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The Iranian crisis

The Iranian crisis has brought the United States worldwide support that it hasn't had before, and the Ayatollah Khomeini is showing himself to be a fanatic who not only is violating international law but the laws of his own Moslem religion.

Besides this, he once again is demonstrating he puts a low value on human life.

The crisis at the same time has brought President Carter, by his conduct, a national support he apparently hadn't had since his election, and, apparently, much more. It also has caused a divided America to close ranks, and spontaneously.

At this writing, the morning papers report Khomeini has declared a "holy war" of all Moslems against the "pagans." By definition, he is saying it's a war between Moslems and the rest of the world, which, of course, includes Europe, Asia, North and South America, and most of Africa.

Which means that Khomeini's Iranians probably would be the only Moslems fighting the "pagans."

Authorities on the Islam world say, however, that Khomeini's Moslem sect, the Shiite, comprise about one-tenth of the world's moslems and that Khomeini himself has no influence beyond his own country.

There is a possibility that he and the hostages could be used as tools in Middle East power politics, to the detriment of the United States, but no sign of this has appeared so far, or at least been made public.

By ordering the freeing of the blacks among the hostages, on the fiction that they were "forced" to serve to Iran, Khomeini obviously was making a play to alienate blacks against the American government.

It would be futile for anyone with little knowledge of far from Iran to offer the American government advice about getting the hostages free.

We can say, however, that President Carter and the State Department merit our support in their efforts to get the hostages freed unharmed without resorting to violence and at the same time maintaining the nation's honor.

They seem to be doing all that can be done, and the best that can be done.

As for the future, it seems that the American government will have to keep trying to do business with an unstable, irrational personality and, consequently, jeopardizing the lives of its representatives, or cut diplomatic relations completely until a responsible, mature government is organized in Iran.

--BL

Overcutting competition?

An accepted practice in business for many years has been undercutting the competition: selling the same or better quality merchandise at lower prices.

But from San Francisco comes a report that a couple of newspapers had been "overcutting."

A weekly and others accuse the large San Francisco dailies, the *Examiner* and the *Chronicle*, of indulging in that practice.

The weekly, *The Pacific Sun*, charged with its San Francisco edition had to fold five years ago because: the big San Francisco dailies charged so much for advertising that the customers didn't have enough left to buy ads in the *Sun* and other papers.

At first glance, overcutting doesn't make sense.

But on second thought, it would be right in the spirit of our inflationary times.

--BL

Browsing in the files of The News-Journal

25 years ago

Thursday, November 25, 1954
Auto licenses for this area for 1955 will go on sale Wednesday morning, December 1, at the office of the Chamber of Commerce in Raeford.

The Raeford Kiwanis Club had the teachers of the white schools of the county as guests at the regular weekly meeting and supper of the club last Thursday night in what has become an annual affair.

W. Carroll Frierson, colored printing employee of *The News-Journal* for the past two years, became the sixth traffic fatality of 1954 when he was killed in a wreck on the Maxton road about two miles from Raeford between midnight and 1:00 a.m. Sunday.

T.C. Jones attended a NCEA meeting in Raleigh Saturday as the representative from Hoke County.

