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A month of Tuesdays

It already feels as if the United States has lived through a month of Tuesdays, but the primary season has barely begun. Last Tuesday's Illinois set-to was analyzed in advance, while the losers in the Florida event are still trying to explain why they are so happy in defeat. There remains plenty of time for surprises, especially on the Democratic side, and the best advice may be to watch and wait awhile before investing heavily in campaign buttons for the November election.

It's almost a month until the New York primary, for example, where the conventional wisdom is that Florida's Democratic third-placer, Jackson, has the advantage. The past primaries in smaller states take on a different perspective if one can imagine them occurring after, rather than before, a blockbuster like New York.

Yet Florida may come to be looked back on as an early watershed in defining the tilt of American political opinion in the first post-Vietnam, post-Watergate election year. It was Florida that the most conservative candidates of both parties, Reagan and Wallace, were banking on — and it was Florida that rejected them. Close doesn't count except in horseshoes and hand grenades, as goes a saying revived in Florida for the occasion.

A Reagan aide reportedly thought his candidate would have finished worse if he had not begun the attacks on the Ford foreign and defense policies which appeared to violate the Reagan rule against speaking ill of a fellow Republican. But it could be that voters saw the attacks as oversimplified and outdated cold war talk at a time when more subtlety is called for.

But the Reagan onslaught on Ford policies, like his open introduction of the silent issue of Watergate, do represent attitudes among the electorate. They could be handled in a way to lead toward useful discussion rather than divisiveness.

The Ford policies should not be immune to debate by those who do not have to make the daily decisions on them which Mr. Ford cites against the Regan "rhetoric". And the President cannot be exactly comfortable, even though he is besting Mr. Reagan, when he looks at the challenger winning almost half his party's votes — and recalls that when Mr. Nixon was the incumbent in 1972, both his liberal and conservative opponents dropped out after a quick demise in New Hampshire.

Among the Democrats, the news of 1976 is still Jimmy Carter. Despite his poor showing in Massachusetts, he snapped back to do what he said he had to do — defeat George Wallace in Florida, the scene of Wallace's victory in 1972. While Florida is not typically "the South", it did seem to reflect Carter's theme of asking the South to send not simply a "message" (Wallace) but a potentially winning candidate. That Carter could emerge as the more likely candidate after his comparatively brief national exposure is a tribute to his organization and the image he has put across. Seen against Wallace and Jackson, for all the controversy over just what does Carter really think, he has apparently conveyed a sense of moderation and concern for what one survey found among the uppermost demands of Florida voters — honesty.

Christian Science Monitor

Browsing in the files

of The News-Journal

25 years ago

Thursday, March 15, 1951

The Board of Education met with the County Board of Commissioners last Friday night at which time the Board of Education asked the commissioners to call an election in the county for a bond issue in the amount of \$275,000 to be used on three units of the county school system.

A recent estimate of highway needs published by the State Highway Commission would have a four-lane highway from Fayetteville to Raeford and from Raeford to Laurinburg on U.S. Route 15-A

From Poole's Medley:

It is said that the Aberdeen and Rockfish Railroad (that is what it turned out to be) has never failed to pay its stockholders a dividend.

Formal opening of Rhoda's Flower Shop on Stewart street to the rear of Dr. Matheson's office will be held on Friday afternoon and evening from 2:00 to 4:00 and from 4:00 until 9:00.

Mrs. Lillian Mable Conoly died

at her home Friday night after a lingering illness and funeral service was conducted by the Rev. W.B. Heyward at Antioch Presbyterian Church.

15 years ago

Thursday, March 16, 1961

The condition of Mrs. Harry A. (Hazel) Greene was much improved Wednesday in Moore County Hospital at Pinehurst, according to relatives. Mrs. Greene, bookmobile librarian, suffered a head injury Monday when a sudden stop of the vehicle caused the folding seat in which she was riding to pitch forward, throwing her to the floor.

Funeral services for Carl Wesley Childress, 66, who died Saturday at Moore Memorial Hospital were conducted Monday at the Raeford Presbyterian Church.

Telephone company construction forces have begun work on a project which will provide service to some 19 rural applicants southwest of the Bowmore Community.

Track and baseball were on the agenda last week for the Bucks, as Coaches Wilson and Ingram issued the annual call for springtime candidates.

