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# VIEWPOINT

## LABOR SETBACKS

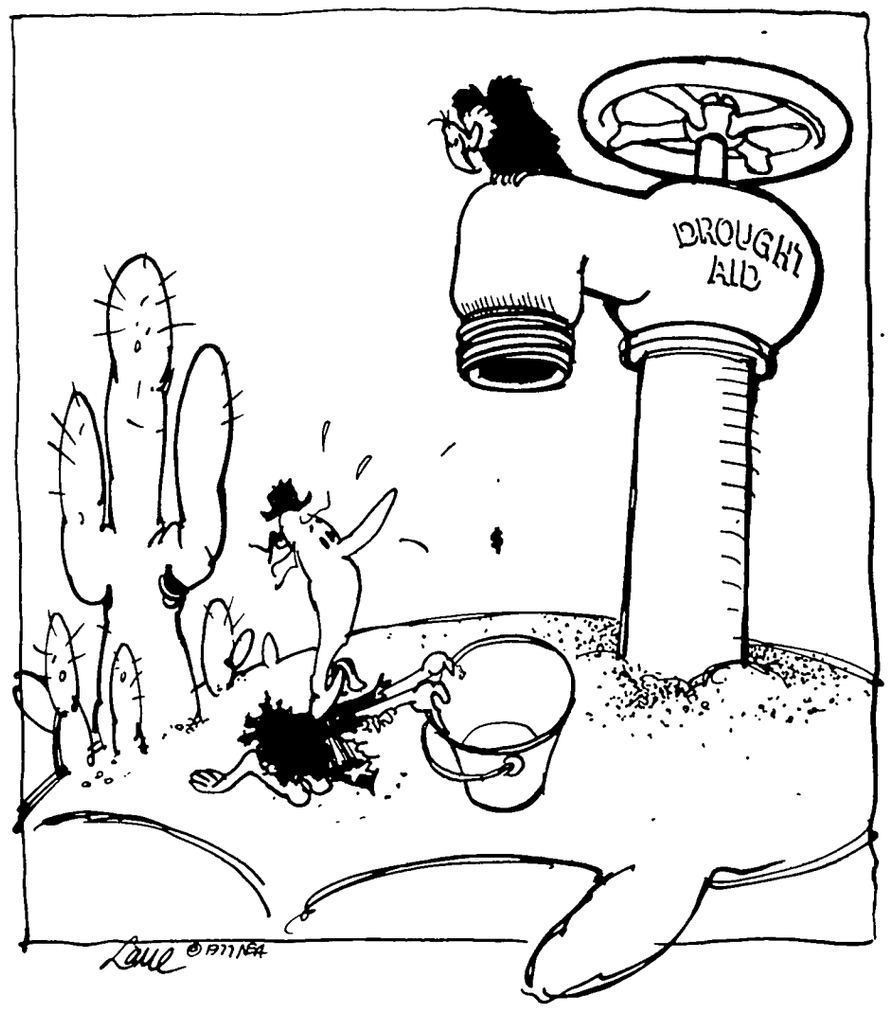
First it was the House of Representatives which handed Big Labor a setback by the defeat of the common situs picketing bill Then the Carter Administration proposed a minimum wage increase far less in amount than was urged by the AFL-CIO and others The administration proposes to increase minimum wages by 20 cents, to $2.50 an hour next July 1, but with an indexing after that time

By that indexing method, minimum wage standards would be 50 per cent of the average straight-time, hourly wages of manufacturing workers after July 1978 Since labor leaders had advocated $3 an hour immediately along with an indexing at 60 per cent the Carter proposals represent less than half a loaf

This fact will bring some support for the Carter proposals in Congress among those fearful of higher figures It will also bring pressures to bear for increasing the Carter minimums on the part of the many legislators who have outstanding IOUs with labor leaders from the 1976 elections, the Norfolk Daily News said

The fact that the proposed increase is modest does not mean it is good economics, however Nor is the "indexing" anything more than insurance that inflation will be built into the American economy to a greater degree in the future