15 years ago

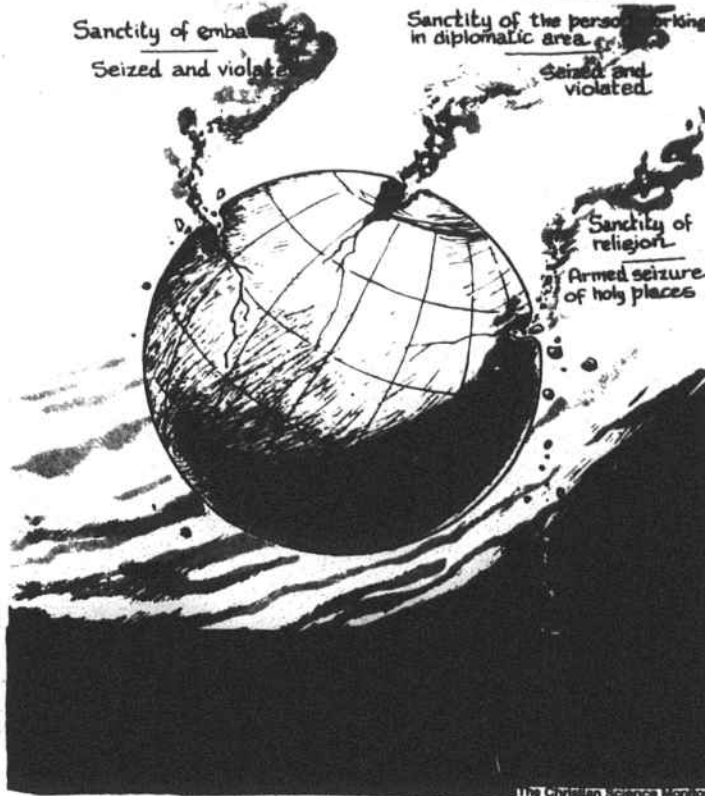
Thursday, November 26, 1964
A special term of Hoke Superior Court will convene here December 7 to hear charges against two Pinehurst Negroes charged with slaying State Highway Patrolman W.T. Herbin.

About 300 Hoke County families have qualified to receive free food under the government surplus commodity distribution program, according to Mrs. C.H. Giles, welfare superintendent.

The 23-year-old wife of a Fort Bragg paratrooper, mother of three children, plunged to her death five miles West of here Sunday afternoon when her parachute failed to open in a skydiving exhibition.

Neill Bonnie Blue, 73, died at 1 p.m. Friday at Moore Memorial Hospital in Pinehurst after being in critical condition there for a little over one month.

Cracks in civilized world which need welding



Energy financing aids

Considering the decreasing supplies and rising costs of worldwide supplies of petroleum and the increasing of already high costs of making home improvements, government "handouts" and long-term, low-interest loans for financing insulating of homes of people short of cash is now a public service.

People with poorly insulated homes should be given this help if they can't bear the expense but also encourage them to take advantage of government help. The reason obviously is the stretching of home-heating oil supplies for the whole country.

This stretching is necessary till the nation develops sources of energy other than petroleum, though efficient insulation of homes is and always will be a necessity regardless of what material is used, for the reason of keeping family costs down if for no other.

In correction with the need to develop non-petroleum sources of energy, and conserve heating oil, North Carolina U.S. Robert Morgan reported in his weekly newsletter to his constituents the passage by the Senate by a vote of 65-19 a bill he has introduced.

The bill would create a bank of solar energy. It also would provide interest subsidies to help people who want to insulate their homes and other buildings efficiently.

North Carolina Fifth District Congressman Steve Neal of Winston-Salem has introduced a similar bill in the House, and, Morgan reports, "the outlook for its passage is favorable."

Morgan's bill would authorize \$750 billion for a solar bank within the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The money would provide interest subsidies on low-interest, longterm loans to people who install solar-energy systems. The bill also would authorize \$4.35 billion for interest subsidies for conservation improvement.

"This is not a handout," Morgan says of the solar energy fund proposal. "It will be available to any person wanting to take advantage of solar energy, and, by increasing the use of these systems it is certain that mass production will bring down the cost and increase their efficiency."

Of proper insulation, the senator says the Senate has received testimony that "if all our homes and buildings were properly insulated, we could cut our oil consumption drastically. A conservation program is essential if we are to reduce oil imports."

Morgan adds cheering comments to his report:

"...More has been done in developing solar energy than anyone knows." The White House has installed a solar system to cut down dependence on energy sources and many homes in the nation have turned to the sun for heat.

Earlier this year, he adds, telephones, radios and computers, all powered by the energy of the sun, were demonstrated in Washington.

And solar energy, Morgan points out, "is one source that everyone can agree on. It doesn't pollute, it costs nothing once we are prepared to use it, and the supply is inexhaustible."

He closes his letter with "If we can use...solar energy and better conservation...in the fight to reduce oil imports, then we will have taken a giant step toward self-dependence and the lessening of inflation."

