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VIEWPOINT

Briefly noted . . .

Depreciated dollar or not, this has been a great summer for the foreign-traveling American.

For many of those who chose Europe, however, the best part of the trip is literally turning out to be getting home again. The big tourist action these days is not to be found at the Continent's historic sites and scenic attractions, but at the clogged airports Thousands of the homeward-bound are being delayed by a combination of slowdowns in European air traffic and a shortage of seats on trans-Atlantic flights

The problem in the latter case is the new low-cost flights, introduction of which earlier in the year was a major factor in the present travel boom. As it turns out, ferociously competitive scheduled and charter carriers flew over more bargain-happy travelers than can now be promptly accommodated on return flights.

The result, instant slums at such major international airports as London's Gatwick, swamped with luggage, litter and would-be passengers. Backpacking youths and whole family groups sleep on benches and floors during waits of up to a week for seats on U.S.-bound flights.

The massive response certainly proves the super-economy fares are an idea whose time had come But it seems to have lost something in the translation to actual scheduling

Bargain fares were supposed to encourage mass — not mess — air travel

AS TIME GOES BY

Trees in trouble

FORTY YEARS AGO
—1938—

E H Hoppert, University of Nebraska extension horticulturist, said drouth had affected most fruit trees in Otoe and Cass counties Acting Police Chief Will Gump issued an ultimatum against what he called the "promiscuous dumping of garbage" in Nebraska City .Plans were presented to the Nebraska City Board of Education for renovation of Hayward Park Charles A. Goss, chief justice of the Nebraska Supreme Court, died at a hospital in Chicago

TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO
—1953—

PMA executives Ralph Hanks of Nebraska City, Frank Reed and Arlie Johnson were out of jobs at the "request" of new GOP Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson. Dunbar farmer Arlo E Wirth was appointed to Otoe County's Farmers Home Administration committee. .Victor Olson of Otoe Concrete Products and Materials Co. said he has been asked to head a committee to organize an Optimists Club in Nebraska City.

TEN YEARS AGO
—1968—

Harvey Weber and Gene Snodgrass displayed a 38-pound four ounce mushroom which they found at a site north of Nebraska City...Bill Carroll, Duane Hall and Wayne Brown were selected for the board of directors of the Commercial Development Corporation, according to George Bischof, corporation president. Mr and Mrs Don McGaffey returned from New York City where Mrs McGaffey attended the biennial international convention of Delta Kappa Gamma, honor society for women in education.

Today In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Aug. 13, the 225th day of 1978. There are 140 days left in the year

Today's highlight in history:

On this date in 1937, Japanese invaders of China attacked the nation's largest city, Shanghai.

In 1521, Spanish conqueror Hernando Cortez captured Mexico City from the Aztecs.

In 1898, King William's War began when Indians attacked North Yarmouth, Maine.

In 1948, the American flag was raised in Los Angeles.

In 1923, the tune "Yes, We Have No Bananas" became the nation's No. 1 hit, setting a record in sheet music sales.

In 1961, East Germany sealed off the border between East and West Berlin, closing the Brandenburg Gate to halt the flight of refugees to the West.

In 1965, 2,000 heavily armed National Guardsmen moved into Los Angeles ghetto areas to quell black rioting.

Ten years ago. A bomb exploded near Greek Premier George Papadopoulos' car on a road near Athens, but he was not injured.

Today's birthdays: Cuba's Premier Fidel Castro is 52 years old. Movie director Alfred Hitchcock is 79. One of golfing's greats, Ben Hogan, is 62.

Thought for today: Anger is momentary madness, so control your passion or it will control you — Horace, Roman poet and satarist, 65 to 8 B.C.

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The Prayer For Today From The Upper Room

PRAYER: Lord, help us center our minds on Thee and love one another even when we do not agree. Amen.





Martha Angle and Robert Walters.

IN WASHINGTON

In search of a cause

ST PAUL, Minn. (NEA) - They made their mark at a very early age, as the young but savvy leaders of the major protest movements of the 1960s Tom Hayden, Sam Brown, Michael Harrington, Paul Booth, John Lewis, David Mixner

Their issues tumbled onto the national stage in rapid succession during that turbulent decade The "war on poverty," the civil rights movement in the South, opposition to the war in Vietnam.

