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## Helsinki Words . . .

No one believes the high-level pomp in Helsinki will transform the face of Europe. From the beginning there have been no illusions about the objectives of the Russians or the limited nature of the Helsinki texts. But, amid all the skepticism that shrouds the grand summit, it remains now to extract the maximum value from it.

It does set standards against which East-West actions can be measured. The guidelines signed by 35 heads of state lack the force of law but the important thing is that the Soviet Union has committed itself to them.

This means West Europe, Canada, and the United States have leverage in their dealings with the Russians, especially at a bilateral level. Henceforth chapter and verse can be cited to them on such questions as improved conditions of trade, more exchange of information, reunion of families. As times goes on the Russians will have to be on their best behavior if they want the West's cooperation.

The Soviet leadership clearly did not expect the West Europeans to be as cohesive and demanding as they were. It thought Helsinki would be primarily a Soviet-engineered show which it could manipulate. Originally, for instance, it wanted an immediate follow-up to the conference but, realizing that such a follow-up would be used to mark Soviet as well as Western performance, it shifted to support for the first post-Helsinki assessment in 1977.

Inevitably, of course, the Russians will place their own interpretation on the Helsinki declaration. Leonid Brezhnev warned that Moscow would countenance no interference in its internal affairs. To antidote the potential effects of the Helsinki summit the Kremlin already has begun an internal campaign to warn the Soviet people against the "subversive ideas" from the West.

But President Ford struck a right note in the Finnish capital. Reflecting the views of America's West European allies, he declared forcefully that the Soviet Union would be expected to live up to promises for a freer flow of information and people across ideological frontiers. He said that progress in East-West relations has to be measured in such areas as arms control, force reductions in Europe, and moves to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons. He also made clear the U.S. will continue to be a strong participant in the affairs of Europe—a role the Soviet Union seeks to reduce.

The President no doubt spoke from conviction. But he was also addressing political critics at home who take an increasingly dim view of detente. Hence his description of detente as an "evolutionary process" still confronted with "formidable challenges" is a healthy, realistic acknowledgement that the millennium has not arrived.

On balance, the lofty words uttered at Helsinki will prove to be a pitfall only if the West allows them to be. The Russians exacted the West's acceptance of postwar political borders and a promise not to use force to change them. But the West has open the option of peaceful change—and the moral and political means with which to compel more humane conduct by their neighbors to the East. That is something on which to build.

## . . . And Actions

The agreement reached between Poland and West Germany on the emigration of Poles of German descent is the kind of action that can give meaning to the Helsinki declaration. The issue had roiled relations for some time and the breakthrough came in Helsinki after a meeting between the leaders of the countries.

There seems little doubt that Edward Gierk and Helmut Schmidt saw this as an early opportunity to demonstrate the possibilities of East-West cooperation. This makes the agreement no less meaningful.

Under it, Poland will let out more than 120,000 ethnic Germans over the next four years. In return Bonn will grant Poland a \$400 million loan at low interest rates and \$507 million to cover pension and other claims.

It is to be hoped that Poland's readiness to resolve this sticky problem will have echoes in Moscow. In the Soviet Union, too, there are ethnic Germans. Thousands of families have been allowed to leave but reportedly not as many as would like.

Moscow could gain credibility now if it, too, followed up the Helsinki conference with concrete steps in the human rights field.

—The Christian Science Monitor

## Browsing in the files of The News-Journal

25 years ago

Thursday, August 3, 1975  
Tobacco prices joined the rising trend and leaped to the highest peak in years for an average of approximately \$56 per hundred pounds as auctions began Tuesday on Border Belts markets in North Carolina and South Carolina.

Battery A 130th Antiaircraft Battalion, local National Guard unit,

is scheduled to leave Saturday morning by trucks for its annual summer training and service firing at Camp Stewart, Georgia.

A.A. McEachern, chairman of the Hoke county selective service board, said this week that complete supplies and instructions for the opening of the draft board's office here had still not been received from Raleigh, but that the board had arranged with Mrs. J.M. Baker to register men  
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'Thanks for coming, Mr. Ford.  
Please close the gate on your way out'



by Marty Vega

## Get Your Birch Bark

Reminder

The deadline for getting your entries in for the canoe making contest is growing close.

Entries must be made of birch bark picked in Hoke, Cumberland, Robeson, Bladen, or Scotland counties and must not exceed 18 inches in length, unless specifically stated otherwise.

Entries will be judged by an impartial panel of judges on originality, design, construction, and credibility.