The political setting of minimum wage rates which ought to be a matter of simple economics is still being practiced. Their history proves the rates adversely affect those who need job training and job experience the most the young and the unskilled






Don Oakley

## COMMENTARY

# Paying the price of injustice

Someone has finally said it The purpose of school integration is integration, and any academic benefits to the integratees is purely coincidental

"The question is not whether one likes integration," E Lutrell Bing, assistant superintendent of Hillsborough County, Fla , schools told a recent conference in Washington sponsored by the National Institute of Education "The question is whether we're going to abridge the constitutional rights of our citizens

"Integration or desegregation has nothing to do with the academic progress of students "

This, alas, may be true Happily, however, Bing was able to report that both ends have been served in Florida The countywide desegration that began there in 1971 has raised the achievement scores of both blacks and whites, he said And because desegregation is countywide, Florida has avoided the problem of white flight because "there's nowhere for anyone to flee "

There are not many other similar success stories elsewhere in the country, unfortunately Resistance to busing has only begun, judging by an enthusiastic convention held in Nashville a couple of weeks ago by a new organization called the National Association for Neighborhood Schools Formed last August with an initial membership totaling four persons, the organization has grown to several hundred thousand and predicts a million members within the year

Let it be stated as emphatically as possible that deliberate, conspired racial segregation is as wrong as it ever was It is the wisdom of the busing remedy that is, or should be, the issue

But at the same time, we must never forget that generations of black children were routinely bused out of their neighborhoods and school districts to prevent them from attending white schools, and few whites complained about forced busing then

All Americans, including the members of the National Association of Neighborhood Schools, are now paying the price for those generations of injustice

As Lyndon B Johnson would have admonished, Americans must reason together on this issue and put emotions behind them

Where integration by means of busing is reasonably achievable, weighing all the factors together, and especially where it is the means of last resort to break the barriers of segregation, its necessity must be honestly faced and accepted in any given community

Busing need not be a threat to the basic right of children to attend their neighborhood schools or a threat to academic values if parents, school officials and the courts work at making it work In most cases of court-ordered busing, only a part of the school population has been involved only a part of the year

In the final analysis, however, busing must be seen as a temporary expedient and not an end in itself Permanent and natural racial balance in the schools will only be achieved when there is residential racial balance — countywide, statewide and nationwide And that will not happen until the general income level of black Americans approaches closer to that of whites, giving them the means to live wherever they choose

Until, in short, the day when not only will there be nowhere to flee, but no one will want to flee



Ivan D.E. Beaumont

# THE BUCK ENDS HERE

## Congratulations in order

**Congratulations—**
Cheryl Gigstad, daughter of Dr and Mrs A.O Gigstad, on being selected to the state FFA chorus; and to Scott Simms, son of Mr and Mrs Jack Simms, on being the only Twin Rivers Conference basketball player on the south squad for the Nebraska Coaches Association game.

We'd like to join with others in congratulating Mr and Mrs Allen Madsen, Nehawka, on being selected as the Farm Bureau family of the year

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**Mr Barton goes to D.C.—**
A telephone call from Rep Charles Thone gave us a hint something good was going to happen to John Barton, American Government teacher at Senior High.

Mr Barton has been selected as a teacher-chaperone in the congressman's intern program Ten students will make the trip and we are assured they will be pooped.

Brian Browning, son of Mr and Mrs Everett Browning, Peru, attended a couple of years ago and gave us a full report on his activities. They were hectic to say the least and Brian and his group loved it

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**And more names—**
Carolyn Buell, daughter of Mr and Mrs Merlyn Buell, Murdock, who was named 1977 Capitol Pork Producers queen is really a "home" girl The Buell family farmed in this area for many years and the children were active in 4-H clubs (So were Mom and Dad, too)

Carolyn will be a fine representative for the Pork Producers Among her duties will be handing out awards and posing for pictures at county fairs.

