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Promises, promises

Standing in front of a Capitol portrait of George Washington, President-Elect Jimmy Carter did not actually repeat the first President's promise to Congress that he would refuse pay for the job. But Mr. Carter promised Congress virtually everything else on a honeymoon trip to the Hill this week. His first White House appointee, press secretary Jody Powell, was making his own promises to Washington reporters the same day. And even a few congressmen made promises.

All of this was on Tuesday, and we only hope the imminent day of thanksgiving was not premature. The promises, like many in the Carter campaign, were good. But will they be kept? The best hope for their being honored lies in their being remembered by everybody, including the public.

Mr. Carter would be fortunate to remain on as congenial personal terms with Congress as President Ford has done despite sharp legislative disagreement. Mr. Carter would be fortunate to maintain his and Mr. Powell's promises of an open administration to the degree Mr. Ford has done.

Yet even former Congressman Ford was not able to fully carry through his original promise of "communication, conciliation, compromise, and cooperation" with his former colleagues. Soon, however justifiedly, he was refusing requests for investigative information, for example. And his first press secretary, Jerald terHorst, resigned after reportedly feeling he could not follow through on his promises of candor to the press because of being insufficiently informed by White House officials about the Nixon pardon and other matters.

Was the edge immediately taken off Mr. Carter's promise to demonstrate openness by releasing a transcript of his meeting with a Senate committee — when it was reported that the release would be delayed until both sides had edited it? It remains to be seen.

What is certain is the difficulty of the standard Mr. Carter has set for himself in congressional relations — and the applause that will be due if he meets it. Among his promises are consultation with committee chairmen before announcing major appointments, working with the leadership on economic plans, consulting before making major foreign policy decisions, seeking a congressional mandate for governmental reorganization plans. By his pilgrimage to Capitol Hill he has made a promising start in more ways than one.

Congressmen's promises in return ought to be equally honored. A specific one was from Rep. Jack Brooks of the committee which would be responsible for reorganization legislation. He pledged prompt action and predicted "smooth sailing" for Mr. Carter.

Prompt congressional response on reorganization is especially important. A tangle on reorganization could undercut action on important policy matters; some have thought Mr. Carter should not give it immediate priority. But history suggests that the main hope for progress on reorganization comes early in a president's term when the broom is indeed new. As the years go on the new administration tends to become part of the problem.

As Mr. Carter peruses the news photos of him with President Washington's portrait looking over his shoulder, he might recall the "surest pledges" cited by Washington as he began relations with the lawmakers. He looked to their talents, rectitude, and patriotism: "In these honorable qualifications I behold the surest pledges that as on one side no local prejudices or attachments, no separate views nor party animosities, will misdirect the comprehensive and equal eye which ought to watch over this great assemblage of communities and interests, so, on another, that the foundation of our national policy will be laid in the pure and immutable principles of private morality, and the preeminence of free government be exemplified by all the attributes which can win the affections of its citizens and command the respect of the world." — *The Christian Science Monitor*

U.S. energy vulnerability

President Ford said at a press conference that the probabilities of another Arab oil embargo are "virtually nil" due to the success of his administration's foreign policies.

For the sake of the country's general welfare, we trust that his confident forecast is correct. But that confidence in no way diminishes the nation's vulnerability to such an embargo.

The President speaks from an assessment of the political weathervanes. Meanwhile his administration spokesmen have taken readings of the statistical scales. And what they see as possibilities are not so optimistic.

Interior Secretary Thomas Kleppe said in a recent speech that "we have to destroy the myth that we are somehow safe from future oil embargoes." Energy Administrator Frank Zarb said that U.S. "economic and political vulnerability" to another oil embargo is still increasing.

Their warnings are based on data that show the U.S. is now importing more than 40 percent of its oil needs from foreign nations. And as our oil needs increase, that percentage of dependence projects sharply upward over the next decade. With every rise in that dependence, our nation's vulnerability to a boycott rises with it.

Confident though he may be in keeping economic peace through political measures, President Ford also realizes the danger of that vulnerability. Accordingly, he has sought energy policies of deregulation that would increase the development of our own oil and gas reserves.

Congress, unfortunately, has ignored this rising vulnerability and the dangers it poses, and has held to energy policies and direction that keep us in the clutches of the foreign oil producing nations.

We may hope and trust that political balances will keep the economic peace. But that peace can be assured best through the strength of energy independence. — *The Dallas Morning News [Texas]*

'Howdy, Ma'am, I'm new in the territory . . .
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by Marty Vega

Don't Waste That Leftover Turkey

Wondering what to do with the rest of that 26 pound turkey you have leftover in the fridge? Getting tired of serving your family the usual turkey sandwiches, turkey soup, turkey stew, etc., and getting tired of eating them, too? Well, take hope. There are dozens of interesting, fun things you can make out of that leftover turkey that will amaze your friends and delight your family.

