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VIEWPOINT

Drop in a monstrous bucket

What do 35 Iraqis, 100,000 Indochinese and quite possibly several million Mexicans have in common?

All are refugees

The common bond is brought to mind by an incident at New York's Kennedy International Airport, one of the great crossroads of contemporary nomadic man and thus the setting of countless human dramas, most of which go unnoticed

One which did not occurred the other day when 35 passengers on a Moroccan airliner suddenly bolted their seats and fled the plane

They were, they explained in requesting asylum in the United States, Christians from Iraq, victims of persecution in their own country who had come halfway around the world to find, they hoped, freedom

The incident made a good story, but it is less than a paragraph of a much greater story

For in the sum total of refugees from various styles of oppression around the world, the 35 fugitives from Iraq are as nothing, a drop in a monstrous bucket

Consider the 100,000 plus Vietnamese, Laotians and Cambodians who have sought refuge in Thailand since the Communist triumph in Indochina Thailand has been a reluctant host, and is in the process of closing the door. These refugees, however, may consider themselves lucky compared with the 'boat people" — Vietnamese seeking asylum somewhere, anywhere, via the sea

Their small boats more often than not are refused entrance to harbors in neighboring non-Communist countries Passing ships do not stop to take them aboard, rarely even resupply them The flow of boat people has been estimated at an average 1,500 per month since the Communist take-over, but no one knows for sure how many may have reached land somewhere — or how many may have perished at sea

The International Rescue Committee, which has been in the business of aiding refugees since 1933, reports that its resettlement and relief programs processed at least 75,000 people during 1977 alone These are mostly in Southeast Asia and Africa The Communist world also continues to make its contribution to the total

These, however, are only the most obvious among the displaced, the easily identifiable and, in some respects, easy to assist political or religious refugees

But in any comprehensive reckoning of displaced humanity, those who for some reason find themselves strangers in their own world, an additional category must be considered — the economic refugees

Which brings us to those millions of Mexicans Unauthorized immigration into the United States from south of the Rio Grande has reached floodtide in recent years. No one, again, knows for sure how many Mexicans and others of Latin origin are illegally resident in the country but estimates run into the millions.

They are also fugitives from oppression, that of underdeveloped economies incapable of absorbing or supporting them To their numbers might be added the millions of foreign workers — Algerians in France, Turks in West Germany — from similarly depressed areas who have played a large but largely unappreciated role in Western Europe's postwar affluence

Aiding the economic refugees is much more than a matter of relief centers and resettlement programs. It depends in the end on an equalization of economic productivity, to achieve which the world has at least as far to go as it has to resolve its political differences

Man began history as a nomad, in wandering tribes moving and often driven across the face of the earth. For too many today, the human condition may not seem to have changed all that much over the millennia

AS TIME GOES BY

Palmyra beats Otoe

FORTY YEARS AGO
—1938—

Dr Mary MacVean-Edmonds announced tentative arrangements for having a semi-weekly health clinic for county relief clients .Palmyra won its first county basketball crown by defeating Otoe 20-15 before a capacity crowd at Syracuse .Norman Littrell, and William Bischof, both of Nebraska City were named chief editor and advertising director of the Peru Pedagogian News-Press columnist O O McIntyre died at the age of 53 at his apartment in New York City

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
—1954—

Candidates for queen of the annual Sweetheart Ball at Peru State College included Marilyn Baucke of Nebraska City, Marilyn Hawxby of Nemaha, Phyllis Davenport of Peru, Jeanine Schliefert of Murdock and Carol McKee of Pawnee City Rita Bosworth and Jim Herman were the royalty of the NCHS Choir as crowned at the annual Valentine Party .Palmyra was the top-rated Class D team in the state .Russia broke relations with Israel

TEN YEARS AGO
—1968—

Mrs Maxine Morrison announced she would be a candidate for the Second Congressional District nomination in the primary on the Democratic ticket. .Howard Lindsay, actor and Pulitzer prize-winning playwright who co-authored Broadway's longest running hit, "Life With Father," died at his home in New York at 78. .Shirley Meyer, Avoca, a senior at Elmwood High School, was named the 1968 Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow for the school...Mrs Betty Hunter, head forelady at the Pendleton Woolden Mills Plant in Nebraska City planned to go to Portland, Oregon, to be the guest of her company for the week

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The Prayer For Today From The Upper Room

The disciples remembered what he had said to them. (John 2 22 Phillips)

PRAYER Eternal Christ, out of the past and into the future, speak! Stir our memories and motivations. Grant us assurance of Your love and presence Amen





Martha Angle and Robert Walters

IN WASHINGTON

Long-due pruning scheduled

WASHINGTON—(NEA)—The operation won't be performed for many months, but the hospital patient already is having nightmares about the surgery and is complaining about possible post-operative complications.