The senator's and Congressman Neal's bills rate enthusiastic support.

Morgan's letter, incidentally, says at its start: "Now that we have lost, at least for the time being, the oil that we were getting from Iran, and with other oil-producing nations threatening to cut their output and increase their prices, the need for substitute types of energy becomes more apparent and more urgent."

It's ironic that the Ayatollah Khomeini, Iran's ruler, in creating the current crisis by his listing for the blood of the deposed shah and his accompanying hatred of the United States should provide his "enemy" with this benefit.

--BL

Puppy Creek Philosopher

Dear editor:
Some of the 12 candidates--10 Republicans, 2 Democrats--now running for President are mad at the TV networks because they won't sell them time to make their formal announcements.

"It's too early," the networks say. "Wait till after January 1."

Some political experts say there's another reason, that a network gets only \$180,000 for a 30-minute political announcement, while it can get \$900,000 for its regular show with \$150,000-a-minute commercials thrown in every few minutes. These commercials are necessary to pay the inflated salaries of TV performers. A pound of bacon would have to sell for \$100 for its price to equal the inflationary price of some TV personalities. HOW high it would have to go to equal what some of the candidates, if elected, will cost us. I'm not prepared to say.

On the other hand, not allowing Presidential candidates to get on television with their own scripts before the first of the year seems like a spoil-sport attitude. For eleven of the twelve, funning is all the fun they're going to get out of the race.

But there may not be money to the TV networks' thinking that we realize. It may not be money at all. Well maybe some but not all.

Here's the thing. You let candidates get on television now, twelve long months before the election, promising everything they can think of, and two months before voting time next November there may not be anything left to promise.

A politician who has run out of something to promise is no fun to watch. Be as dull as a quarterback who can't scramble and throws nothing but incomplete passes.

Yours faithfully,
J.A.

It's a Small World

by Bill Lindau

Our son Bill was leaving his job to travel.

His friends gave him a present for the occasion. It was a set of Brut 33 made by Faberge, Inc.

He was given it in Nottingham, England, a few weeks ago.

Faberge has places at Iver Bucks, London, England. Also in Paris, Toronto, New York, Milan, and Munich.

Also in Raeford.

From Nottingham he went to the Continent. In traveling he passed by Arnhem. That was the area the British airborne men were fighting in while the Americans were battling around Nijmegen in World War II.

Bill says he saw no scars of the war at Arnhem when he passed by it this month on a train.

The Nazis did do some good, if accidentally, for Americans. Among other things, they helped North Carolina's industrial development with its economic benefits greatly.

A postcard sent by Bill from Cologne reminded me of the story of that contribution.

Cologne is the home town of Henize Rollman. He and his family owned and operated a prosperous shoe factory there till the Nazis struck.

Rollman still has a periodic ache in a kidney to remind him of that, even if nothing else did. He got it when he was beaten on a Cologne street by Nazi Storm Troopers one day in broad daylight in 1939.

That, it turned out, was fortunate for the survival of him and his family. If he hadn't been given the meeting, the Rollmans probably would have stayed in Germany, till it was too late to get out and avoid going to a death camp.

But the Rollmans, their Cologne factory taken by the Nazis, fled to Switzerland, then to Belgium where they established a new shoe-making business.

The Nazis got that one, too, though, when they overran Belgium. Rollman got the news while he was on a ship on the Atlantic on a honeymoon vacation to the United States.

Rollman had the essentials to start the family business again,

however: the family patents and international credit.

He started the business this time in Waynesville, about 30 miles west of Asheville. It's Welco Shoe Corp.

Not only did the Nazis "give" North Carolina that industry, but indirectly another.

Because Welco was operating in Waynesville, Dayton Rubber Co. established a plant in adjoining Hazelwood. Dayton supplied Welco with the materials for manufacturing the Welco shoes.