'So what does it prove? The California climate is better than the Florida climate'



by Marty Vega

Pay Attention, Now

Certainly we all have been closely watching the less hectic - atmosphere on foreign exchange markets with concern for an easing of the strain on the "snake" system of closely tied European exchange rates, and of course, optimism was noted, in particular, the West German mark and French franc, respectively the strong and weak members of the chain, moved closer together without central bank intervention, notwithstanding the assurance given at the monthly meeting of major central bank governors in Basel, Switzerland that France would remain in the snake and that its central rate in the joint float would remain unchanged, while commodity prices in London and the U.S.

reacted nervously to significant fluctuations in major currencies, an adjustment process which became a familiar pattern in recent years of monetary uncertainty, as we are all very well aware of, but it bears repeating now and then.

And how many of you have noticed the dramatic gains Canadian money has been making on the money market? Consider, if you will, on March 8, the Canadian dollar rose in a day of heavy trading, and by closing, recorded a gain of .0068; and again on March 9, it made modest but impressive gains and reached a high of 1.0155 and closed at 1.0150.

And what is the real impact of these events in the view of the analysts?

We checked with several leading New York analysts, and the most cogent was Dr. Thurbeck Arkwark, who has specialized in treating psychotic disorders created by Canadian money.

"Dr. Arkwark, what does it mean, now that the Canadian dollar is actually worth more than the American dollar?"

"There are a number of complex factors at work here, and frankly, I see it as most disturbing."

"What do you mean?"

"Well, we have been conducting studies with control groups -- Group A, composed of persons who have always lived south of the Mason-Dixon line, and Group B, persons who were born and raised in Northern cities bordering Canada, such as Detroit, Mich, Buffalo, N.Y., or International Falls, Minn, and Group C., which is composed of persons who never heard of Detroit, the Mason-Dixon line, or Canada."

"What have been the results of these studies, sir?"

"Well, of course it is all preliminary at this stage, however, we have noted startling changes among members of Group B who because of our highly mobile society, have moved south from their Northern homes."

"And what are these changes?"

"It is indeed very strange. These persons, put under hypnosis, have related bizarre tales of Canadian coins being commonly passed and accepted just like American coins in cities such as Detroit, and it was a rare instance when anyone refused a Canadian coin in payment of goods or services."

"What conclusions can you make, Doctor?"

"There appears to be a statistically significant association demonstrated by Group B in whose members have moved from their Northern cities - psychoneurotic anxiety, psychotic disorders including involuntarily depression and manic-depressive reactions, for instance."

"What triggers this, Doctor?"

"When they find that now the Canadian money is worth more than ours, and YET STILL NOBODY WILL TAKE CANADIAN MONEY, that's what."



Report To The People

by Senator Robert Morgan

There is growing concern in the Congress about the repressions that small businesses are suffering because of too much governmental regulation.

This is not a new subject as far as I am concerned. We get letters every day from businessmen caught up in government rules and red tape; it was heard last summer from North Carolinians when I visited around the state during a Congressional recess, and in testimony outside Washington before the Senate Small Business Subcommittee which I chair.

It is vital that small businesses survive, if the free enterprise system is to survive. The giant monopolies and trusts tend to stifle competition, but they are so well entrenched that there is small hope that they can be broken up.

So if we are going to restore competition to the marketplace, then the government must help these small businesses which employ over 40 million persons. Rather than help this segment of the economy, however, the government has set into motion a series of programs, rules and regulations which not only hound the small businessman but also raise the price of consumer goods.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) sends out agents who often make unreasonable demands on the small merchant or garage operator. The Federal Trade Commission regulates all kinds of businesses, in many instances in an unreasonable manner. Other agencies do the same.

The irony about this is that most of this regulation started out as a

well-intentioned effort to help the consumer. Complaints were heard that some merchants were acting in an irresponsible manner and a government agency set out to right the situation. But now we have some bureaucrats who are going too far. And as the population grows and as the army of bureaucrats gets larger, we'll have more responsibility in both camps.

These programs of regulation, then, have been allowed to mushroom until some of them have become extremely repressive to the small businessman, who ill prepared to deal with the multitude of rules and forms that his government is pushing upon him.

The over-regulation has also hurt the consumer, because it has increased the cost of goods and services, which is contrary to what its purpose should be.

