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VIEWPOINT

Here she is again, folks

Still speaking of elections, it appears that Indira Gandhi just possibly may have India to kick around again.

The former prime minister has been returned to Parliament as the representative of a remote south Indian district where, not being adept in the local language, she had to campaign via an interpreter.

She is still burdened with criminal suits and a tarnished image from the authoritarian excesses of her last years in power, but the parliamentary victory is being widely interpreted as the beginning of a comeback.

Of particular interest is the similarity between her triumph and that of the opposition which overthrew her regime a year and a half ago. The present government exerted every effort to block her — although stopping considerably short of the harsh measures of emergency rule she had employed.

But again it was the people, not the politicians, who had the final word. And that was that they wanted Mrs. Gandhi back in national politics.

A nice thing about democracy is that when it is allowed free play, an encouraging aspect can be found to just about any election outcome.



AS TIME GOES BY

Supper planned

FORTY YEARS AGO
—1938—

Local merchants said a bean soup supper on December 1 would open the Christmas season in Nebraska City Mrs Flora Disney, 71, mother of cartoonist Walt Disney, died when gas leaked from the furnace in her Hollywood home Her husband, Elias, 80, was reported in critical condition. The Red Cross roll call listed 370 members in Otoe county, according to Chairman John C Miller A crowd of 102,000 persons watched the Army-Navy game with Army winning, 14-7

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
—1953—

Mrs John Hoppe was elected president of the Nebraska City Girl Scout Association Mrs Don Chaloupka was vice-president Walt Alston was named manager of the Brooklyn Dodgers for 1954 Ron Witt scored 33 points to pace Otoe to a 62-41 win over Burr Frank Sorrell of Syracuse was installed as chairman of Arbor Lodge Boy Scout District. Introducing Bob McKissick, Rotarian Jack Windle said "Ladies and gentlemen, I'm not going to bore you with a speech, but I will present to you a man who will

TEN YEARS AGO
—1968—

Mrs Paul Knoll of Nebraska City attended the annual Professional Rights and Responsibilities conference in Grand Island. the Nebraska Heart Association commended Virg Miller of the V-Lanes in Nebraska City and William H Royal of Royal Lanes in Syracuse who signed up to take part in National Heart Bowling Week Julie Wurtele, daughter of Mr and Mrs Bill Wurtele of Nebraska City, was chosen to represent the Lincoln district in the state Make-It-Yourself-With-Wool contest Robin Renae Bando, eight month old daughter of Mr and Mrs Marvin Bando, was pictured in the News-Press

News in Brief

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — A Roman Catholic bishop who has criticized alleged human rights violations by his nation's martial law government says he has been denied permission to travel to Ireland for a human rights conference

"I guess the purpose of the trip sort of scares them," [illegible]shop Francisco J Claver of Malaybalay in the southern Philippines

The U S -educated prelate said today he refused an interview with the National Intelligence and Security Agency about his travel application because "I know it's only a ploy The visa has been denied, and they just didn't want to say so" NISA processes the travel permits of Filipinos seeking to go abroad

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The Prayer For Today From The Upper Room

Every tree that does not produce good fruit will be chopped down and thrown into the fire. (Luke 3:9 TLB)

PRAYER: Father, remove anything in my life that hinders me from following You. In Jesus' name I pray Amen.



Martha Angle and Robert Walters

IN WASHINGTON

GOP factions at war

WASHINGTON (NEA) - The outcome of this year's elections appears to have prolonged — and perhaps exacerbated — the decades-long struggle waged by opposing ideological factions for the heart and soul of the Republican party

The most striking gains in this month's balloting were registered by the GOP's liberals — who vigorously eschew that label and prefer to be known instead as "moderates," "progressives" or "problem-solving Republicans"

The conservatives' victories were far more limited, but the right wing of the Republican party (like the left wing of the Democratic party) traditionally has compensated for its lack of actual strength with extraordinary zeal and determination

The conservatives, especially the aggressive "New Right," won just enough contests to convince the true believers of the efficacy of their continuing crusade to purge the GOP of anyone to the left of former California Gov Ronald Reagan

The New Right's most notable successes toppled incumbent liberal Democratic senators in what probably were the year's two biggest political upsets

In New Hampshire, Sen Thomas J McIntyre, presumed by virtually all observers to be assured of winning a third term, was unexpectedly defeated by airline pilot Gordon Humphrey, a militant conservative.

In Iowa, Sen. Dick Clark suffered the same fate at the hands of New Right businessman Roger Jepsen, a former lieutenant governor

At the same time, however, the New Right lost the New Jersey senatorial campaign, the race that was supposed to be the centerpiece of a banner year and the contest into which it poured the most money

Jeffrey Bell, a leading conservative theoretician, defeated liberal Republican Sen Clifford P Case in the Garden State's GOP primary earlier in the year, but he was beaten in the general election by Democratic nominee Bill Bradley

Others with right-of-center voting records also were victorious, but they generally are of the traditional school of conservatism, not overly strident in their demands on fellow Republicans for ideological purity

In that category are Reps. William L. Armstrong of Colorado and Thad Cochran of Mississippi, both of whom moved from the House to the Senate.

