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Encore for Jaworski

Suddenly the "Koreagate" scandal seems more clear-up-able than it did before. It was a masterstroke for Leon Jaworski to be called from Texas once again to take over an investigation plunged into disarray by the potential targets of it. His skilled, judicious, and determinedly independent performance as Watergate special prosecutor will be a hard act to follow. But, assuming he carries the same qualities to this different assignment, the tangle to alleged South Korean efforts to illegally influence American governmental decisions should eventually be unraveled.

Mr. Jaworski's assignment is to serve as special counsel taking charge of the House ethics committee's investigation. By naming him, in the turbulent aftermath of previous counsel Philip Lacovara's resignation, the House made a dramatic start toward restoring the investigative credibility lost by its intelligence, assassinations, and ethics committees.

As in Watergate, the question of possible cover-up by government officials needs to be disposed of. But now Mr. Jaworski will be working with a congressional disciplinary committee rather than with a grand jury. Presumably he will be exposing lapses from congressional ethics that were not necessarily criminal but which should nevertheless be deterred. It is Attorney General Bell who now speaks of possible prosecutions in a Justice Department investigation that also needs to prove its thoroughness and zeal -- letting the chips fall where they may, "without regard to person or party," as President Carter said.

Just possibly there will be some fruitful competitive spirit between the two investigations as well as the less publicized ones going on. But there should also be the maximum legally permissible cooperation so the whole grimy matter can be laid speedily to rest.

--Christian Science Monitor

So hot that...

The neighbor's dog chased a squirrel through the zucchini, and both of them were walking. That's how hot it was. Yes, sir. It was so hot the corn popped right on the stalks. The dog thought it was a blizzard and went home shivering.

Such twice-told tales will probably be told again as Americans look back on last week's national heat wave. "No weather is bad/When suitably clad," as the poet said. Which would have meant just about not clad at all for much of the country. How hot was it, Johnny? For anyone who used to take the songwriter's advice to let a smile be your umbrella, it was natural to let a laugh be your air-conditioner.

It was hot enough to fry eggs on the sidewalk. Remember when that was sufficient to say? We were trying to think of something brighter, wittier, more scintillating for 1977 -- but it was too hot. ...

--Christian Science Monitor

Browsing in the files of The News-Journal

25 years ago

Thursday, July 24, 1952

A rainstorm accompanied by rather severe bursts of wind hit Raeford Thursday afternoon about three o'clock and lasted for about an hour; thoroughly drenching the town itself but doing little to alleviate the parched crops and heat-stricken areas in the county.

William John McNeill, well known farmer of the community, died at his home near here on the Red Springs road Monday after a brief illness.

Charles Hostetler, local judge of beauty and law, appeared in the former capacity in Fayetteville Monday and Tuesday when he served as judge in the beauty contest for "Miss Fayetteville Athletes."

From Poole's Medley:

I knew personally a young man who wanted to play the violin, and he tried hard to learn to play, but his idea was just to play and let the fiddle find the time.

The Raeford Rebels' occupancy of first place in the Eastern Carolina Textile League lasted every bit of two days as they bowed to the Cellular dwellers from St. Pauls Friday night 8-4.

15 years ago

Thursday, July 26, 1962

Newly-appointed ABC store manager Joe Huffman spent the week at ABC stores in Durham and Dunn picking up pointers in liquor store management.

The big Raeford Plant of Pacific Mills shut down this Saturday at midnight to allow employees a well-deserved one-week vacation.

The Wolfpack, managed by former N.C. State basketball ace Bob Seltz, defeated the Demon Deacons last week 3-0 to take the Little League crown by a slim 1-game margin.

A rash of serious car wrecks this week on Hoke roads killed one, hospitalized six and caused several thousand dollars worth of property damage.

From Rockfish News:

People are so busy these days with tobacco, canning and freezing they don't seem to have much news except occasionally some one goes to the beach or the mountains to escape the heat.

If you hear several blasts of the new Civil Defense siren Monday don't be alarmed, chances are that it's not World War III, but only a repairman called in to make some necessary adjustments.

