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Letelier Cuban Connection Coverup

Newsday Reporter's Questionable Story For Penthouse Magazine

By Les Kinsolving
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John Cummings, a 23-year veteran general assignment reporter for the prestigious Long Island daily, Newsday, is the co-author of an article entitled "The Assassination of Orlando Letelier," published in the July issue of Penthouse magazine.

The article is illustrated by a page-and-a-quarter artist's illustration showing an exploding automobile, just under a window from which two men are looking down — one of them smiling.

A flagstaff near the window is flying a large Chilean flag.

The story which Cummings co-authored with Ernest Volkman, opens as follows:

"Shortly after 9:30 on the morning of September 21, 1976, Orlando Letelier, the head of the Chilean exile movement, was driving his car on Massachusetts Avenue in Washington, D.C. on his way to work. Accompanied by two co-workers, Letelier drove southeast on Massachusetts, past the row of embassies and Ambassador's residences that line the street.

"Almost as an unconscious habit, Letelier glanced at one of the embassies along 'embassy row,' the baroque building housing the Embassy of Chile. It was the last he saw of this world.

"A split second later an explosion shattered the front half of his car. His legs blown off, Letelier was pulled from the wreckage, but died twenty minutes later at a nearby hospital. Ronni Moffitt, a friend and co-worker at the Institute of Policy Studies, also died shortly after the explosion, drowning in a pool of blood from a severed carotid artery. Her husband was blown free from the car, dazed but virtually unharmed.

"From the second floor of the Chilean Embassy, a senior Chilean diplomat watched as police and rescue workers tried to save the victims of the drama just beneath his window with some satisfaction, for he was perfectly aware that Letelier's car had been blown up by a bomb."

If any of the 5,350,000 people whom Penthouse claims as buyers of their magazine believe all the details of this tragedy as reported by Volkman and Cummings, they will have to believe that this unidentified "senior Chilean diplomat" was watching by telescope, periscope, closed circuit TV, or Telesat.

For the Chilean Embassy is at 1736 Massachusetts Ave. and Sheridan Circle, where the explosion killed Letelier, is six blocks, or one half mile away.

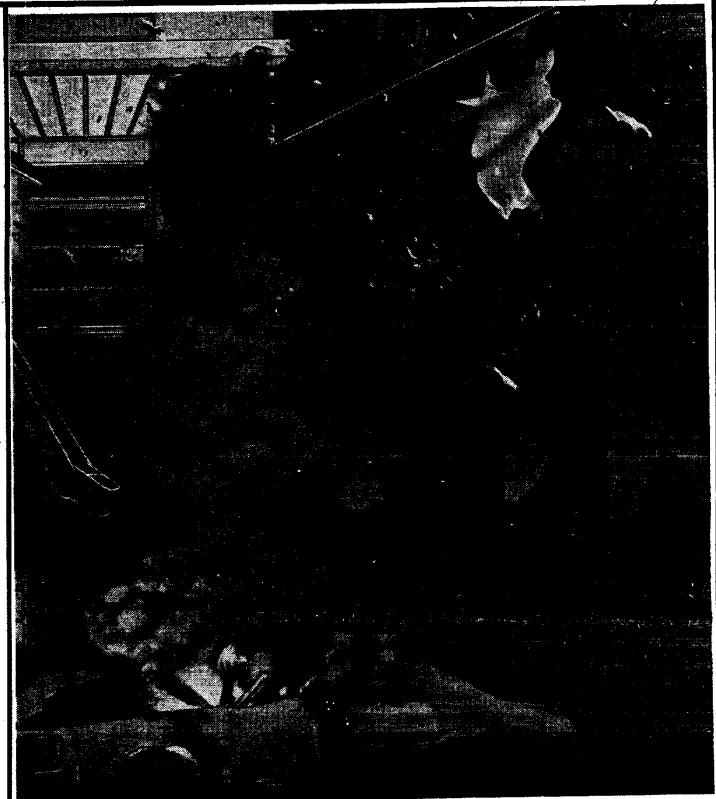
Standing as I did in front of the Chilean Embassy, it is simply impossible to see Sheridan Circle, because at Dupont Circle, a block west of the Chilean Embassy, Massachusetts Ave. veers north for five blocks to Sheridan Circle.