Here are just a few of the many ideas included in our new book, "Easy turkeys", which can be ordered through this column for a limited time. Send \$10 cash (no checks or money orders, please) addressed to this column.

Turkey Macrame

To begin, cut white meat with a sharp knife into even strips, at a width of one-eighth to one-sixteenth inch. Boil well, allow to cool. Hang your strips in a cool, dry place for a few days. When ready, arrange a large, flat work space with plenty of room.

Enjoy yourself creating the many interesting designs and patterns you can make with your turkey macrame. You can create dramatic accents for your home, or you may decide to make gifts for friends.

Turkey Comfort

This idea is easy and practical. Take 2 oz. of Southern Comfort, two oz. of bourbon, four oz. of coconut milk (fresh), and a tablespoon of cranberry juice. Shake, add ice and pour into tall glasses. Add a piece of turkey on a toothpick.

This recipe freezes well. Serve often. Continue to serve until the turkey is gone.

Turkey Jewelry

The big craze this year was shark jewelry after the film hit "Jaws". Now you can start next year's biggest fad with turkey jewelry, if you begin right away.

The easiest trick is to make a necklace of the teeth. If you didn't get the teeth with your frozen turkey, go back to the store and speak to the manager. It's your right as a consumer to get the WHOLE turkey you paid for, remember. Usually the store will be apologetic, and butchers are usually very nice about giving out turkey teeth if you're a regular customer.

You will be the envy of everyone with your turkey teeth necklace.

But don't stop there. Pick every bone clean on your leftover turkey. Fill a large pot with water and thoroughly boil the bones. Allow to cool, reserve broth. Prepare a solution of one quart water, a 5 oz. tube of Ultra-Brite toothpaste and one teaspoon salt. Soak bones overnight.

Remove from solution and allow to dry thoroughly. Then, get started with your handicraft. Make rings, bracelets, brooches, belts and earrings. The possibilities are unlimited.

* You will surely find that your

imagination, together with the \$10 for the book you need, will give you both fun and profit as you turn leftover turkey into valuable objects.

(Next week: Ideas for that reserved broth)

Puppy Creek Philosopher

Dear editor:

People are always complaining about what happens to their tax dollar when it goes to Washington. "We send a dollar there and get about fifty cents back," they say. States and cities are even louder in their complaints, some big cities actually figuring it up and finding that of all the money they send to Washington each year they get back about a third in services and revenue-sharing.

As far as I know the complaints may be legitimate, however forlorn, but if you think cities and states have something to howl about, look at Congress.

In the last ten years Congress has given South Korea eleven billion dollars in military and economic aid, and how much has Congress gotten back? A measly million and a half dollars. And that didn't go to all Congressmen, just to a select number of maneuverable ones who had a use for some ready cash. Sometimes it didn't even go to them, it went to their wives.

When it comes to getting the best end of a tax deal, South Korea is so far ahead of Washington that Congress ought to be sending some of its members over there to study the system. "What pikers we've been," they must be saying. "Here we keep only half of the tax money New York sends us, but South Korea is keeping 99 per cent of what we send them."

And hard-pressed cities must be saying: "We see where we made our mistake. We've been sending our tax money to Washington by check when we should have been using cash."

Naturally, after the news has come out that South Koreans have been handing envelopes full of cash to certain Congressmen, there will be a demand for a law against it, just as huge cash donations by big corporations to U.S. Presidential candidates produced a law against that.

However, bear in mind that Congress wasn't born yesterday. It may pass a bill outlawing gifts from South Korea and put a stop to that, but remember there are over 250 other countries on earth.

Some people say it's love that makes the world go around. Others say it's cash.

Yours faithfully,
 J.A.

CLIFF BLUE . . .

People & Issues



CLAUDE CURRIE... Claude Currie of Durham who has served in the N.C. State Senate for some 14 terms was honored in his native Montgomery County town of Candor recently, and for good reason.

Former Senator Currie, now approaching his 86 birthday has given to his home town a new library costing \$156,000 in memory of his father, the late John C. Currie. In the State Senate where he represented the 18th District for one term and Durham County for 13 terms he was highly regarded as an able legislator and a solid citizen in every respect. In business he was President of the Security Savings and Loan Association in Durham.

HUNT TO CAPITOL... Word is that Governor-Elect Jim Hunt is thinking seriously of making the State Capitol his headquarters office rather than in the new Administration Building on Jones Street. Like Secretary of State Thad Eure, we have always thought the Capitol building the proper place for the governor to be located. With some several hundred thousand dollars spent on the old building it certainly must be in keeping for the state's chief executive, and we hope he makes full use of it during the next four years.