'Soldier, you're mixed up again.
 I'm the union boss, he's the sergeant'

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The Christian Science Monitor

by Marty Vega

Missing Man Back

Some inquiries were made last week concerning the whereabouts of the city manager, Bob Drumwright, affectionately known to his friends as Drumstick.

Part of the cause for this concern, it seems, is that he was last seen in this office along about 6 p.m. on a Friday, the occasion being a birthday. It was noted later that he hadn't been seen since.

But happily, there was no cause for alarm. It seems that Bob was in Chapel Hill last week attending a very important conference for city managers. Although this is being written before his return, and therefore we haven't received a full report, we have learned that the conference was a big success.

Puppy Creek

Philosopher

Dear editor:

Newspaper and magazine columnists have been having a good time snickering at the director of the Office of Management and Budget, Bert Lance, because, while his job is to help bring sound business principles to the Federal government, his own personal finances are in a mess. He owns three homes, including a 40-room mansion, and while his net worth on paper is over 2 million dollars, he has debts of over 5 million. Also, he has 200,767 bank shares, which are now worth a lot less than he paid for them with borrowed money.

How, the columnists are saying, can a man with that much trouble with his own finances be expected to do much for the government's finances?

That has nothing to do with it. Once more the columnists have missed the boat. For example, how many agricultural experts do you know who could make a living farming? How many economists have you heard of who got so smart about predicting economic trends they went into the stock market on their own and got rich? How many weather forecasters have been caught in a rain without an umbrella? How many Congressmen can write a bill without the help of their hired staff? How many politicians can write their own speeches? How many school administrators can speak correct English? Is Jimmy the Greek willing to bet his money on all the odds he's always giving out? Can the presidents of the big car companies make a car the muffler won't fall off? How many philosophers can follow their own philosophy, if they've figured out what it is? How many parents would be comfortable if they thought their kids were going to do everything they did when they were young? Or even now? How many editors.....I'm running out of space.

Sure, Bert Lance's personal finances seem tangled, but his financial statement shows liabilities of over 5 million dollars and assets of nearly 8 million, for a net worth on paper if nothing goes wrong of 2½ million, and while that's a lot of debt and may be a little shaky, have you ever stopped to think what the Federal government's financial statement would look like?

Personally, I don't believe I want to know and I doubt if you do. No sense in all of us losing sleep.

Yours faithfully,
 J.A.

CLIFF BLUE... People & Issues



PRESS MEETING...We attended the 104th Annual meeting of the North Carolina Press in Asheville at the Grove Park Inn last Thursday, Friday and Saturday, which brought together editors, publishers, writers, etc., from all over the state and beyond.

In North Carolina newspaper people get together twice each year, once in January at Chapel Hill and once during the summer months.

Jim High, publisher of the *Whiteville News Reporter*, after a successful year in office, turned the gavel over to Richard B. Wynne, president and publisher of the *Asheville-Citizen-Times*.

HERBERT HYDE...Former State Rep. Herbert L. Hyde of Asheville was the guest speaker Friday evening. Hyde, well-known for his home-spun wit and humor, spoke plainly to the Tar Heel writers, saying that he had more endorsements by newspapers of his candidacy for lieutenant governor in the 1976 Democratic race than anyone else but came in fifth in the field of eight.

Taking a humorous dig at his audience, Hyde said: Brother, that is power!

Hyde called for more specialists in the newspaper field, saying the world is run by specialists and that the newspapers do not have enough in their field.

CRITICAL OF PRESS...While in Asheville we took note through the Asheville newspapers that the Buncombe legislators were quite critical of the press coverage of the General Assembly at a meeting of the Democratic Women of Buncombe County. State Senator I.C. Crawford said the press was more concerned with little issues than matters of critical importance. Senator Robert S. Swain thought the Asheville newspapers should have made a bigger play over his appointment by Lt. Gov. Green to the "prestigious" General Statutes Commission.