Thanksgiving week was a day short as far as getting things into the paper was concerned, so one trip wasn't made and some new stories were left out. The trip that wasn't made was the one to the Farm - City Week program Nov. 19 at Arabia for picture-taking mainly. It started in the afternoon and ran till dinner. But unfortunately we had to try to do on Monday what we usually do on Monday and Tuesday, because the paper was going to press a day early.

To the University of North Carolina students of the present and recent years, last Saturday's football game with Duke probably was viewed with interest only because of the possibility of an upset by Duke.

To Carolina graduates of the 1930s, '40s, '50s and possibly a little later, it was the Traditional Game of the season. Every school has one like it.

If the team wins that Big One, the season has been a success and the coach can work another season, even if that's the only game the team has won.

Now the Big Game for the Carolina students is the one with State.

For the Carolina graduates of the 1920s and earlier, though, Carolina had a very good season the week before: the Tar Heels beat Virginia.

To those grads of the 1920s, Johnny Branch is one of the immortals of Carolina football, at least equal if not superior to George Barclay, Andy Bershak, Paul Severin, Charlie Justice, Art Weiner, and later Tar Heel heroes of the Saturdays of fall.

Letter To The Editor

Editor, *The News-Journal*

Most of the readers of this letter probably hear a constant barrage of criticism of our education system. This criticism from a wide range of our citizenry. It comes from the paper boy who delivers this paper, from the housewife who lines her bird cage with it, and from the most ill-informed of all, the politicians, who would do anything to get their names and confused ideas on page one.

Since everyone else has had an opportunity to decry the ills of education, I feel it is time for someone in the education profession to speak out. In this short letter, I would like to, from a teacher's point of view, point out what is wrong with education. While joining the ranks of the majority and enumerating the ills of education is an uncomfortable position, certain issues need to be addressed and must be addressed if education is to meet ever-increasing demands.

Something is wrong with education when the values of parents and society are so mixed up that we're willing to pay more for a child's toy than we pay for a day, or in some instances, a week of schooling.

Something is wrong when students who require an inordinate amount of attention are placed in the regular classroom, and yet the class size is not reduced.

Something is wrong when school systems will not provide enough mimeograph paper, instructional supplies, or up-to-date textbooks and equipment, but will put new lights on a football field, erect fences, or purchase expensive, unneeded athletic equipment.

Something is wrong with the logic that says spending less for education will force an improvement in its quality.

Something is wrong when teachers must stand in fear of being sued by parents because they take strong disciplinary measures while the public has said year after year in the Gallup Poll that discipline is the number one problem of our schools.

Something is wrong the classroom is recognized as the most important station in education, and yet the teacher is the lowest paid professional in the system.

Something is wrong when the

public criticizes education for inadequacies and then votes against funding that would help eliminate those inadequacies, and when governing bodies, such as the county commissioners, continually pare the school budget as if they were trying to cut a decayed spot from an apple.

Something is wrong when we pay the workers who lay the school building foundation more than we pay those who lay the foundation for our future society; when teachers are encouraged to teach understanding, support of, and participation in a democratic form of government, but are criticized for their own political involvement; when teachers are expected to succeed with all children, yet a parents we often fail with one of two of our own; when, as taxpayers, we say that because of inflation we must curtail future funding for education while inflation itself is the culprit that is gradually eating away at the present education budget.

Something is wrong when teachers, both tenured and non-tenured, stand in fear for their jobs and morale is at an all time low. Something is wrong when, it seems, that principals' evaluations of teacher performance are not to be used to help teachers, but rather to be used as a tool to "get" teachers.

This list easily could be extended, but perhaps the most injurious condition that exists in education today is that the public and educators cannot and will not join together to right these wrongs. A commitment, a unity of purpose, a dedication of what is right for students and fair to employees, an appreciation of the value of education and the willingness to pay for it, and a restructuring of our legal framework to make needed changes possible -- these all are steps in the right direction.

If we fail to work together, if we pass the buck, if we shirk our responsibilities, then we perpetuate the greatest ill of our education system -- the unwillingness to exert the effort necessary to make what is wrong right.

Sincerely,
Robert Taylor, President
Hoke County Unit
North Carolina Association
of Educators

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