The patient in this case is the federal government's law enforcement community — an influential array of more than 100 agencies ranging from the well-known Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and Secret Service to the obscure Federal Protective Service and Fish and Wildlife Service game wardens.

The operation in question probably will be a far-reaching overhaul of the structure, control and mission of those agencies, as part of President Carter's commitment to broad-scale reorganization of the federal bureaucracy.

The premature writhing in agony comes from the officials of those law enforcement organizations, a group long notorious for unwarranted internal competition and excessive concern about protection of its "turf" within the bureaucracy.

The doctors in charge of the operation, members of a White House study group, decline to discuss specifics of their work because they will not be offering any final recommendations until later this year

But reliable reports circulating here suggest they are very serious about bringing a real measure of order and rationality to the business of enforcing federal laws.

The reorganization is badly needed because the current system is, in great measure, a patchwork whose dominant characteristics include overlapping functions and authority, intra-agency feuding and missions mandated by long-outdated legislation. Some examples.

—The FBI has long maintained an elaborate and expensive facility for agent training at Quantico, Va But a lack of cooperation forced the Treasury Department's law enforcement agencies — the Secret Service, Customs Service, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (BATF) and others — to build their own training center at Glynco, Ga

—When a bombing is committed, the FBI has jurisdiction if political terrorists are believed to be the perpetrators, but BATF has authority over federal crimes committed with explosives.

—At ports of entry to this country, the Customs Service searches for contraband in general, the Drug Enforcement Administration looks for drugs in particular, the Immigration and Naturalization Services checks for illegal aliens and a half-dozen other agencies play lesser roles

—Auto theft and bank robbery investigations invariably are handled by state and local police departments, but FBI agents spend thousands of man-hours yearly filling out reports on already-solved cases because interstate transportation of a stolen motor vehicle and robbery of a federally insured bank both are technically federal crimes.

In addition to confronting those problems, the White House study team reportedly is considering a proposal that would reorganize the FBI as a division of the Justice Department. Added to its functions would be tasks now performed by Postal Service inspectors, Internal Revenue Service investigators and others.

But FBI training of state and local police officers at Quantico, control over the National Crime Information Center computer network and similar tasks now directly related to the enforcement of federal laws would be removed.

Officially returned to local police departments would be the stolen car and bank robbery cases now technically handled by the FBI and investigations of stolen government checks now conducted by the Secret Service.

The shrieks and screams from the patient will become more shrill as the date of the operation moves closer, but much of the misery will be feigned. The law enforcement community instead ought to welcome the prospect of a modern, efficient structure that would enable it to perform its work more effectively.

Today In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Feb 12, the 43rd day of 1978. There are 322 days left in the year

On this date in 1809, Abraham Lincoln was born in what was then Hardin County, Ky

On this date.

In 1554, Lady Jane Grey, who had been queen of England for 10 days, was beheaded after being charged with treason.

In 1733, English colonists led by James Oglethorpe landed at Savannah, Ga.

In 1870, all women in the Utah Territory were granted full suffrage.

In 1912, China became a republic as the Manchu Dynasty abdicated after being overthrown by Dr Sun Yat-sen.

In 1914, ground was broken for the Lincoln Memorial in Washington

In 1966, Vice President Hubert Humphrey wound up a visit to Saigon and predicted victory over the Communists and over poverty, disease and illiteracy in South Vietnam.

Ten years ago: Eighteen people died in a fire in Hong Kong.