There was another teen-ager in the news Teresa Sweeney, daughter of ex-Navy Chief and Mrs Bill Sweeney, was selected as a finalist in the 1977 Miss Nebraska National Teen-Age Pageant June 10-11-12 at Seward

Teresa will compete for scholarships, a number of prizes and a paid trip to the contest in Atlanta, Ga She is sponsored by Otoe County National Bank

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**A straight line—**
Sam Kellogg, Jr , can tell you an experience of flying to Boise, Idaho, by way of Los Angeles

The spring snowstorm a couple weeks ago shut off west road traffic, but the airlines were operating. Sam thought he would make the plane stop at Denver, but because of the storm, the flight went to Los Angeles for an hour and a half layover, then to San Francisco and then to Boise

That straight line flight had a couple of curves in it, but as Sam explained, the whole trip was still only about three hours late

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**Arbor Day—**
April 23-24 will be big days again this year in Nebraska City The Arbor Day Foundation awards will be presented on the first day and the parade, fly-in, tree planting and formal ceremony at the mansion will be held Sunday

Jim Olsen is chairman of the celebration this year and he is working with number of other committees. It gets pretty old trying to do a better job each year with the ceremony, but that's what is attempted each year The committees must be successful because the celebrations are well attended

The parade numbers will be fewer this year The Shriners will not be here in force as usual Arbor Day falls on the same day as the Shrine circus in Omaha. However, a number of Omaha Shriners are expected to make the trip to join the local Scimitar three-wheel and Model T firetruck paraders

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**Shrine Bowl—**
A lot of sports fans are awaiting anxiously for word from Shrine Bowl headquarters on selection of players for word from Shrine Bowl headquarters on selection of players for the August game at Memorial Stadium in Lincoln.

If you're not familiar with the program, Shriners in Nebraska sponsor a bowl game pitting the best high school senior football players in the state in a North vs South game.

Proceeds go to the Shrine's Crippled Children's hospital in Minneapolis.

Bobby Reynolds, the razzle-dazzle cross-field runner of the 1950's for the Huskers, is in charge of the Shrine Bowl. He is expected to make some announcements soon.

Meanwhile we have an unofficial report:

"Dandy" Randy Landwehr, an all-stater from Nebraska City Senior High, will be tapped to join the South squad. He is the son of Mr and Mrs Dean Landwehr.

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Thanks to Dick Schmidt. ..for the rhubarb and plum "refreshments" the other night after the rescue-spaghetti dinner. Now all I'm lacking is a glass of dandelion wine to claim that I've tasted 'em all.

Dick said he started with a wine kit, but now has another "system" or whatever. The private stock was dry and good.



## HEALTH

Lawrence E. Lamb, M.D.

# Movie was misleading

DEAR DR. LAMB — My friend and I saw the movie, "One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest " Is it true that our mental institutions give operations on the brain as they show to make the patients more obedient? Also the shock treatments look so brutal Why do they give shock treatments and are they as the movie shows them to be?

My friend is from Czechoslovakia and said she wanted very much to see the movie because it is directed by one of her fellow countrymen who was deported

Please, please comment on this as it is very disturbing to me to wonder about our own mental institutions and how and who runs them

DEAR READER — Movies and TV are very effective opinion molders — even so-called objective newscasts. I can see the movie has had that effect on you

No, operations on the brain are not used to make patients more obedient. That is pure fiction and no doubt millions of viewers have been misled as you have been

Years ago an operation called the prefrontal leukotomy was done to cut large parts of the frontal lobes of the brain from the rest of the brain This did modify behavior A related operation is still done today involving about a centimeter of the brain where personality is affected Such an operation is only done in extreme situations where the patient is so uncomfortable with his anxiety-type reactions that he is totally incapacitated It is not done to control the patient's behavior but to relieve him from discomfort The patient must give his consent if he is able to, and if he is not his nearest relative or those legally responsible must do so It is nothing like depicted in the movie

Electric shock treatments are used primarily to treat depressions You may not be aware of how uncomfortable and unhappy a depressed patient can be — so depressed that he may be suicidal Depression and manic depression can be very dangerous to the patient. Electric shock used properly can relieve such reactions and can be life saving Shock therapy relieves the patient's suffering That is what medicine is supposed to do whether it is a pill for painful arthritis or shock therapy for total despair and misery

