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Toward world nuclear safety

An important step toward nuclear safety in the world has been taken by seven nuclear exporting countries, including the Soviet Union and the United States. They have concurred on principles to control and safeguard the use of nuclear technology by recipient countries. It is vital that these principles be acted upon — both to reduce the immediate threat of misuse and to prevent recourse to the authorization controls predicted by some as nuclear facilities spread.

Even in the United States, where safeguards are strict, there has been a new flurry of warnings about protecting the public from nuclear hazards and protecting nuclear fuel from misuse such as by terrorists. International assurances of safety become increasingly urgent in the light of a study by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) raising the prospect of 356 nuclear generating plants in "third-world" countries by 1990.

By the end of the century, according to faculty members of the Harvard-MIT Arms Control Seminar, the proliferation of nuclear powers and weapons is likely to lead to some form of nuclear war. They suggest the alternative might be the surrender of much national sovereignty, an unlikely prospect.

Such opinions should not be received with fear but with fresh determination to prove that mankind can control its technology and not vice versa. The new concurrence among the nuclear exporting nations — while not a formal agreement — goes in the right way.

The countries have sat down together in secret and sought to keep their competition as nuclear suppliers on a commercial basis — not in the realm of safeguards. In other words, they will compete in what they can offer technically and economically but not in terms of unilaterally trimming safeguards or offering "sweetener" conditions that could facilitate misuse. A conspicuous omission is the hope-for ban on export of equipment making possible production of plutonium of a grade suitable for weapons.

Officially even the names of the countries are secret. This is unfortunate, since there ought to be an advantage in publicizing the whole effort and the need for it. But it involves a delicate situation in which nuclear suppliers do not want to appear in any way to be cartel such as OPEC. Obviously, cooperating for the sake of the world's safety should not be equated with combining to fix prices.

The U.S. says it accepts the stated principles as "minimum standards." It will abide by them with the expectation of similar compliance by the other countries — France, West Germany, Canada, and Japan, as well as the Soviet union.

A key to making the principles effective will be international support for the now under-financed IAEA. In line with these principles, countries importing nuclear technology would have to apply IAEA safeguards even if they do not belong to the agency. They would have to obtain the same assurances from any third country to which they might transfer imported materials.

Beyond placing such responsibilities on recipient countries, the nuclear powers ought to do what they can themselves to reduce the incentives for other countries to develop nuclear arms. As long as a few countries continue to build up their nuclear arsenals, others will be tempted to get into the club. Effective nuclear arms control among those who have the weapons now could lead to a de-emphasis on nuclear arms in general — and thus become a basic deterrent to the grim folly of nuclear proliferation. —Christian Science Monitor

Browsing in the files of The News-Journal

25 years ago

Thursday, March 1, 1951

Raeford's Sixth Annual Invitational high school basketball tournament will begin in the local high school gymnasium next Wednesday night, March 7, according to W.L. Poole tournament chairman.

Voters of Raeford will vote on whether the town will issue bonds coming to a total of \$180,000 in an election for the purpose to be held here next Tuesday.

The Hoke County Board of Health declared a quarantine of dogs in Hoke County at their meeting Tuesday.

Maneuver Headquarters for the joint Army and Air Force Exercise Southern Pines will be located at Fort Bragg.

The pupils in the various schools of the county are hard at work preparing for the yearly spelling contest.

15 years ago

Thursday, March 2, 1961

Publisher Paul Dickson announced this week the appointment of Peter B. Young as editor of The News-Journal.

C.E. Upchurch, Jr. was elected president of the Hoke County United Fund to succeed John F. Campbell, after a general meeting held Thursday night at the Court-house.

Mrs. O.B. Israel was installed as acting postmaster of McCain Post office, here on Friday afternoon by Post office Inspector A.B. Davis of Raleigh.

After little more than three years as sole owner and operator of the Niven Appliance Company, Carlton E. Niven is expanding his business to include a full line of home furnishings.

Enthusiasm in the Hoke County Golden Jubilee took on new fervor Thursday as the Jubilee Belles organization came into being.

'I think we have a winner...'



by Marty Vega

Latest College Exam

Since the recent announcement about enrollment restrictions at the state universities, everyone is concerned about getting into college, which of course, means doing well on the entrance exam.

But not many people realize the college entrance exams have been revised, in order to better screen those suited for today's collegiate life. Dr. Thurman Greshbick, director of the SAT-Y Institute in Princeton, N.J., recently released to us the latest, abbreviated college entrance exam.