'STRIKE AT THE WIND'... Robeson County's outdoor drama, "Strike at the Wind" had the highest average attendance of any new outdoor drama in the United States during 1976, according to figures released at the 14th annual Managers and Promoters Conference held recently in Boone. This is quite a tribute to the Pembroke drama. The conference included representatives from outdoor dramas located across the United States -- from Kodiak, Alaska to St. Augustine, Florida, from Amherst, Mass. to El Paso, Texas.

EDWIN GILL... This Tuesday night, November 30 Tar Heel bankers are honoring State Treasurer Edwin Gill who will be retiring on January 8, 1977 when Harlan Boyles, his chief deputy and assistant for many years assumes the office to which he was elected on November 2. In moving into his chief's office Boyles knows better than anyone else the big shoes he will have to fill in following in Ed Gill's footsteps.

Except for short spans, since

1929 when he began his life public service as a member of the N.C. General Assembly representing Scotland County he has had an unparalleled record of public service in North Carolina with never a blemish on his stewardship. As Secretary to Governor Gardner, Commissioner of Paroles, Commissioner of Revenue, Collector and Director of Internal Revenue and for 24 years as State Treasurer he has been the custodian of billions of dollars with never a suspicious finger as to his honesty pointed his way.

In his 24 years as State Treasurer from which he will be voluntarily retiring come January 8, 1977 he has been a confidant to governors, legislators, and scores of state officials.

His contributions to North Carolina have not been limited to the political arena. He has also been devoted to the arts and culture programs of North Carolina, having been an active member of the State Arts Commission and a member of the Board of Trustees of the N.C. State Art Museum.

As State Treasurer Gill was Chairman of the State Banking Commission, keeping a close eye on their operations, which makes their salute to him quite appropriate and fitting to an outstanding public citizen.

BOB SCOTT... With Jimmy Carter's announcement that he expects to pick his Secretary of Agriculture from the West, this puts Bob Scott out for that cabinet position, although Scott is expected to land some other top-paying positions.

EDUCATION... We hear lots of talk about education and improving our schools -- sometimes that most everybody is deeply in favor of. But, when thousands of our school children fail to learn how to read, we sometimes wonder about the success of this "improving" talk. With supposedly better prepared teachers and far better school buildings and facilities from which to operate there seems to be a weak link somewhere. Many people seem to feel that a continued emphasis should be put on the three "R's"; that they are still quite important for a well-rounded educational program despite the computers and other helps that our children have that "mom and pop" didn't have in bye-gone years.

Browsing in the files of The News-Journal

25 years ago

Thursday, November 29, 1951

The Raeford Lions Club has again asked all residents of Raeford to remember that they will pick up used toys to repair for use at Christmas.

H.L. Gatlin, Jr. president of the Raeford Chamber of Commerce, Inc., announced this week that the board of directors at their last meeting had set the annual meeting of the chamber for next Thursday night.

Form Poole's Medley: A country can build and improve its production of wealth and pleasure, but unwise taxation will wreck and destroy the mightiest organization of humanity.

One hundred and ten (110) 4-H Club and FFA members attended the Forestry Field Day held on the D.H. Hodgkin Farm on Friday, November 16, according to E.M. Stallings, county agent.

Scoutmaster Tom McLaughlin this week called attention to the fact that his Raeford troop also attended the court of honor in Laurel Hill on November 13, and that there were a total of 26 present, counting parents.

Coaches Haywood Faircloth for the girls and Bob Rockholz for the boys are working hard with their charges in preparation for the basketball season which the teams will open with two games in Rowland on Friday night of next week.

15 years ago

Thursday, November 30, 1961

A new preacher has accepted a call at Antioch Presbyterian Church, it was announced this week. He is the Rev. Ben Ferguson, who was named "rural minister of the year" for South Carolina in 1961.

Hoke folks had a quiet Thanksgiving weekend according to an N/1 survey. As Sheriff Dave Hodgkin noted: "The only thing carved around here was a few turkeys."

Realtor Julian Wright said this week that four more "starts" would be made within the next few days in his Wood View subdivision, located on U.S. 401, across the highway from Clark's Service Station.

Funeral services were held Monday for William Lamont, 87, who died yesterday at Raeford Rest Home.

Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Davis celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Thanksgiving Day at their home on Donaldson Avenue.

Services were held Wednesday afternoon at Shiloh Presbyterian Church for Arvil J. Garrison, 57, of the Montrose Community, who died Monday morning at his home.

The local legion post has scheduled a ladies night banquet and meeting for December 5 at Hoke High Cafeteria.

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