

mercials on TV where the nice couple is vacationing at some lush resort and all seems fine. Then the and snatches a purse or wallet, virtually destroy-ing the couple's glamor-ous journey. While these ads are usually geared to-ward selling way toward beward selling you traveler's checks or travel insurance, they do give all travelers something to think about.

Without funds, your vacation could turn into complete chaos. That's why you should take steps to guard against theft before you leave and while you're away to keep your credit cards, cash and documents safe.

\* First and foremost, purchase traveler's checks. They cost relatively little, and if they're not used while you're away, they are accepted by most merchants at home.

\* Keep cash separate from credit cards and other documents. This way, if your pocket is picked, you won't lose everything in one fell

swoop. • If you're traveling the with a companion, the two of you should split up the cash, as well as passports, visas and other important papers. If one of you loses her passport, at least the other has proof of citizenship and can identify herself to the consulate where you will need to go to get another passport.

\* Register any valuables with hotel security, and never leave anything important in your hotel room.

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## NEA VIEWPOINT

## Carter tries to undo Reagan legacy

## By William A. Rusher

I have previously noted in this space how busy our liberal media are, rewriting the history of the 1900s. They were notably unsuccessful in their efforts to defeat Ronald Reagan, but that has only whetled their appe-tite for trashing him retroactively. So we are constantly helphored

So we are constantly belabored with the Big Lie that the DORs were a decade of greed, corruption and self-preoccupation, and that Reagan was the symbol and cause of its alloged

That isn't the way most people re-nember the 1990s, nor should it be. those were the years in which the fed-ral strangulation of America was These were the years in which to eral strangulation of Americ slowed to a near halt, launchi longest economic boom in a American history. Eighteen a new jobs were created. Our de eral stra American history. Exploses million new jobs were created. Our defenses were rebuilt and our free-world alli-ances intensified, with the result that the Soviet Union simply stopped try-ing to compete with as and throw in the sponge. Above all, perhaps, our self-respect was restored, after its battering in Viotnam and the Iramian hostage crists.

hostage crisis. But the media tell us otherwise, and now they are moving to shore up an-other wall of their flimsy revisionist lean-to. They are actually trying to rehabilitate the reputation of Jimmy Carter.

In this, they have had considerable help from Carter. In the years since the American people threw him out of the White House, he has been busy with a whole series of activities calca-

lated to ingratiate him with the liber-als who dominate the media. He has associated himself with all sorts of "human rights" causes and campaigns. Whenever there was an election in some Third World country, Carter was on hand to "observe" it and decide whether it was fair. When there was nothing else to do, he would go up to New York and be photo-graphed making, with his own two hands, a simple wooden chair for some welfare project.

hands, a simple wooden chair for some welfare project. In return, the grateful media thoughtfully overlooked the costly junkets that he and the Steel Magnolia were constantly taking at the expense of the American taxpayer — such as their million-dollar expedition to No-pel in 1965, to trek in the Himalayas with an entourage of 16 American attendants.

Now Carter evidently judges it time to join the attacks on the man who brought him down. In a television interview, all the bile and bitterness interview, all the bile and bitterness comes pouring out — a great wave of hatred, withheld for a whole decade. It says a lot about the difference be-tween the two men that nobody could possibly imagine such a vicious at-tack emanating from Ronald Reagan. Carter blames Reagan, without any evidence whatever, for everything from the savings and loan fiasco and the federal budget deficits to the al-leged energy shortage. Weirdly, he even accuses Reagan of giving Amer-ica "a reputation of being the world's worst warmonger, with the possible exception of Saddam Hussein." In support of this charge he cites our

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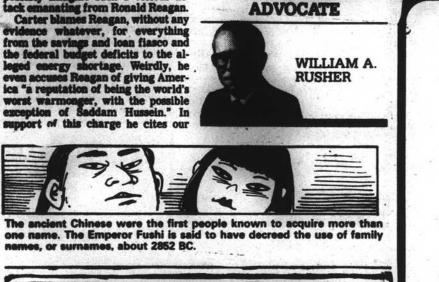
military operations in Lebanon, Trip-oli, Grenada and Panama (forgetting, in his fury, that it was President Bush who ordered the invasion of Panama).

Carter is probably still smarting because all of these, save Lebanon, were successful military operations, thoroughly approved (according to the polls) by the American people. No doubt in the back of his mind is the pitiful disaster he presided over in the Iranian desert, when a poorly planned helicopter rescue of our hostages collapsed.

You can be sure that neither Carter nor his media admirers ever mentions the state of this nation when he was the state of this nation when he was relieved of executive responsibility for it by a disgusted electorate. Shall we remind them? Interest rates were 21 percent. Inflation was in the double digits. Unemployment was higher than it is even today, when those same media insist we are in the midst of a recession.

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