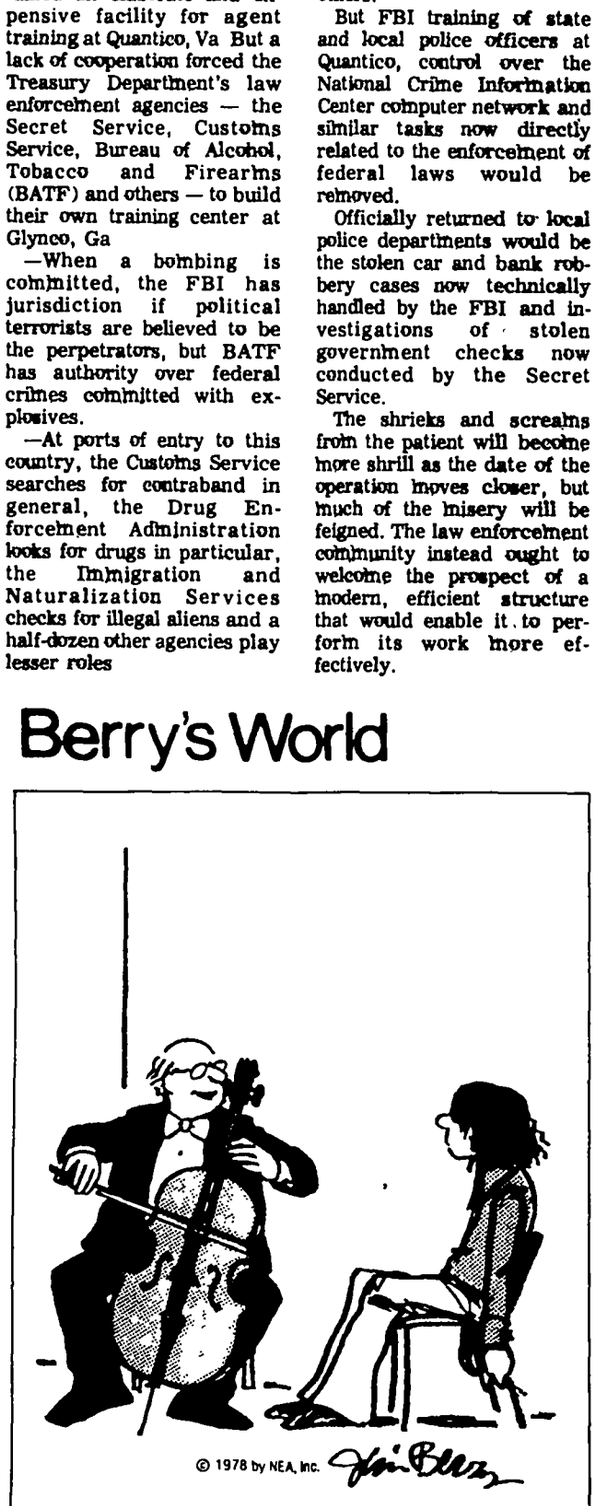
Five years ago: The repatriation of American prisoners of the Vietnam War began as a plane left Hanoi with the first to be released.

One year ago: President Makarios of Cyprus and local Turkish leaders announced that negotiations on the future of the divided island would resume in March

Today's birthdays Gen Omar Bradley is 85 years old. Actor Lorne Greene is 63.

Thought for today: I claim not to have controlled events, but confess plainly that events have controlled me — Abrahalm Lincoln

Berry's World



"How about it, do you think I could make it in punk rock?"



Ivan D.E. Beaumont

THE BUCK ENDS HERE

You can't fool mom

The decision—

A Dunbar mother was telling friends that her three sons stick together. "When one gets into trouble, I know for sure the other two won't squeal on him,"

One of the other moms asked

"Well, how do you handle the situation and punish the guilty boy — or can you find out?"

"Sure," the confident mom answered. "I just automatically send all three boys to bed without the evening meal and no TV The next morning one of the three at the breakfast table will have a black eye"

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Congratulations—

.to the Regents scholars. They are Judy Todd, daughter of Mr and Mrs Mel Todd, Jr , Union, Chris Heng, son of Mr and Mrs Leo Heng, Kenneth Smith, son of Mr and Mrs Kenneth Smith Sr, Joe Wenzl, son of Mr and Mrs Walt Wenzl and Tim Causgrove son of Mr and Mrs Ralph Causgrove

Congratulations also to Charles Wachter, Palmyra, on his alternate nomination to the Naval Academy and to Randy Scott, Plattsmouth, alternate nominee for the Academy at West Point.

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Hello, Mrs Ewing—

Mrs L Z (Ruby) Ewing, Hastings, writes that she enjoys the hometown paper and it is shared with son, John, principal of the Junior High, and another friend.

Mrs Ewing lived in Nebraska City for many years and worked in the county welfare office. She writes that she is feeling better and sends best wishes to her Nebraska City friends

Her address
Mrs L.Z. Ewing
Good Samaritan Home
509 Lane E
Hastings, Nebr 68901

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Memorial Building—

A brochure tells us about the dedication program of Memorial Building on November 11-14, 1929.

The event started with an open house with National Guardsmen as guides. The program included a Citizens' Committee meeting, a memorial service with music by Mrs Evelyn Storms Beard and a moment of silence for the war dead.

The afternoon highlight was at Hayward park when NCHS and Auburn played football (The score — 0-0) Judge Paul Jessen presided at the dedication ceremony Speakers included Wm. H. Pitzer, Wm. Ritchie, Jr , Governor Arthur Weaver and Gen H.J Paul

The next day was something else There were a lot of things scheduled, but according to the News-Press story, a snowstorm caused several changes

Dan Hill, chairman of the Chamber, headed the afternoon session Col. R. G Douglas and M T Caster, Lincoln, made it to the building to give their speeches Varro Tyler of Nebraska City was also on the speaker's schedule

The next day there was an open house in the Legion room in which war trophies were displayed The speakers at the luncheon included Frank B O'Connell, Mrs O W Hahn, Mrs Donald McCrae, John E Curtiss, Mat Tinley and C W. Conklin