HUGH MORTON...Hugh Morton of Linville who also was the motivating force behind movement to bring the Battleship North Carolina to Wilmington several years ago, was in attendance at the newspaper meeting. Hugh, by the way, has endorsed Governor Hunt's



Report To The People

by Senator Robert Morgan

A flagrant example of how the Federal Government can dictate to a state when federal funds are involved happened recently in the Senate.

The instrument for this was an amendment to the bill to authorize funds for the Energy Research and Development Administration for 1978 and it concerned the Livermore Laboratories, which are a part of the University of California.

Senator Alan Cranston of California added the amendment which said, in effect, that no federal funds could be given to the laboratory unless the contract guaranteed employees there the right to bargain collectively and to have compulsory arbitration of any grievances.

Now since the employees at the Livermore Laboratories are employed by the University, they are, in turn, employees of the State of California.

The State of California has its own labor laws, so here is a case of the Federal Government stepping in and telling the state that 6,000 of its employees will be governed not by the existing state law, but by a law imposed on them by the Government of the United States. It sets the very bad precedent of the Federal Government using the power of its purse to impose labor relations rules that are contrary to state law.

The amendment singles out one research facility and says that its employees will be working under a different set of rules than do the other employees of the state, the University and even the other research facilities of the University, of which there are several. Federal employees have no such guarantees.

For those who have warned,

proposed amendment to permit a governor to succeed himself. Morton said the former Gov. Terry Sanford was for the proposed succession amendment, and that he (Morton) had decided to work for its passage. His statement was made to the North Carolina Travel Council last week and reported by the *Asheville Citizen*.

HOLT McPHERSON...Holt McPherson, former editor of the *High Point Enterprise* also said that he expected the succession amendment to pass rather handily. Holt, who lost a leg several years ago, still writes a column four days a week for the *Enterprise* and is active in the N.C. Press Foundation, the N.C. Medical Foundation and the N.C. Citizens Association, the latter having named him the "Man of the Year" for 1977.

STANLEY MOORE...While it was announced last week that W. Stanley Moore, long-time editor of the *Morganton News-Herald*, was retiring to become editor emeritus, he will continue to write columns for the newspaper on which he has served as editor since 1952.

YOUNG DEMOCRATS...The Young Democrats of North Carolina held their annual installation of officers Saturday night in Raleigh with U.S. Senator Dale Bumpers of Arkansas as the guest speaker. U.S. Senator Robert Morgan of North Carolina introduced Bumpers, advising that the Arkansas senator was a man "to keep your eye on" with the clear implication that in years to come he might be seeking bigger things -- maybe we suspect the presidency. It was Bumpers, by the way, who defeated Governor Faubus who was much in the news during the de-segregation days. Not only did Bumpers defeat Faubus but he also defeated Governor Rockefeller on his way up for governor.

STUDENT LOANS...We observe that in U.S. Government loans to students to pay college expenses, that one out of every six have reneged! It would seem that students wanting to get started off right would want to pay back their benevolent "Uncle Sam"!

simplistically at times, that "federal funds bring federal controls," this is a glaring, flagrant example to which they can point.

Here in North Carolina, of course, we are going through a period in which the Federal Government, through the Department of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW) is attempting to dictate how our University System shall be run. HEW is able to do this because of the federal funds which it sends the University for hundreds of research projects. I am glad to see that the University administration and trustees are fighting this takeover and hopefully can get some relief in court, if not from the bureaucrats.

In the Livermore case, the amendment was submitted so quietly that some members of the committee which studied the ERDA bill said they were unaware that it was in there.

And even the bureaucrats at ERDA felt that the amendment went too far. The acting administrator wrote a letter to Senator Hayakawa, of California, which said, "Relationships between the University are regulated by state law. It is inappropriate for the Federal Government's authorization process to alter such relationships."

The President also opposed this intrusion by the U.S. Government's contract power to nullify existing state laws. Needless to say, I also opposed the amendment.

But enough members of the Senate voted for it so that it became a part of the Act, and if it stays there in the final version, then the damage will have been done and states' rights will have suffered a major defeat.



Pollution: It's A Crying Shame