Modern electric shock therapy is not brutal. The patient is given a muscle relaxant so that the muscles hardly move in response to the electric current He is also given a sedative or anesthetic so he is almost unaware of the procedure Untrained observers may not notice the mild convulsive like response it is so minimal. It would certainly not make a very dramatic movie scene. The results of such treatment in properly selected cases can be quite dramatic

New medicines to control or modify patient behavior are so effective that there would be no reason to use either surgery or shock treatments for such purposes So, a good movie from an entertainment point of view is not very good from a point of view of teaching the public anything about modern psychiatric treatment Unfortunately many viewers will not separate entertaining fiction from reality

*AS TIME GOES BY*

# Action deferred

FORTY YEARS AGO
—1937—

The Nebraska City Planning Board deferred action on recommending a location for Highway Two, pending action of the cemetery and school boards The Unicameral committee on highways unanimously approved a bill which would create a highway patrol force of 35 men Over 1,000 spectators crowded into an open-air boxing arena in Kennett, Mo to witness the hanging of Fred Adams, 21, convicted of the murder of a Campbell, Mo. police officer .Bing Crosby and Martha Raye starred in "Waikiki Wedding" at the Booth and Nelson Eddy and Jeanette MacDonald starred in "Maytime" at the Overland

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
—1952—

Harold Lamb, incumbent GOP Third District county commissioner, swamped his two primary opponents Melvin Ommen won the Democratic nomination Governor Val Peterson conceded the GOP senatorial nomination to incumbent Hugh Butler...Frank Erwin and Harold were elected and Dr Harry Hebard was re-elected to the Nebraska City school board The hat industry declared war on bareheadedness The shoo-fly detour two miles south of Palmyra was opened to traffic

TEN YEARS AGO
—1967—

Pam Miyoshi was elected Future Homemaker of America state second vice-president at the FHA convention in Lincoln Two Senate military authorities called for wider use of U.S airpower in the Vietnam War The towboat Rock Bluff docked at Steinhart Terminal kicking off the 1967 Missouri river navigation season - Company A, Nebraska National Guardsmen, ran through a platoon proficiency tests on the Carl Malzer farm south of Nebraska City Daniel Baltensperger was president of the Otoe County Farm Bureau.

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## *Today In History*

By The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, April 3, the 93rd day of 1977 There are 272 days left in the year

Today's highlight in history

On this date in 1865, during the Civil War, the Union Army occupied the former Confederate capital of Richmond, Va

—In 1776, Harvard College conferred the honorary degree of doctor of laws on Gen George Washington

—In 1860, Pony Express service began between St Joseph, Mo , and Sacramento, Calif

—In 1936, Bruno Haumptmann was executed for the kidnaping and murder of the baby of Mr and Mrs Charles Lindbergh

—In 1941, British troops evacuated the Libyan port of Bengasi during World War II

One year ago Intermittent shelling and sniping in Beirut marked the second day of a truce in the Lebanese civil war

Today's birthdays Actor Marlon Brando is 53. Actress Doris Day also is 53.

Thought for today "Take the world as it is, not as it should be " — a German proverb


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## The Prayer For Today From

The Upper Room

It does not yet appear what we shall be, but we know that when he appears we shall be like him (1 John 3 2 (RSV)

PRAYER In the midst of life's discouragements, dear Lord, help me to find cheer in the hope of a new day Amen.