Most of the organizers of those crusades still work full-time for various organizations, public and private, committed to reordering social and economic priorities — but compelling issues now are few and far between.

The veterans of those earlier struggles recently gathered at Concordia College here, for a brief look back at the '60s and to seek a new agenda of "issues for the '80s."

The '70s have produced significant successes, but they invariably have been confined to the tedious complex and little-noticed field of community organizing.

The country's most respected and successful grass-roots organizer probably is Wade Rathke, head of Little Rock, Ark., group called the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now or ACORN.

Under Rathke's leadership, ACORN has established thriving community-based groups in dozens of cities and towns in 13 states. Its membership now is approaching 20,000 families.

Yet even Rathke displays signs of discontent. "The questions are becoming more difficult in this business," he says. "The bigger and older the organizations get, the more subtle and sophisticated the attacks."

Bert DeLeeuw, head of a Washington, D.C group called the Movement for Economic Justice, notes that "during the last five years, no grass-roots organization has built the movement, the issue that transcends everything else."

Brown, now head of ACTION, the federal volunteer agency, is especially blunt in his assessment. "American liberalism, the liberalism that most of us grew up and fought for, is out of touch with the nation's mood."

Those comments were made during the annual meeting convened here by the Washington-based Conference on Alternative State and Local Public Policies, a national coalition of community leaders and state and local public officials.

Determined to regain the initiative, the more than 500 activists attending the four-day conference reached a consensus on potential new issues for the years ahead. The list includes

• Development of alternative energy sources, with emphasis on solar energy (Hayden now heads the California Campaign for Economic Democracy, which has worked almost exclusively on that issue.)

• A broad-based attempt to reduce the concentration of power in the private sector, ranging from local challenges to utility company rates to a national effort aimed at making corporate boards of directors more accountable to the public.

• A parallel drive to reduce the influence of the major institutions in the public sector, the increasingly unresponsive governmental structures at the federal and state level. Their functions would be assumed by neighborhood and community-based government units.

• A tax reform campaign, emphasizing not only tax reductions but also a drastic overhaul of the current system, designed to increase the tax burden on the wealthy coupled with redistribution of more income to the poor

The issues are complex and controversial, and there is no guarantee of success. Carol Bellamy, president of the New York City Council, offered perhaps the best summary of the activists' current dilemma when she referred wistfully to the 1960s

It was a time of special certainty We knew our goals and we knew our friends and enemies. I wonder if we shall ever be so sure of ourselves again."

Safety Valve

"...the last straw..."

EDITOR, News-Press: It is a good and encouraging sign to note the citizens of Otoe county are attending both city and county meetings letting the elected officials know exactly how they feel concerning the spending of our tax dollars Too long we have sat back and griped to each other and done nothing constructive

In our particular instance the last straw was the erection of traffic signs on a mile and a half stretch of road from our farm to District No. 30 schoolhouse We have lived here over 30 years and the last few years the condition of that road has been deplorable. Practically no maintenance until the past week, dangerous washouts along the bridges.

It was impassable for some time now except for four wheel drives. We made allowances for a very rough winter and an extremely wet spring, also heard all about the no-money for road improvement and bridge repair, tried to be nice guys until the day we bumped along over it and saw all the newly installed traffic signs. The narrow bridge signs were especially ridiculous.

The road itself is so narrow that if you should meet another vehicle a lot of maneuvering must be done to find a spot wide enough to pull into to let the other pass You certainly don't expect to find the Brooklyn Bridge there

Other farmers with similar experiences have said the signs interfere with the passage of their equipment I understand at this last meeting they were told the solution could be a widening of the existing bridges. How can that be when they can not now be kept in workable condition and farmers have to drive miles to get to fields that are a short distance away Do we have funds for that?