When I asked Cummings about this, he explained that he had not written this part of the story. Co-author Volkman's only reply to this question: "Well I must have better vision than you."

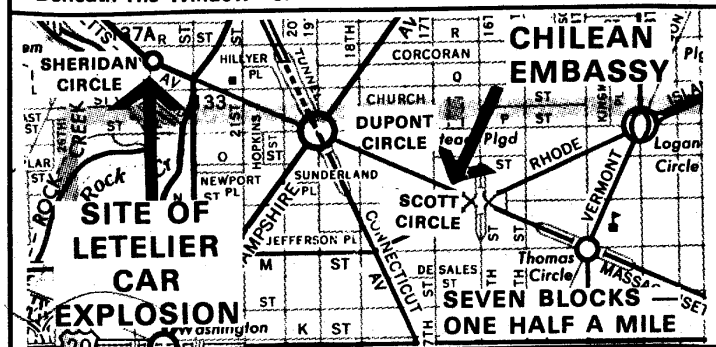
(Volkman also explained that until his recent departure from Newsday to become a freelance writer, he was that newspaper's military-security writer. Cummings explained that after he and Volkman wrote a previous Penthouse article about CIA involvement in Jamaica — "Murder As Usual," — Newsday asked that the paper's name not be mentioned in connection with future Penthouse stories.)

The Chilean Ambassador's residence is in the vicinity of Sheridan Circle — but more than half a football field away, and not even remotely resembling the embassy which was illustrated and identified in the Penthouse article. I asked Volkman if he had possibly confused the Ambassador's residence with the embassy. He denied any such confusion.

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Penthouse Illustration of Explosion
"Beneath His Window" of "The Chilean Embassy"



Accuracy in Media

Reed Irvine

SUPER-GERM STORY NOT AS SIMPLE AS ABC MADE IT

WASHINGTON — ABC's entertainment television shows have shot to the top in the ratings war in recent years, but ABC News has languished in third place. In an effort to make a better record, ABC News has recently introduced a new program called "20-20," which is an imitation of "60 Minutes," the highly successful "magazine" program of CBS News.

ABC's "20-20" has gotten off to a very shaky start. The first program was panned by the critics, and the June 20 program contained a segment which caused a large corporation, American Cynamid, to take full-page ads in The New York Times and The Washington Post questioning the journalistic integrity of ABC News.

The story in question concerned a debate that is taking place over the use of antibiotics in cattle and poultry feed. That might seem to be a pretty dull subject, but the outcome of the debate could have a lot to do with the price you have to pay for meat and poultry products. American Cynamid claims that if the use of antibiotic feed is banned and restricted, as much as \$2.5 billion a year could be added to the bill that consumers have to pay for beef, pork and poultry. The reason is that the antibiotic feed speeds the growth of the animals and reduces the cost of production.

On the other hand, ABC used its program to spread the idea that feeding antibiotics was

dangerous to public health, because it might result in the development of disease producing bacteria that were immune to antibiotics. If this happened, we would lose the benefit of antibiotics in fighting diseases, ABC used frightening terminology, such as "super-germs" and the "antibiotic bomb."

Since the Food and Drug Administration is considering the use of antibiotic feeds, the subject is a timely one, and the public should be informed about the arguments pro and con.

That is not what ABC News set out to do. They produced a program that sought to convince the viewer that there is a real danger that the use of antibiotic feeds will produce strains of "super-germs" resistant to penicillin and other similar drugs. This is a theory that is held by some bacteriologists. It is based on the fact that resistant strains of bacteria have developed as a result of the medical use of certain antibiotics in treating diseases. Laboratory studies have revealed the mechanism by which this resistance is developed in bacteria.

What ABC neglected to tell its audience is that the scientists who have studied the large-scale "experiment" carried out by those who have used antibiotics in animal feed for over a quarter of a century, have concluded that there is not one iota of evidence that the use of such feeds has produced antibiotic-resistant, disease-producing bacteria. These scientists argue that this deserves to be given

far more weight than the theories of bacteriologists who have tried but failed to duplicate their laboratory results under actual field conditions.

These scientists point out that if it were true that antibiotic feeds tended to develop bacteria resistant to antibiotics, this would show up first in the poultry, pigs and cattle. The antibiotics fed to them would cease to be effective. The fact is that these feeds are just as effective in producing beneficial results today as they were when the practice was begun a quarter of a century ago.