At least five progressive Republicans were elected to the Senate for the first time: David Durenberger and Rudy Boschwitz of Minnesota, Nancy Landon Kassebaum of Kansas, William S. Cohen of Maine and Larry Pressler of South Dakota.

In the gubernatorial contests, however, the moderate Republicans scored even more significant victories, securing a hold on the chief executive's seat in every state ringing the Great Lakes from Pennsylvania to Wisconsin

Re-elected were Govs William G Milliken of Michigan, James R Thompson of Illinois and James A Rhodes of Ohio, as well as Robert Ray of Iowa

Joining them this year are three like-minded governors-elect Richard L Thornburgh of Pennsylvania, Albert H Quie of Minnesota and Lee S Dreyfus of Wisconsin

The Northeast and Midwest long have been the centers of moderate, traditional Republicanism, while the New Right's strength in recent years has come from the "Sun Belt" of the South and West

This year's political map clearly shows that GOP gains in the former regions surpass victories in the latter But that hardly augurs an end to the intra-party ideological warfare that dates back to 1912, was revived with a vengeance in 1952 and erupted again in 1964

Both sides have won their share of those battles, but the war is far from over Each faction received just enough encouragement at the polls this year to become emboldened to take on the opposition in the upcoming contest for the 1980 Republican presidential nomination

BEAT THE BUREAUCRACY

Howard K. Ottenstein

Social Security

Who qualifies for benefits?

The money paid out by the Social Security Administration — roughly $108 billion a year — represents more than one-fifth of the total national budget. About $52 billion of that amount goes to retired workers, and $29 billion to survivors of workers

A person becomes eligible for worker's benefits by paying into the Social Security system for a specified amount of time If a worker earns $1,000 or more in a calendar year, he or she receives credit for four quarters. If the worker earns less than $1,000, he or she gets one quarter of credit for each $250 earned

Workers reaching age 62 in 1978 are fully covered if they paid into the system for 6¾ years. Those reaching 62 in 1979 must have contributed for 7 years; those reaching 62 in 1981, for 7½ years; those reaching 62 in 1983, for 8 years, and those reaching 62 in 1987, for 9 years

Those of us who will mark our 62nd birthdays in 1991 or later must have paid Social Security taxes for a full 10 years to receive full benefits.

Special eligibility requirements apply to farmers, farm workers, household workers and the self-employed. Check with your nearest Social Security office for details if you fall into one of these groups.

Americans currently earning the median salary of $9,000 a year can expect their Social Security benefits to come to about 44 percent of their pre-retirement income. Above that earnings level, the benefit rate is less than 44 percent

A worker who has compiled enough coverage may choose between retiring at 65 with full benefits or retiring as much as three years earlier at a reduced amount. Workers receive 80 percent of their full benefits if they retire at age 62, 86⅔ percent if they retire at age 63 and 93⅓ percent if they retire at age 64.

Elderly spouses of retired workers are also eligible for Social Security benefits, even if they never held a paying job. If the retiree's wife — or dependent husband — is 65 or older, she — or he — will receive a check half as large as that of the worker. If the spouse is 62, 63 or 64, she — or he — can elect to receive a reduced benefit.

A person eligible for both worker's and spouse's benefits receives the larger of the two.

Younger spouses can also receive benefits if they must care for children who are under age 18 or who were disabled before age 22. Such offspring, too, are eligible for payments, as are full-time students between the ages of 18 and 22.

A family's total Social Security payments cannot exceed a certain maximum, which is based on the worker's pre-retirement salary.

Under the new Social Security law, a divorcee is eligible for a spouse's benefit if she was married to her ex-husband for 10 years or more. Previously, their marriage had to have lasted 20 years. In addition, divorced spouses will no longer lose Social Security benefits if they remarry, as long as they are over 60 when they do so.

Under the new law, persons between the ages of 65 and 72 can earn up to $4,000 a year without losing any Social Security benefits. That ceiling will rise by $500 a year until 1982, when older workers will be able to earn $6,000 annually without penalty. Also in 1982, the age at or above which no penalty is imposed on any amount of earnings falls from 72 to 70.

By the way, you will never have to pay income tax on Social Security benefit payments.

Learn more about government benefits and services — including the addresses and telephone numbers of federal agencies in your region — from BEAT THE BUREAUCRACY, the new book by Howard K. Ottenstein. Send your name and address with check or money order for $2.65 to BEAT THE BUREAUCRACY P.O. Box 489, Dept. B, Radio City Station, New York, N.Y. 10019



Ivan D.E. Beaumont

THE BUCK ENDS HERE

An amazing case

Guilty —

The jury foreman responded to the court. "We find the defendant guilty as charged."

The judge about flipped. He was amazed at the decision and questioned the jurors "On what possible basis could the jury have arrived at this verdict?"

The jury foreman answered, "Insanity"

The judged looked them over and asked, "All 12 of you?"

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The Dunbar Review —

Social Security is an old age insurance that guarantees you a steak after your teeth are gone

According to George In this day and age you're likely not to have either the steak or the teeth"

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The rec director —

Tom Kiritsy's appointment as Nebraska City's recreation director comes at a time when a lot of planning is being done for the spring and summer activities

Nebraska City started the rec program several years ago under the leadership of Tom Weathers It grew from a zip to a heavily loaded and scheduled program of sporting events for all age groups, plus many indoor activities for those not particularly interested in sports

Tom brings to the park department rounded classroom training and on the job qualities as an ex-Marine and a phys ed major at Peru State

Good [illegible] to Tom

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Football —

It may be to some, but we think the Orange Bowl match-up this year is the biggest boo-boo of the football season

We're talking about the so-called "re-match" between Nebraska and Oklahoma on New Year's night in Miami.

The last we heard was that NU ticket manager Helen Wagner had 20,000 requests and 12,500 tickets for the game that was before the Huskers bobbled to Missouri and before the Sooners were named to play in the Orange Bowl

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The 4-H camp —

You'll be hearing more in the next weeks and months about a fund raising campaign in Otoe county to finish the 4-H camp near Gretna

County Agent Gary Garey said a group is being organized, a chairman named and a county canvas will get under way Goal for Otoe county is $20,000

An estimated $1.5 million is needed to finish the camp Five cabins are completed and five are under construction Those cabins by the way, are designed to handle 10 4-Hers each.

The buildings are on a 40-acre site and the campground totals 287 acres The 4-Hers in the 24 counties in the district raised $150,000 for the project

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The pulpit —

A sermon can do great things for people in different ways. Some can rise from it greatly strengthened and others can awaken from it greatly refreshed.

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The fire —

The fire loss at the Walter Grantski home at 1609 Third Avenue is felt by the community

It doesn't matter whether you know the Grantskis You can still feel the loss because it could happen to your home

Donations of clothing for the family are being accepted by the Nebraska City Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary Anyone with clothing or other items has been asked to call Mrs Larry Wiles at 873-5130

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The fair board —

Fair goers welcome Jim Peterson, Burr and John Rudolph, Dunbar, as members of the Otoe County Fair Board

They were elected to take the places of two longtimers on the board, Dale Bolz Palmyra, who served 36 years and Walter Reimer Syracuse, who has been on the board 26 years.

We join the fair communities in saying thanks to Dale and Walter for their many years of long hours, and no pay Actually, they will disagree with anyone who says there's no pay — just seeing the young grow and become productive is pay enough

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The orange — peeled

That cartoon on Page 1 the other day about Robert Prokop squeezing the orange was the result of a cooperative effort by two News-Press employes Diane Lukowski, a news reporter from Nehawka, came up with the penciled sketches and Tammy Pike, our Peru State student-bookkeeper from Union, did the final drawing

The girls were told about the news story and given an idea of squeezing the Orange Bowl they came up with the cartoon idea



HEALTH

Lawrence E. Lamb, M.D.

Obstructed leg artery

DEAR DR. LAMB I am a male, 54, and have been told that I have an obstruction in my femoral artery I just had a thorough physical in the hospital My physical condition is good I had a check up initially because of back pain and pain in my hip and leg when walking

My doctor said I may need an operation for the obstruction in the artery First he said I should stop smoking for three months and he would check me again He said no doctor would operate on me because of my heavy smoking

I have stopped smoking My question is, How much risk is involved in this type of operation and was he on the level about not smoking?" I am going to retire at 55 and then will not have medical insurance Wouldn't it be better to have this taken care of as soon as possible?

DEAR READER — First, from the economical considerations, I would hope that you would be able to have your medical problems settled while you have medical insurance

Such procedures are usually expensive, not because of the doctor's bills so much, but because of the hospital costs, the operating room costs and all the other things which seem to run up the cost of medical bills to astronomical levels these days

Smoking can be an important factor in obstruction of the arteries to the legs and I wholeheartedly approve of your doctor's insistence that you stop It might also relieve some of the problems that you have as far as circulation to the leg is concerned

I also think you should try to limit your fats and cholesterols in your diet to stop the formation of fatty-cholesterol deposits if at all possible For that reason, I am sending you The Health Letter number 1-3, Diet Preventing Atherosclerosis

Other readers who want this issue can send 50 cents with a long, stamped, self-addressed envelope for it Send you request to me in care of this newspaper, P O Box 1551, Radio City Station, New York, NY 10019

The pain that you've had in your hip and leg when walking was probably from inadequate circulation to that area If you have a localized obstruction in the artery, a by-pass operation is often helpful

The surgeon puts in a new synthetic tubing that opens above the obstruction and empties below the obstruction This detours the blood around the obstructed area In this way, circulation is improved to the hip and leg area

Obviously, for such an operation to be successful you have to have a localized obstruction. In other words, you need to detour below the obstruction. If the artery is obstructed all the way down to the foot, there is not much opportunity to put in a detour graft

These procedures are very successful in selected cases I might add that they are most successful in the person who follows a good medical program and institutes measures to prevent fatty-cholesterol deposits from developing

Remember, putting in the by-pass graft doesn't stop the disease, namely the buildup of fatty-cholesterol deposits, it merely provides a way of getting around the obstruction caused by the disease

If you want to stop the progression of the disease, and get the maximum benefit for a long period of time from such a graft, it is important to control your blood pressure if it is elevated It is important to refrain from smoking cigarettes thereafter It is important to stay on a low-fat, low-cholesterol diet and keep your weight down

Today In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Nov 26, the 330th day of 1978. There are 35 days left in the year

Today's highlight in history

On this date in 1949, India adopted a constitution as a federal republic within the British Commonwealth

On this date

In 1789, this was a day of thanksgiving, set aside by President George Washington to observe the adoption of the U S Constitution

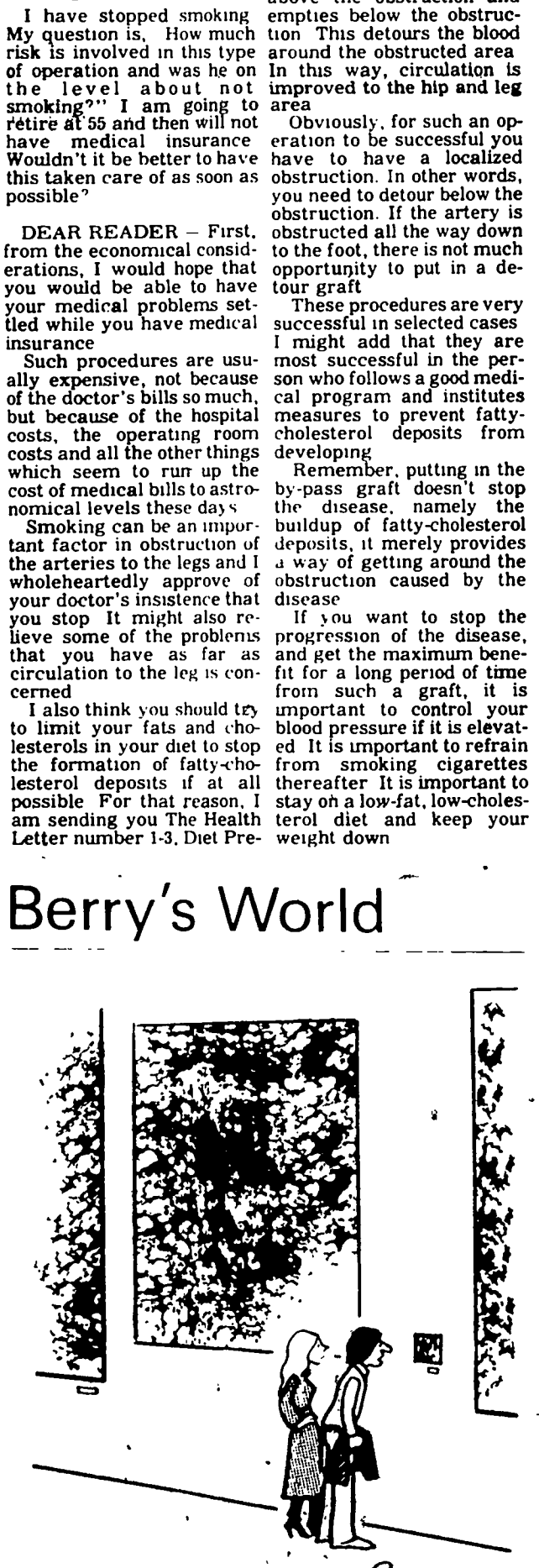
In 1857, the first Australian parliament convened in Melbourne

In 1922, King Tutankhamen's tomb was opened in Egypt

Today's birthdays Retired television commentator Eric Sevareid is 66 years old. Actor and singer Robert Goulet is 45 Artist George Segal is 54. Impressionist Rich Little is 40

Thought for today We ought never to do wrong when people are looking — Mark Twain, American humorist, 1835-1910.

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