During the commissioners' meeting we were told the sign program was a federal grant, financed completely except for the removal of duplicate signs. I'm sure we all know by now federal grants are not for free. They are the taxpayers' hard-earned dollars and should not be wasted. Also federal grants come packaged with red tape and mandatory regulations that show little understanding of the real problems

I would like to know what effort is made to ascertain what is actually needed in communities before this money is dished out. The federal government's track record is not too great in the wisdom in which they dispense our dollars It would seem only common horse sense that funds are needed more to maintain, put on rock, fix or replace inoperable bridges and then if we have a surplus to tend to the lesser priorities.

I admire the Otoe County Taxpayers Association for all their efforts and dedication. It takes a lot of courage to attend meetings and stand up for what you believe in. The amount of their own time they are putting into this cannot be easy Let's get in back of them and give them our support and encouragement. We are all concerned and can't afford to stay uninvolved.

MRS EDWIN FRIEDE

"...cleaning up..."

EDITOR, News-Press We need a curfew law for older people as well as children. We have some mighty fine youngsters in this town.

If they have the right kind of parents, we'd have no worry about them. I know a lot of parents and they were good children. But — look at the newspapers, they can help. We don't need stories like that test tube baby

And we sure don't need plays like that "Never Too Late." It was probably interesting to the actors, but has a different interest for young folk that read or hear about it.

If the "Middle Agers" will really try, they can make Nebraska City a fine place to live. Forget sex and live an ordinary citizens life.

Teach the children to be clean physically and morally. They should wear clean clothing and wash their hair and comb it. Keep your family groomed. It will help.

It beats a beer party.

BERTHA TAIT



Ivan D.E. Beaumont

THE BUCK ENDS HERE

Service pays well

The new printers —

Jerry Wright, Whittier, Calif , is a professional artist turned printer who is rapidly discovering success and customer demand.

Jerry is the son-in-law of Mr and Mrs Arthur Sackles of Nebraska City On a recent visit he shared some of his experiences in his new offset printing operation. He still does his art work, and uses that talent as a bonus offer when selling a customer

It works, Jerry admits. The customers like it. We judged from the high quality of his printing that he didn't need our advice, but he was kind and asked for it anyway

A number of his customers want their printed jobs "yesterday" and that's where Jerry shines. He provides the art, camera work and in a few days delivers. He can't satisfy all of his customers that way, but it's a service he does offer And it pays well they keep coming back.

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The Legion reports —

"I'm sorry to announce," the women's club chairman said, "that the report of our committee on 'How to solve world population problems' must be postponed. Five committee members couldn't get babysitters and the other one is in labor "

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The Jolly Trippers —

The Jolly Trippers tour group returned the other day from a two-week trip to the Northwest and bubbled over with enthusiasm.

Their tour included the Badlands, Custer's Battlefield, Butte, Mont , Vancouver, B C , Seattle, Wash., Bend, Ore., Salt Lake City, Utah, Cheyenne, Wyo., and arrived home August 4

"We always have a great time," Ed Bottcher, tour guide said. "And as long as I'm around, we'll try to help the Jolly Trippers with a tour every year."

The Jolly Trippers organized during the State Centennial and have toured the country every year since. Next year — Nova Scotia.

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The wake —

Jack's smiling and since he's alive and feeling good, there will be another wake at the Legion club.

Jack Chadwick has his own wake every year at the Legion club and this year the date is August 27 from 6 to 10 p.m. Everyone is invited. He'll buy a free drink and provide you with dancing music by Max and Millie.

He has one other thing he tries to do at each wake — dance at least once with all the ladies. "I don't always make it all the way around with everyone, but I sure try "

Jack retired as resident engineer with the U.S. Corps of Engineers nine years ago and sponsors his wake-turned-party because he wants to be around to have fun with his friends.

What kind of an invitation do you need to get in the door and get your free drink — nothing. Just tell them you want to help Jack celebrate

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50th anniversary —

Mr and Mrs Lewis (Chiona) Martin will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception Sunday in the Community Room at Midwest Federal S&L from 2 to 4 p.m.

We've known Louie for a number of years and we know it takes a good woman to put up with his cussedness.

Happy Anniversary to you (I like that name "Chiona" It's pretty)

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That reminds me...

Didya hear the one about the fortune teller who advised a wife that her second husband would be handsome and clever

When she told that to the ole' duffer he snorted

"Do you mean to say that you were married once before and never told me about it?"