Facts You Should Know

The shortest of all mammalian gestation periods is that of the American opossum (Didelphis marsupialis) also called the Virginia (Arlington) opossum, normally 12 to 13 days, but may be as short as eight days.

The gestation period of the rare water opossum or Yapok (Chironectes minimus) of central and northern South American average 12 to 13 days, and the Eastern native cat (Dasyurus viverrinus) of Australia may also be as short as eight days.

## Puppy Creek Philosopher

Dear editor:  
Never having mastered the old math, I can't tell you anything about the New Math, but I was interested in an article I read the other day about the subject.

According to it, a generation of kids has grown up on the New Math and as a result they understand how math works but they can't figure up what a grocery bill comes to at the check-out counter and what's worse can't even balance a checkbook.

"What's to become of these kids?" the writer of the article moaned.

Obviously he can't see very far. There are thousands and thousands of jobs in Washington for people who can't balance figures. If you want to get thrown out of work, out of office, and out of town, go to Washington with the idea of balancing the budget. These kids have been superbly trained.

Changing the subject, I see that the Russians are buying some more American grain. Will you have The News-Journal news bureau chief in Washington ask somebody up there if the Russians ever paid us for the grain they bought two years ago? You know, the 17 million tons they bought at a ridiculously low price with money we loaned them? I don't know why the New York Times' Washington correspondent or NBC or CBS or somebody has never thought of asking the question. It'd be the first thing a Raeford banker would ask.

Of course, we want to handle this with the utmost delicacy; can't afford to interfere with detente. You question Russia's credit rating too closely and no telling how mad you'll make Dr. Kissinger.

Speaking of detente, I'm not sure what it is exactly but whatever it is it looks like we're giving a lot more of it to the Russians than they are to us. By the way, in case The News-Journal doesn't have a correspondent in Washington, that's all right, Washington doesn't have a correspondent in Raeford either.

Yours faithfully,  
J.A.

Modern Fairy Tales

The Rescue

Once upon a time, the scientists and doctors of the country came to believe cigaret smoking would likely make people very ill and kill them. They brought their findings to a city called Washington, where the shocked leaders who governed the country cried "Can this dreadful thing be so?" We must act quickly to save as many of our citizens as we can. Let us call the makers of cigrates and the congressmen from the tobacco states!

All the makers of cigrates and the congressmen came and listened in silence as the scientists and doctors told of the grim evidence they had gathered. As they finished, one of the cigaret makers jumped to his feet and cried, "Let us put our own scientists to the task of examining cigrates," and a congressman cried "Y'all tryin' to wreck the economy of mah state, we got a right to grow it and folks got a right to smoke it!" The rest of the gathering turned and stared at the two.

"You mean," said one, "you'd rather grow tobacco and sell cigrates than save our citizens' lives?"

"Unspeakeable!" cried the rest of the assembly as they fell upon the two wretches and flung them from the room.

And so it came to pass that the tobacco farms became food farms and the cigaret companies went out of business.

## CLIFF BLUE . . . People & Issues



SHORTER CAMPAIGNS?...During the recent session of the General Assembly there was right much talk about reducing the cost of political campaigns, particularly so when the effort was underway to reveal the presidential primary law in North Carolina.

In proposing to hold the primary in August, opponents of the presidential primary felt that such a law would eliminate the presidential primary, which it might have, had George Wallace not come to Raleigh and turned things around. Now we have the presidential primary in May and the State primary in August. Proponents of the August date said that August for the State primary would shorten the fall campaign and save political spending, which seemed like a good thought, but in practice it doesn't seem that it will work out.

Only last week Rep. Herbert Hyde of Asheville announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for lieutenant governor. It seems that the campaigns for both governor and lieutenant governor are getting underway earlier than heretofore, even though the primary is three months later.

LIEUT. GOVERNOR...In addition to Herbert Hyde there are two others who have announced, officially or unofficially, Waverly F. Akins of Fuquay-Varina and B. Frank Stephenson, Jr. of Murfreesboro. The latter has been an announced candidate for months. Others are expected to enter the race for lieutenant governor—a prortion that now pays a good salary with an office in the Legislative Building in Raleigh along with ample secretarial assistance.

Mayor Howard Lee of Chapel Hill is expected to be a candidate for lieutenant governor. State Senator John Henley of Fayetteville is giving consideration to running. Former State Senator Charles B. Deane, Jr. of Rockingham is also known to be toying with the idea of running, along with about a dozen of others whose names do not come to mind at this writing, including State Senator Tom Sudarth of Lexington in Davidson County.