ABC News was advised in advance that there were two sides to this story and that they had an obligation to air both sides. Their only recognition of this obligation came in a statement at the tag-end of the program that there were some respected scientists who disagreed with the view that they had presented. They summarized the position of these scientists in one-sentence, which was inaccurate, and then proceeded to rebut it. ABC claimed on the air that they had invited the producers of antibiotics to be interviewed for the program but that they had refused. The following week ABC admitted that they had rejected Cynamid's offer to have one of their scientists tell the other side of the story. They had wanted a sensational story. To permit the other side to have been told would have spoiled it. But they spoiled their own reputation.

Letters to the Editor**ALL (OF PAUL) OR NOTHING AT ALL**

Dear Editor:

Just read your editorial re; Ms. Anita Bryant. Let's face it. She has done more for the gays in organizing them and unifying than anyone else. So we love her for that. Your biblical references can be accepted only if you accept the rest of St. Paul, not just the verses that suit you. To wit: I Corinthians, 11. Tell your wife, if any, that she must cover her hair when she prays. Explain to your son that St. Paul doesn't approve of long hair. Chapter 14. I would tell Ms. Bryant why it is shame for a woman to speak in church? Verse 34 says, let your women keep silent in the churches. The women for priests movement in the Catholic Church will tell you what a womanizer St. Paul was. In his list of abominations St. Paul says that men who shave their beards are abominations. Most of all, we all are children of God, and Chapter 4, 5 therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come. Remember Christ's admonition, judge not, lest ye be judged.

Thanks for your patience. We will remember you and Anita in our prayers.

NAME WITHHELD BY REQUEST
Rockville

ED. NOTE — Anita will be overwhelmed to hear that she is loved by the Gay Community of Rockville. As for your all-or-nothing dogma regarding Biblical Content, even St. Peter on occasion disagreed with St. Paul — but not, notably, on the subject of homosexuality.

ANTI-METRIC

Dear EDITOR:

Why doesn't someone start an Anti-Metric Rights Committee of America — A-MERICA? (It might even save us in Canada!)

Sincerely,
Douglas C. Greenwood
BARRIE, ONTARIO, CANADA

APPALLED

Dear Editor:

This letter is in response to Mr. Kinsolving's editorial of May 17, 1978, in which he speaks about "terrorism" coming to Washington. I am quite appalled that a community newspaper such as the Advertiser — designed initially for "community news" — has become an open platform for the propagation of Zionist beliefs and false writings. Rather than sizing up the Middle East situation in an objective, unbiased manner, the writer chooses to do just the opposite.

As has been the practice in the past, the moment there is established an organization or group whose purpose is dedicated to better informing the American public of the situation of nearly 2 million displaced Palestinians, there is a mass effort to defeat it. To have made an accusation such as was made in the title alone — "Welcome, Terrorists, to Washington" — was most certainly unjustified and was clearly a sign of a most unprofessional approach.

The American people have been so accustomed to the one-sidedness of our media with regard to the Middle East that it is almost impossible for the great majority to open their minds to an objective evaluation of a situation so detrimental to nearly 2 million homeless refugees.

Your editorial, Mr. Kinsolving, denouncing the newly opened Palestine Information Office, didn't give even the slightest opportunity for one to determine for himself its purpose. The Palestine Information Office, opened for and dedicated to the achievement of an informational balance in this Washington area, and to the dissemination of information regarding the current status of the Palestinian people, is something that has been lacking in this country for quite some time. This information Office was established legally, and legally will it proceed to inform the American people of the truths and realities that have for so long remained con-

cealed and so efficiently countered by the strong pro-Israeli lobby.

It is now time that we open our hearts and minds to the plight of the Palestinian. We must listen to their evaluation of this situation so that we might attempt to understand this most pressing and complex problem.

Nadia M. Boulos
Silver Spring, Md.

ED. NOTE — The Palestinians — at least those in the P.L.O. — were heard from most recently in their blowing up civilians in a Jerusalem supermarket.