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Surprise —

Leonard and Ruby Meyer returned to their home in Broken Bow last week and were greeted with a number of surprises.

Yup, four of their friends had "beat" them to the house and pulled a couple of tricks on the couple

Understand the Custer County Sheriff is looking for the four — with some sort of a charge like trespassing, disturbing the peace, or contributing to the unrest of the community

They allegedly concoted the idea while at breakfast at Lil Duffer As the plan emerged they flew to Utica for lunch, borrowed a car in Broken Bow, put the lunch bill on the Meyer front door, parked the borrowed car in the Meyer garage and waited out the return of the property owners

you have to be from Otoe to think up a trick like that.

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The addition —

And then there s the one about the new arrival in the home and a conversation with the baby's brother

"Well, Bobby, what do you think of your new brother?"

"Oh, he's okay, I guess, but we needed some other things a lot worse"



HEALTH

Lawrence E. Lamb, M.D.

To operate or not ...

By Lawrence Lamb, M.D.

DEAR DR. LAMB — Nearly two years ago I had X rays taken to determine whether I had arthritis or not. The X rays showed that I had gallstones. These were quite large. So far I have never been bothered with any attacks. One doctor told me that everyone has gallstones more or less and he would not recommend surgery. However, other doctors think it advisable. What is your opinion on this?

DEAR READER — A decision whether or not to operate for gallstones has to be based on the individual case. If your description is correct and your stones are very large, their size may prevent them from passing into the bile duct and in that way prevent your having a gallbladder or biliary colic, the source of the severe pain that some people have with gallstones.

There is a higher incidence of cancer of the gallbladder in people who have gallstones. If you're young and in fairly good health and a good surgeon is available in your area who has good results from gallbladder surgery, then it might be advisable to consider having surgery.

If you're up in years and you have other health problems that would increase the risk of surgery, then it might not be advisable. That's not a very satisfactory answer but it's the best that can be given with the limited facts available.

DEAR DR LAMB — Almost six years ago, two weeks before my baby was delivered, I was given pelvic X rays to determine the size of my birth canal in relation to the baby For some reason the X ray wasn't taken right or something and it had to be repeated

This has been driving me up the wall, worrying about the possible consequences from the X rays My daughter seems normal now but I've read that it can cause leukemia and genetic defects for her future offspring I hope you can tell me something positive in the way of statistics. I just couldn't feel any worse than I do now

DEAR READER — I think you're worrying needlessly In the first place, the danger from needed X rays for a woman who is pregnant is really very minimal. Among women who have had X rays to the lower abdomen in early pregnancy, the figures show that to avoid having one fetus born with some birth defect, a thousand normal fetuses would have to be destroyed. That, of course, is ridiculous

The greatest danger from radiation occurs during the first three months of pregnancy You were certainly well past that danger phase Regarding leukemia, the danger here is highest in early pregnancy, or to the ovum itself in the two weeks before conception even occurs.

When X rays are taken at this stage of a future pregnancy, either before the pregnancy has occurred or before the mother knows that she is pregnant, the risk is so slight that in 3,700 births with such exposure, the radiation might produce as many as two additional cases of leukemia.

I think you can totally disregard your past history of X radiation, and that it will never be a problem for your daughter in the future

News in Brief

LONDON (AP) — Britain's second largest union, the 1 5-million-member Amalgamated Engineering Workers, has broken relations links with the Soviet labor movement to protest the imprisonment of dissidents in the Soviet Union.

By a vote of 5-2, the union's national executive adopted a resolution declaring its "revulsion" at the recent trials and banning all exchanges with Soviet groups. A top-level delegation from the union had been scheduled to visit Russia next year

MOSCOW (AP) — Soviet scientists used a helicopter to lift the body of a prehistoric mammoth from the permafrost where it was discovered by a Siberian deer breeder, the newspaper Komsomolskaya Pravda reports.

The youth newspaper said the scientists used a special highpower water jet to melt the frozen ground encasing the carcass, which had tusks measuring eight inches in diameter at the base. It is estimated to be at least 44,000 years old.

Berry's World



"Let me get this straight. You want a baby, and you've brought your own test tube?"