The snow canceled several of the athletic events, and the substitutes put on quite a show

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The much-billed boxing match between Francis Gatewood of Decatur and Bad News Murphy of Omaha ended with blood spattering and a victory by Murphy

Two other Omaha fighters didn't make it so "Banty" Sheridan of Nebraska City and Young Miller of Shenandoah pounded away to a draw

Johnny Watts of Omaha didn't make it so Rollin Secord took on his brother, Chink, and they gave fight fans the explosion of the night. It ended in a draw. Referee was Harry Reed

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The smoker—

The Jaycees are reviving a long-time sport in Nebraska City. A boxing smoker will be March 3 at the high school gym for youths eight years of age and up. Sixteen ounce gloves will be provided

Contact people are Robin Simmons, Coach Paul Stevenson and Charlie Fox

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The winner—

Congratulations to Denise, daughter of Mr and Mrs Wm, F. Davis, on winning the Legion's district oratorical contest. She will now compete in the state event We wish her much success

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The payoff—

Wayne Brown returned from a buying trip to Las Vegas and the other day he offered four silver dollars as part of the return on an "investment" made by Roger McCreary Sorry, Wayne tells the story better Ask him.

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The Sidney rodeo—

Red Steagall, a country music singing star, will headline the 1978 Sidney rodeo August 8-13. The announcement of the star was made at a special dinner the other night hosted by the Sidney American Legion post. Jim Sutton is chairman of the rodeo board. Sam Kellogg, Jr , is post commander

Steagall is popular with people He likes to mingle with the fans. He's also popular with the cowboys He's a member of the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association.

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.and then there was the one about the city official who snoozed during a retail trade committee dinner meeting at the Legion club

Finance Commissioner Paul Tackett closed his eyes for only a moment, but it was a revealing time In fact, the incident occurred several times during the course of the evening and one person was very much alert — the waitress, Thelma Miles

The lights were dimmed, then brightened again

She figured it out. Commissioner Tackett snoozed against the dimmer switch



HEALTH

Lawrence E. Lamb, M.D.

Testing liver recovery

By Lawrence Lamb, M.D.

DEAR DR LAMB — I developed hepatitis from eating contaminated fish How soon after can a person safely consume alcohol? Is there any test that can be given to see if the liver is in condition to take alcohol? Would a person be damaging her liver by drinking and not know it? What would the symptoms be if the liver was not ready for alcohol?

I am not a heavy drinker, but enjoy one cocktail before dinner and occasionally would be drinking on a night out

DEAR READER — Whether or not you can ever safely resume using alcohol after hepatitis depends upon how much residual liver damage you have, if any The liver recovers at different rates after hepatitis and to different degrees, so your doctor will have to do tests to find out how you are doing

Yes, he can do such tests Some are blood tests and if the condition warrants it, he can even do a biopsy of the liver and study small pieces of the liver under a microscope.

Yes, you can damage your liver and not know it. In fact, that is the big danger of alcohol for everyone You have to have quite a bit of liver damage before signs that you can detect really show up I might point out that even if the liver has been damaged by a virus or any other cause rather than alcohol, alcohol is still a toxin to the liver cells Regardless of what damages the liver, alcohol is an added insult to its health

Although cirrhosis of the liver is more common in men, it is still the fifth most common cause of death in American women between the ages of 35 and 54, 60 percent of these cases are caused by alcohol A lot of women are alcoholics It is not ust a problem in men

I am sending you The Health Letter number 7-8, Living with Your Liver to give you a better idea of how your liver functions Others who want this issue can send 50 cents with a long, stamped, self-addressed envelope for it to me in care of this newspaper, P O Box 1551, Radio City Station, New York, NY 10019 Meanwhile, don't drink alcohol unless your doctor tells you that you have recovered and your liver is normal enough for you to have an occasional drink socially

DEAR DR LAMB — Could you please tell me what causes dark circles around the eyes? What can be done to get rid of them?

DEAR READER — There are two factors A thin skin and little or no fat pad allows the dark venous blood to increase the color Then some people have more pigment in the skin in this area In either case, it is not a sign of ill health or dissipation

Since you are a woman it is a simple matter for you to use makeup and cover the area according to your own liking There are a large number of coverup creams and aids that will serve admirably

A man might have a little more problem but not so much today Men do things to improve their appearance that would have been considered a scandal 20 years ago, and actually, there isn't a thing wrong with it Some even smell better because of the change Men can use some of the coverup preparations made for men if they really want to and have the nerve to try it

Times do change During the silent movie days male actors used lipstick and more recently General Douglas MacArthur is said to have rouged his cheeks, and I doubt anyone suffered because of it

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