The Congress has a responsibility to remedy this situation. The regulatory programs must be constantly monitored. Too often, Congress creates an agency and then forgets about it. Programs which are found to be ineffective or repressive must be eliminated or reduced, and not allowed to go on and on and grow more and more.

In short, what is needed is less, but more effective government.

The complexities of the modern world will not permit us to turn the clock back 50 years, because things just aren't that simple any more. But we don't need to add to the complexity of the times by regulating everything in sight and keeping a small businessman so tangled up in red tape that he doesn't have time to run his business properly.

CLIFF BLUE ...

People & Issues



J. J. MEETING - I attended the meeting of the Jefferson-Jackson Day Dinner in Raleigh Saturday and also the reunion of the former Democrat members of the House and Senate Friday night at the Royal/Villa in Raleigh. With the Sir Walter Hotel closed insofar as a regular hotel is concerned, it seems that the Royal Villa, several miles out from downtown Raleigh on the Durham highway is taking its place.

FRIDAY NIGHT - At the Friday night meeting there was an "old timers" present from as far back as 1923 with Victor Bryant having served in the 1923 General Assembly - 53 years ago. Claude Currie of Durham who began his legislative career while living in his native Montgomery County in 1927 and later served many terms in the State Senate from Durham County was also present. Two other "old timers" in by-gone days of the General Assembly were State Treasurer Edwin Gill and Secretary of State Thad Eure, both who served in the 1929 session of the General Assembly. Mr. Gill who is retiring as State Treasurer at the conclusion of his present term in January 1967 was called upon for remarks and given a rousing ovation.

State Senator Julian Allsbrook who served his first term in the General Assembly in 1935 and now serves in the State Senate was present and also Bill Gibson who served in the 1935 General Assembly from Scotland County was present.

Bill Hatch and Archie Allen of Raleigh and Roy Rowe of Pender County who served in the 1937 session were present. In all there were about 230 in attendance at the "old timers" dinner including a number of incumbent members of the General Assembly.

J. J. ACTIVITIES - The JJ dinner was attended by probably the largest crowd in history and the halls of the ground floor of the Royal Villa were lined with reception rooms for the several candidates for District, State and National offices. However, none of the candidates for president on the Democratic ticket, and all were invited, were in attendance. There

were reception rooms manned by Carter and Jackson people and the Wallace people had a table in the big hall-way. However, Mrs. Carter, wife of the former Georgia governor was present during the afternoon and evening.

FLORIDA PRIMARY - George Wallace and Ronald Reagan were badly hurt by their loss in the Florida primary. Both Wallace and Reagan will need a victory in North Carolina to regain the setback which befell them in the "Sunshine State." With only a few more states under his belt from primary victories Ford can look forward to a first ballot nomination with ease. With Carter's victory over Wallace the former Georgia Governor is out front again with 69 delegates to 57 for Wallace, 55 for Jackson and 24 for Udall. There will be 3,008 delegate votes at the Democratic convention and it will take 1,505 to nominate.

There will be 2,259 delegates to the Republican convention and it will take 1,130 to nominate. Among the Republican delegates selected, 88 are for Ford and 41 for Reagan.

Last week's Gallup Poll showed President Ford's rating on the rise, moving up from 46 percent approval in the January 30 - February 2 poll to 50 percent in the March poll. Ford could be a hard man for any of the Democrats to defeat when November 1976 rolls around if they are not careful and responsible!

RUFUS EDMISTEN - A headline in the News and Observer read: "Edmisten Wants Hefty Fines for Shady Businesses." Many people will agree with the Attorney General, and also that we need "hefty" sentences for the "felonious" law-breakers instead of suspended sentences, probation or an early parole which seems to be encouraging more and more to take to the "law-breaking" business. More power to you, Rufus!

OSCAR P. BREECE BRIDGE - The State is to be commended for naming the bridge from Grove Street across the Cape Fear River in Fayetteville the "Oscar P. Breece Bridge" Wednesday of last week. Oscar Breece was an outstanding one-man "chamber of commerce" for Fayetteville and Cumberland County for many years. Many people will remember Oscar Breece died in 1962 for his dedication to the upbuilding of Fayetteville and Cumberland County. Adding to his many generousities was Breece's yacht "Florida" which was used for entertaining of visitors including government leaders as well as youth and church groups.