Sudarth's interest in making the race brings a new face to the door, that of a man not widely known throughout the State. A lawyer, a former chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee and a shopping center developer. Tom and wife Jeannie have started traveling about the State sounding out sentiment for possible support should he enter the race. Speaking of the make-up of the General Assembly, Tom, a big man whose look and dress would fit that of a United States Senator from the chivalrous South says: "Most General Assembly members I observed close-rang are honest. But there are many who do not have the moral fortitude to stand up against the power structure in North Carolina."

Continuing, Tom says: "I'm not anti-establishment about anything, but I do resist and resent any type of unjustifiable pressure brought about by special interest groups that would dictate legislation or policy with no regard to the good of the people."

CONGRESS PAT RAISE...Last week the House of Representatives in Washington voted 214 to 213 for a pay raise. Here is the way the Tar Heel delegation voted: For the pay raise: Congressman David Henderson, Richardson Preyor, Walter B. Jones, Charlie Rose and Stephen Neal, all Democrats. Voting against were, Congressman Ike F. Andrews, L.H. Fountain, Roy A. Taylor, and W.G. (Bill) Hefner, all Democrats; and Congressmen James T. Broynhill and James G. Martin, Republicans. By switching his vote from against to for the increase, Neal may have left himself wide open for formidable opposition next year.

SQUELCHING DISSENT?...When the University of North Carolina board of governors recently refused to reappoint Roddy L. Jones, Raleigh businessman to the ECU Board of Trustees they left the governing board wide open for criticism. Jones as chairman of the ECU Board has been out-spoken for the ECU medical school which the UNC Board has strenuously opposed from the beginning. Jones, we understand, did a remarkable job along with other ECU trustees in helping Dr. Jenkins bring about legislative approval for the much needed medical school at ECU. University personnel including the governing board are supposed to be broad-minded with opponents as well as those who support their views! The UNC Governing Board action may bring about a study of the Trustee appointing power in the 1977 General Assembly.

## Letter To The Editor

Dear Sir:

We and the whole staff of the Hoke County Public Library wish to thank you and your staff for the excellent coverage of the Library over the years, and especially during the last several months.

We are excited about the support of the county toward the new building, and reading about it in the paper has seemed to stimulate and encourage that much more support.

We do appreciate your interest in the library and all of its programs, and we also appreciate your putting that interest before the people.

Thank you very, very much.  
Sincerely,  
Mrs. Dorothy S. Cameron  
Library Supervisor  
Mrs. Pam Williams  
Sandhill Regional Library System

## Report To The People

by Senator Robert Morgan



coverage to other parts of the country.

It is my firm belief that any person of any race who is a bona fide citizen of North Carolina has no problem in registering and voting. And I think it is time the rest of the nation recognizes that fact and insures to its own citizens the same privilege.

We in North Carolina have met our obligations under the Voting Rights Act just as we have obeyed enactments of Congress and Supreme Court rulings which were directed primarily or exclusively to the South. I will be glad to see the day when all areas of the Nation are treated equally under the law.

AGRICULTURE AMENDMENT  
An amendment to the Agriculture Appropriations Bill which I co-sponsored should help livestock, poultry and dairy farmers and feedlot operators meet existing regulations of the federal act on water pollution. Under the regulations, animal waste runoff into streams and rivers must be stopped. This type of pollution control requires the installation of gutter system, retention ponds, mixing ponds and spreading systems for dispersal and these can be expensive.

The amendment I co-sponsored adds \$62.5 million to the Farmers Home Administration soil and water conservation fund to provide 40-year loans at 5 percent to farmers who must install this equipment and who cannot secure loans from banks. The amendment was approved by the Senate and I hope it will survive the

House-Senate conference.

CAMPAIGN DEBT  
One bit of extremely good news during the past week was that we have paid off the debt that was left at the end of the 1974 campaign. The fact that we were able to retire this \$125,000 debt so quickly amazes me, and I am deeply grateful to all those who worked so hard to achieve this. I am also extremely happy that we did it principally with \$50 per person dinners rather than accepting larger sums from interests who might have expected preferential treatment in return for their contributions.

## Stories Behind Words

by William S. Penfield

Jerkwater

The early railroad locomotives were steam engines that burned coal. The burning coal heated water, producing steam to drive the engine's pistons.

Huge, elevated water tanks were built along railroad lines so that the engine's water supply could be replenished.

When the water supply became low, the engineer stopped at a tank. A large nozzle was pulled down, or "jerked" over an opening in the tender car, and water was taken out.

Any town so small that a train stopped there only to take on water came to be called a "jerkwater" town.