BLACKS AND WHITES

Dear Editor:

The wanton and brutal murder of unarmed white civilian women and children in Zaire last month and Rhodesia last weekend should give all the liberal "do-gooders," who are blindly supporting all black terrorists and advocating black majority rule for South Africa and Rhodesia, cause for concern.

It is obvious that the military forces of Zaire were unable or unwilling to protect their white nationals and residents.

No wonder that the African whites do not trust a future black run country and are not about to agree to their own extinction — or accept any terrorist oriented government foisted upon them by this country!

It is apparent that before any white government hands over power to a black government there must be firm guarantees for the absolute protection of the white minority.

This country and other western nations need to issue a firm warning that for every white expelled from an African nation an equal number of blacks will be expelled from a western nation — and for every white maimed or murdered an equal number

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CARTER ADMINISTRATION OBLIVIOUS TO BUTCHERY IN LEBANON

The Lebanese-Americans picketed the White House on July 6th and purchased a full page newspaper ad in order to plead for President Carter's alleged human rights concern regarding the following, which they report the Syrian Army has done during its occupation of Lebanon on behalf of the Arab League:

- "Over 60,000 men, women and children killed."
- "Over 200,000 wounded."
- "131 towns and villages pillaged and destroyed."
- "More Lebanese killed than in all the Arab-Israeli wars combined."

In Lebanon, former President Camille Chamoun charged that the Syrians "are seeking to dominate Lebanon; are protectors turned aggressors — so the time has come to put an end to the presence of these Syrian forces."

Lebanon's incumbent President, Elias Sarkis, has threatened to resign rather than submit to Syrian demands that Lebanon's Christian militia be disarmed, and Christian officers purged from the Lebanese Army.

Despite this, the U.S. Department of State, which so loudly demanded the withdrawal of the Israeli Army from South Lebanon, has refused adamantly to demand that the Syrian Army get out of Lebanon, too.

"They are a peacekeeping force, which is in Lebanon at the invitation of the Lebanese Government," contended State Department Spokesman Hodding Carter.

When asked why the State Department does not request that the Syrians be replaced by a UN peacekeeping force — like the Israelis were — Carter declined comment. When asked if the State Department believes that the Israelis have caused more damage in Lebanon than the Syrians, he declined comment. When asked if the State Department will object if the Lebanese Government asks the Israelis to come in and replace the Syrian peacekeepers, Carter declined comment.

This is but one more illustration of what Los Angeles Times columnist Georgie Anne Geyer correctly describes as "the basic immorality of the Carter Administration...an immorality that is quite willing to sell out millions of black people in the name of expediency, that claims self-righteously to talk about majority rule when it really means black power."

(This statement was actually published in the Washington Post — giving rise to some suspicion that certain key editors were out of town on summer vacation.)

Columnist Geyer noted, as an illustration, Secretary of State Cyrus Vance's announced intention to work with Angola's minority Marxist government of Augustinho Neto "in more normal ways."

Geyer points out that Neto's government is "kept in power by some 20,000 Cuban troops," over the objections of a reasonably estimated 90 % of the black people of Angola.

She notes Ambassador Andrew Young's proposal of U.S. aid to this Marxist dictatorship as well as the one in Mozambique. There is also Young's support for Rhodesian terrorist Robert Mugabe, who resorts to terrorism because he could obviously not win any election in Rhodesia. She also notes:

"People like Andy Young are surrounded by 1960s black-power activists, who foresee in Africa what they were denied in the United States. They call it 'revolution' but they really mean their own power."

It is nice to see in The Washington Post and Los Angeles Times — at long last — something we have been emphasizing for the past three years.

Not so nice, however, is Andy Young's latest gaffe, made to the London Times:

"Most of the Jewish dissidents in the Soviet Union got Ph.D. degrees at government institutions. They are well educated and trained, and they are making lots of money, and they are in trouble with the Soviet Union because they are so prominent."

TRIAL BALLOON FOR ABANDONMENT OF TAIWAN?

"U.S. SCRAPS SALE OF F-4 JETS TO TAIWAN AIR FORCE" reported a New York Times News Service story published on July 1st on page one of The Washington Star.

Who says so?:

New York Times reporter Richard Burt's only listed authority for this "news" are as follows:

- (A) "officials said yesterday."
- (B) "The officials"
- (C) "They said. . ."
- (D) ". . . is seen by officials"
- (E) ". . . senior officials"
- (F) "They"
- (G) "other senior officials are said to have"
- (H) "An official"

This story contained no confirmation from either the State Department's Taiwan Desk, or the Embassy of China's information service, both of whom have denied knowledge of any such scrapping.

Moreover, this totally unsubstantiated material reported by All The News That's Fit To Print is beyond verification, since all of these "officials" are phantoms. For even if they do exist, they are concealed by anonymity.

It may be that this is a trial balloon, a speculation disguised as news, in order to measure public reaction.

This could be the case — although mere readers have no way of knowing. If the Carter Administration is really considering this as one step toward

abandonment of Taiwan, the Belgian magazine To The Point reports the following from Taiwan's Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs, H.K. Yang:

* "We still consider the Americans as our friends. . . I cannot help but feel, however, that the Carter Administration was rather inexperienced in the area of foreign policy . . ."

* "Taiwan has never lacked for courage. We have had the guts to say 'No' to a mass of 80 million. . . Never once — and maybe this is what has kept us going — have we made concessions when our principles were at stake."

* "The West is sorely mistaken when it thinks it can bargain with communism. The seeming contrasts between Moscow and Peiping are snapshots. International Communism, whether it comes from Moscow, or from Fidel Castro, or Peiping — travels its own course; a course aimed at the end of the free West."

* "International communism has developed new tactics. Occasionally the wolf dons sheep's clothing. Eurocommunism, for example, was not invented in Italy or France, but in the Kremlin . . . Under the cry of 'Uhuru' (freedom) and 'majority rule' international communism has already struck in Africa. Does Angola or Mozambique have majority rule?"

* "I recently had an audience with the Pope, and I took the liberty to mention to His Holiness that what the West is suffering from is moral decay. The result is a flight from reality and temporary blindness."

EDITORIALS

INCREASINGLY INTOLERABLE COST OF A U.S. EMBASSY IN MOSCOW

Hard on the heels of the latest incident of bugging the U.S. Embassy in Moscow, the Soviet Union unveiled a new method of reaction when U.S. intelligence caught KGB spies red handed, in New Jersey.

The Soviets jailed U.S. businessman Jay Crawford. They subsequently charged reporters Craig Whitney of the New York Times and Harold Piper of The Baltimore Sun, with having slandered the Soviet State Committee of Radio and Television.

One wonders how it is possible to slander anything as amoral as this electronic stooge of Leonid Brezhnev's dictatorship. But this slander suit was followed by the Moscow press denunciation of yet another U.S. reporter who allegedly "tried to disrupt a news conference by asking provocative questions" of Muhammed Ali.

Nearly three decades ago, The American Society of Newspaper Editors strongly objected to the accrediting of TASS News Agency reporters — since TASS is a organ of the Soviet Government and has been the cover for numerous KGB spies.

This alarmed the Department of State — which has a vested interest in maintaining big embassies in big countries — so that they warned of probable Soviet retaliation against U.S. newsmen in Moscow.

To this threat, the ASNE replied that it would be preferable to cover Moscow from outside the Soviet Union rather than to submit to such retaliatory blackmail.

It is on principle desirable to maintain diplomatic relations with any country — especially a fellow super power. But does this mean an embassy at any price?

The price of our maintaining an embassy of 120 people in Moscow, plus consulates in Leningrad and Kiev, is reported by the State Department to be \$5,670,000. This is admittedly miniscule in our half trillion dollar budget.

But the Soviets have repeatedly violated the cardinal diplomatic principle of extraterritoriality by recurrent bugging of our embassy. They arrest or threaten our businessmen and our newsmen. They make an utter mockery of that alleged peace achievement called the Helsinki Accords. And they use American desire for diplomatic relations as a means to fill their embassies and consulates and stooge new services with spies.

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"Well, I must have better vision than you"

NEWSDAY REPORTER'S QUESTIONABLE STORY

(From Page One)

Volkman and Cummings charge that Letelier was murdered by order of the Chilean junta — although no one has been tried or convicted for such crime.

They charge that the assassination plot was hatched when "on June 29, two DINA agents sat down at a table in a restaurant in Coral Gables, Fla., with two leaders of one of the more fanatic of the Cuban exile movement."