PART I - Personal Qualifications

1. Which of the following racial classifications do you feel describes you most closely?

- A. White, but wracked with guilt about it.
- B. American Indian, Eurasian, or Australian Bushman, but striving to be more oppressed by passing for Jewish.
- C. None of the above, and enraged because my group isn't getting a fair shake, whoever we are.

2. Which of the following religious denominations do you belong to?

- A. Any recognized, legitimate

Puppy Creek

Philosopher

Dear Editor:

A lot of people are wondering why we haven't made more progress on solar energy, and I think I know the answer.

Here's the situation: It's no doubt true the greatest source of heat in the entire universe is the sun. We talk about oil playing out and it's true—eventually the earth is going to run dry of oil, man is going to pump it all out and the Arab sheiks will have to go back to raising camels. But the sun, it's always there, and if it plays out, that's all she wrote anyway.

Now man has already discovered that you can heat a house, warm your bath water and cool off in summer with solar energy. With a little more investment, say the price of one aircraft carrier or two sessions of Congress, solar energy could be perfected and become as commonplace as electricity or gas or running water.

But there's one scientific hitch that's holding the whole program up. Nobody's figured out how to meter solar energy.

On the next clear day go outside and look around. See that sunshine splattered all over everything? How are you going to get it to go through a meter? And if you can't get it to go through a meter, how're you going to charge for it?

Like it is, a man might go up on the roof of his house, capture the sun's rays and heat his home scot free. You know the economy is not going to stand for that.

Unless science can figure out a way to run solar heat through a meter, who's going to be interested in perfecting the stuff? Might as well try to charge for the use of gravity.

The only way I can figure out to get solar energy readily available to everybody is to lease the sun to a small group of far-sighted people and let them charge royalty on every sunbeam that reaches the earth, with rates adjusted to see that the company gets fair compensation on cloudy days.

Yours faithfully,
 J.A.

church in the world.

B. The Non - Denominational Self - Indulgence Fellowship and teachings of Gurn, particularly the worship of wax fruit.

C. A sect which I founded but am keeping quiet about until the world comes to an end next Friday.

PART II - Scholastic Ability

1. By 1980, the total population of the United States will be:

- A. At least several hundred.
- B. All on food stamps.
- C. Young enough so that it won't be safe to trust anyone over 14.

2. President Ford's proposed budget for the next fiscal year amounts to:

- A. A hill of beans compared to what we need to move all the ghettos and replace our decaying cities with cooperatively owned flower beds.
- B. Another sell-out to the reactionary zinc mining lobby.
- C. Who is President Ford?

3. Apply formal logic to this proposition. All numbers between 1 and 10 are either odd or even. Half of the numbers are odd. Therefore:

- A. My parents don't even try to understand me.
- B. You've got to be born black to know how it feels.
- C. Chairman Mao's theory remains fundamentally sound.



Read Mark 4:35-41

Help comes only from the Lord, maker of heaven and earth. (Psalm 121:2, NEB)

When Cyclone Tracy hit Darwin, Australia, on Christmas Eve and Christmas morning, 1974, our brick house fell like a house of cards. We left hurriedly with ceilings and bricks falling around us. The family car in front of the house appeared to be our only shelter.

The front wall of the house still stood, protecting us as we got in the car: Mum, Dad, and six children. But that wall could fall and crush us all. My teenage daughter said, "Dad, could you say prayer?" I prayed: "Lord God, Master of the wind and storm, we know You love us. O Lord, we pray, save us this Christmas night so that we may glorify Your name."

The wall kept standing. When the "eye" of the cyclone had passed and the wind came the other way, the wall fell away from us and the car windows exploded from the wind pressure. We were covered with glass and water, but we knew we were safe.

Though we had lost so much, our family had been blessed.

PRAYER: Thank You, Lord, for Your love in giving us pleasant and unpleasant things to draw us nearer to You. We thank You that You are with us in the midst of trouble. Amen.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: God's presence can give us serenity, even in the midst of a storm.

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 —John Vander - Wal - Darwin, Austria

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People & Issues



SPENDING REFORM -- Congressman Bill Hefner of the 8th N.C. Congressional District says Congress needs to do "something about the programs which are useless and those which overlap other programs." The freshman congressman is right about the subject and is co-sponsoring a "Spending Reform Act of 1976" which has been introduced in the U.S. House and the Senate.

Congressman Hefner says that the people of the 8th District is greatly concerned about the "ever-increasing size of the government and the federal budget." For any senator or congressman to be effective in curbing and limiting the "ever-increasing size of the government and the federal budget" the senator or congressman must first be willing and have the backbone to vote against the big spending bills. Only last week one committee in Congress voted to raise the national debt limit by about \$30 billion.