*It might work*

# Courtesy could solve CB chaos

By Ink Dipper

(EDITOR'S NOTE Ink Dipper (KYZ-3916) is the editor of The CB Times-Journal )

Some ugly things are happening on the Citizens Band A survey of CBers and Federal Communications Commission personnel across the country has turned up this much

— There has been a dramatic increase it seems, in the number of "dead carriers " In layman's terms that means that more CBers are disturbing normal communications by pressing their mike buttons without talking, which overrides CB conversations in the area

— In some large cities there is a racial unrest on the air that has grown as CBing has spread to all ethnic and racial parts of American society The trouble is mainly limited to people screaming racial slurs over the air while traveling in parts of a city where a large number of people live who might be offended by the remarks

— In October two Texas men died in a shootout that stemmed from an argument over who had the right to use a channel

When the FCC authorized 17 more CB channels, the CB industry hailed it as a way of easing urban radio congestion But relief has been slight Many CBers can't afford to move up from 23 to 40 channels, and much of the congestion problem is due to rude operators, young children allowed to use the family CB and people not educated in proper techniques

What has resulted is chaos, and a spin-off of that is the irritation, frustration and disgust that pushes some CBers into going off the air and others into fighting back, as probably indicated by dead carriers, racial unrest and acts of personal violence

A solution to the problem might be a further channel expansion, something that will probably come about by late 1978 But even then only a small portion of the CBing public will immediately add the new frequency radios The FCC always short on manpower, has limited control on CBers and must also concentrate on making cases against CBers using overpowered equipment and operating on illegal, non-CB frequencies

In our conversations with CBers, one suggestion was made coincidentally by two people in different parts of the country, and it has a logical ring to it. We pass it along in hopes that a CB-related organization will pick it up as a project

It amounts to this A CB organization promoting proper and courteous radio use could put together public service radio and television advertisement campaigns stressing the importance of being a good CBer Broadcast stations would run the ads for free, and a large CB manufacturer might be convinced to pay for the ad production

The ad campaign wouldn't in itself solve the problem But it could help After all, the same type of campaigning has prompted thousands of families to put litter bags in the car, to have regular dental checkups and to "give the United Way "

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'Ink Dipper'

# Birth at middle age

By David Poling

Gail Sheehy says that the chief virtue of middle age is experience And the chief virtue of middle-aged Christians is the awareness that they do not have all the answers, that their lives include some major accidents in motive and behavior, that they are in constant need of recovery and renewal The Koreans have a saying "Pain makes men think, and thought makes men wise, and wisdom makes life endurable " But most Christians want to go beyond endurance to joy and that will be experienced in the fullness of God's kingdom

In our time the renewal of the Christian life is being found in the old gospel phrase, "born again " You remember the discussion between Jesus and Nicodemus, where the Master tells the searching older man that only when he is born again can he truly find and experience the kingdom of God The literal translation of "born again" means "born from above" in the Greek Only when our lives have been touched and changed by the moving spirit of God do we know the true and ultimate passage in this universe

Recently George Gallup and his organization asked people in America this question "Would you say that you have been born again or have had a born again experience — that is, a turning point in your life when you committed yourself to Christ?"

More than a third of those questioned replied in the affirmative, and with nearly half of the Protestants responding "yes "

Christian lives are in constant need of fresh, renewal periods of the Holy Spirit There are millions of "official Christians" living in the shadows of faith. They are not far from the radiance of Christ's love but are going through the torment described by Soren Kierkegaard when he asked "How do you become a Christian when you are already a Christian?"

Robert Raines is correct when he says that if conversion is to be permanent decision must lead into growth and be sustained by discipline. So many of us



spend our lives wandering on a wide plateau of middle-age, trying to sustain our spiritual lives on short rations, usually collected from childhood religious ideas but not fully developed for the long distance of life

John Wesley was literally on passage — passage to America — when he wrote in his "Journal" "I went to America to convert the Indians, but oh, who shall convert me? Who, what is he that will deliver me from this evil heart of unbelief? I have a fair summer religion I can talk well, nay, believe myself, while no danger is near. But let death look me in the face, and my spirit is troubled "

The real victory of middle-age — or any age, for that matter, in the Christian life — is the self-discovery that one's deepest and most agonizing need can be met by the persuasive love of Christ. Charles Colson found a brand new existence when he discovered that a man's heart can be changed — starting with himself

(David Poling's biography, "Why Billy Graham Is Number 1" (Zondervan), will be published this fall.)

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**PASSAGES OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE**