I have spent the better part of the week (and the last one too) helping *The Carolina Indian Voice* move from one location to another. We are now located uptown in Pembroke, right off Third Street. Or more

exactly directly behind Lewis' Fish Market and beside Cliff's Convenient Store. Or, even more exactly, in the "Old Theatre" where I first saw Lash Larue and the other shooters of Indians.

Anyway, I have had little time to prepare a column so I am borrowing one from a guy who has something to say

about BILLY GRAHAM IN MOSCOW. It's what I would have said if I had the time. It's a regular column from the Heritage Foundation, a Washington based public policy research institute. As noted in the by-line the writer's name is Edwin Feulner. Hereeeee's Edwin....

### BILLY GRAHAM IN MOSCOW

By Edwin Feulner

Like street urchins rummaging desperately through yesterday's litter for today's survival, for many within the Soviet Union hope is a commodity in short supply, providing only temporary relief from the endless cycle of despair.

The Reverend Billy Graham's much talked-about visit to Moscow was disappointing not only because it revealed his naivete about Soviet propaganda, but because he missed an opportunity before a worldwide audience to bring a message of freedom and hope to the very people who need to hear it most.

The sojourners who came from Eastern Russia to hear him speak must have watched in puzzlement as Dr. Graham cruised through Moscow with Party elites inside a shiny limousine. As he nibbled caviar with Leonid Brezhnev — delighting Soviet propagandists with his comments that only the very wealthy can afford caviar in the U.S. — one wonders how he was not moved to respond to the silent cries of the needy and impoverished all over that country who are forced to grovel for a bit of bread.

Did he forget that the Soviets can't even produce enough grain to feed their own people? Was he unaware that while the Soviet Union was blessed with an abundance of sturgeon, and has just about cornered the world market on caviar, it has produced one disastrous harvest after another, and now faces a major food crisis?

Dr. Graham was in Moscow to participate in a conference for religious leaders on the nuclear issue. He had been asked by the Reagan administration to forego the trip because of the propaganda mileage the Kremlin would try to squeeze out of his participation.

The fact that the Soviet Union — which has systematically attempted to extinguish the fire of faith within its expansive borders — should hold a conference for religious leaders is ludicrous in itself. That an American clergyman would not seize the opportunity to soundly condemn a system that has punished those who have spoken out about the human spirit and its need to be free is a travesty.

Consider the irony of a group of religious leaders going to Moscow to discuss the nuclear threat, when only a few weeks earlier a demonstration against nuclear war staged in Red Square was immediately stopped by the authorities.

For the religious community to express its independent views about nuclear arms is one thing. For religious leaders to be set up and used by a country that has made a mockery of God and religious freedom and will use its new-found credibility to further its own destructive cause, is inexcusable.

It seems prudent to exercise caution when mixing politics and religion. A lot of the momentum for the nuclear freeze movement has been generated in the religious community and on moral grounds most can agree about the tragic consequences of nuclear confrontation. But if our clergy are truly concerned about the suffering in the world, they would do well to concentrate less on parroting rhetoric and attending conferences in Moscow and look more to the needs of people all over the world whose spirits have cracked under the oppressive tyranny of the very same system that now purports to be the champion of peace.

"The office makes the man." Latin Proverb



John Adams, Roger Sherman, Robert Livingston, Thomas Jefferson and Benjamin Franklin

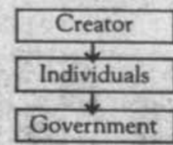
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"... That they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights..."

— July 4, 1776, Declaration of Independence

These men drafted the Declaration of Independence, a great testament of individual and national freedom. Therein lay the unique idea which led to an experiment in freedom of enterprise that resulted in unprecedented economic growth and an unmatched standard of living for more people than under any other government that ever existed.

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Gradually, however, other "ideas" have influenced legislation which has reversed the roles and given government greater and greater power over the individual. The result is ever-growing and centrally-controlled governments whose irresponsible spending policies have burdened the individual and stifled the nation's economic vitality.

John Adams said: "The people in America have now the best opportunity and the greatest trust in their hands that Providence ever committed... if they betray their trust, their guilt will merit even greater punishment than other nations have suffered..."

What are you doing about this?



## Fabulous Firsts

Diesel engines now used in the Antarctic were first used there to power snow tractors 26 years ago.



The first two-ton diesel (1959) and Japan's first diesel powered passenger vehicle (1961) were made by the same ingenious people, Isuzu of Japan, who produced the diesels powering the Antarctic snow tractors.

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- Open, responsive, effective government. Honest answers to straight-forward questions. Fair treatment for all citizens. The same rules should apply to everyone. No favorites.
- The highest priority for public education. Over the last 16 years local support for public education has decreased from 60 percent to only 32 percent of our county budgetary outlay and is still dropping though the state average is well over 50 percent. We can no longer afford the "luxury" of five separate and unnecessary local school systems.

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