The Spending Reform Act of 1976 can be passed but it will not be worth the paper it is printed on unless the House and Senate members put some steel in their backbone and start voting against bigger and bigger spending bills and also be more careful in voting to override the President's vetoes in his attempt to hold down spending.

Two years ago a Budget Control Act was passed by Congress, which, we were told, would do a lot toward bringing about a balanced budget, but the Act seems to have been completely overlooked as the House and Senate continues to increase deficit spending month after month and year after year.

In Congress as elsewhere it takes courage and statesmanship to vote "no" on many issues when a vocal minority is clamoring for more and more hand-outs.

FIRST CLASS MAIL -- Many people will likely applaud Senator Helms for having introduced a bill in the U.S. Senate which would allow private carriers to compete for first class mail business. The Helms bill would repeal the Private Express Statutes and allow private carriers to carry and deliver first



Report To The People

by Senator Robert Morgan

I have just finished holding hearings, as temporary chairman of the Subcommittee on Housing, on the government's sagging rural home loan program.

Here is an opportunity to meet more than one honest -- to -- goodness need without resorting to give-away programs. And the opportunity is being passed up because of false economy.

The Farmers Home Administration's Rural Housing Insurance program has come to a halt. Under the program, people who live in rural areas, and who cannot get commercial financing for a home, could if qualified get an interest-subsidized loan to buy or improve a home.

Need for those loans is high. Funds have been short. The Farmers Home Administration had to begin rationing loans, and now has come to a standstill.

The Congress passed a bill to increase this loan program by \$500 million, but the measure is being blocked in the White House.

The overall production of subsidized rural homes rose after 1968, when this was identified as a real need and established as a priority. That rise in production of homes was reversed during the Nixon administration, and has since descended to an unprecedented low.

Out of all the wasteful government spending which could be cut, it seems so foolish to slow down on one thing which is in fact an investment.

It is important to realize that this is a loan program, and not just a check-writing exercise. It helps people to own homes; it doesn't just pay their monthly bills, with nothing to show for it.

Besides, here is a way to help the depressed housing industry. With the building of new homes in a deep slump, we can only expect two results -- unemployment and still more inflation of the cost of existing homes.

And don't forget: our furniture and textile industries, which employ so many North Carolinians, depend to a considerable degree on

class mail. Helms says he rejects continued increase in postal costs and decline in services.

The Post Office Department may be following in first class mail the pattern it followed in parcel post -- making the rates so high that it lost much of the business to the United Postal Service. The Post Office Department needs competition and with the competition it would have to put up or give up to private enterprise which is what is happening in the parcel post service.

CHUB SEAWELL -- Herbert F. (Chub) Seawell of Carthage in Moore County who was the 1958 GOP candidate for governor in North Carolina and received the most votes of any Republican for the state's top office and who later referred to himself as a Ex*-Republican" is turning back to the party of his fathers in order to support Ronald Reagan for the GOP nomination for president. Chub, the noted barrister, lay preacher and humorist says: "I am for Ronald Reagan for President because he is the only man running for President that is not tainted with the mire of liberalism."

OLD HOMES -- In this Bicennial year as we travel over North Carolina it makes us feel good to see old homes-- maybe a hundred years old, preserved and fixed-up and painted and in an inviting appearance. Then we do some traveling and see other old homes which were outstanding in their day and time run-down and ready for the hoodlums. Lots of these old homes could be made very inviting, liveable and valuable. We feel that there is a very good market for the older homes which have been preserved and maintained.

In Orange County we note that many old homes in the rural areas as well as in the towns and villages have been preserved and are very beautiful from the outward appearance.

Along this line of preserving old homes we were glad to see the Governor's mansion in Raleigh renovated and preserved. The mansion was first occupied in 1891, and while not very inviting the outside is very beautiful from within.

the health of the home-building industry.

I have been getting too many letters from people in my state who say they are qualified for a rural home loan, but cannot get one, because the funds -- which Congress appropriated -- are being bottled up.

This ought to be one of our top priorities. The person who asks -- not for a hand-out -- but for a loan to buy his family a decent, modest home, ought to be listened to seriously.

Letter To The Editor

I would appreciate if you would publish this letter in behalf of Sheriff D.M. Barrington.

I am an inmate at the New Hanover Advancement Center, Wilmington, N.C., and do not have the funds to cover the publishing.

In the behalf of Sheriff Barrington, I hope that the people of Hoke County will continue to support the petition asking him to stay.

I feel that the sheriff was only doing his job in the firing of Elisha Dial, and truly hope that he will continue to do so in the future.

Congratulations to the organizer of the pro-Barrington petition.

Thank you,
 James W. Bratcher