In connection with this meeting, they report: "The Chileans drove to the restaurant meeting site in rented cars, which meant that they didn't want to use any cars from the Chilean embassy motor pool. (They carry distinctive DPL license plates that attract attention.)"

I expressed skepticism about any Chilean — diplomat, or secret policeman — traveling to the Chilean Embassy in Washington, to a motor pool that does not exist, in order to pick up a car and drive 850 miles to Miami for lunch.

"Did you ever hear of a consulate?" asked Volkman.

I replied that I had, and that I knew there was a Chilean Consulate in Miami. But are these consular cars issued special license plates?

VOLKMAN: I believe that they are.

QUESTION: Have you checked?

VOLKMAN: Yes, I checked.

One hour earlier, the Department of Motor Vehicles in Tallahassee informed me by telephone that Florida does not issue any special license plates to any consulates "within the state."

Volkman and Cummings charge that the CIA and the FBI have been lax in investigating Letelier's death.

They also charge:

"Some high level officials have been leaking material to selected journalists to the effect that Letelier was a paid agent of the Cuban intelligence service. There is not a shred of evidence to support this allegation."

Yet later in this same article they discuss just such a shred:

"There was the puzzling case of Letelier's briefcase. Detectives of the District of Columbia Metropolitan Police who were first on the scene found the victim's briefcase. They looked inside, saw several documents in Spanish, and subsequently turned them over to the Justice Department. A

short while later, obviously leaked stories appeared in several newspapers to the effect that the documents in the briefcase 'proved' that Letelier was a Cuban intelligence agent. But the stories were written on the basis of a 'summary translation' prepared by either the Justice Department or the CIA. Penthouse has obtained copies of the actual documents and they prove no such thing; they amount to some copies of innocuous correspondence and accounting of expenses for Letelier's overseas trips."

The phrase "Penthouse has obtained" suggests a first cousin to Deep Throat.

In point of fact, the contents of Letelier's briefcase were published in the June 23, 1977 edition of the Congressional Record.

The "innocuous correspondence" includes a letter to Letelier from Beatrice Allende Fernandez, daughter of Chile's late Marxist Premier, Salvadore Allende.

Mrs. Fernandez, the wife of one of Cuba's top DGI (intelligence) officials, wrote Letelier on May 8, 1975, that she would send him a thousand dollars a month for his expenses.

When Volkman was asked if this "summary translation" disagreed with his personal translation of the Fernandez-Letelier letter, Volkman admitted that he cannot translate Spanish.

(But he stressed that this material was entered by Georgia Congressman Larry McDonald — a known member of the John Birch Society.)

Where, then, did Volkman's translation come from?

"From my people," replied writer Volkman.

He refused repeatedly to identify "my people."

When asked how \$1,000 a month from Havana to Letelier could reasonably be considered "innocuous," writer Cummings retorted:

"Why should I mention money?"

Who translated this "innocuous correspondence"?

"I don't know who translated it" Cummings replied. "But I have to admit that Letelier was certainly and openly sympathetic to the Cubans, and he was certainly a socialist."

Cummings also noted:

"The artist who illustrated our article certainly took liberties."

DARK CLOUDS FOR BIG MEDIA

Last April, Bert Lance warned the American Society of Newspaper Editors:

"In the absence of self-discipline and internal reform, other groups may find it necessary to step in and subject the press to the same rigorous standards of ethics that the press applies to the rest of us. That threat is called censorship. And I may be mistaken, but I think it is a conceivable outcome of what appears to be a headstrong refusal to get your own house in order."

How did most of Big Media react to this? With scorn, or arrogant ridicule. The Washington Post's fading hatchet artist, Herb Block, produced a cartoon comparing Lance to Spiro Agnew.

Now, nearly three months later, Washington Star writer Lyle Denniston reports:

"After almost three dozen actions taken by the (U.S. Supreme) Court this term on media law, the press and its lawyers are feeling beleaguered."

Denniston tabulates what he terms "defeats for the press in five out of six major decisions," as well as two dozen appeals which were denied outright. Among major media defeats, he notes Chief Justice Burger's trenchant statement:

"Neither the First Amendment nor the Fourteenth Amendment mandates a right of access to information or sources of information within the government's control."

Then the High Court ruled that media offices may be searched without warning by police looking for evidence of a crime, even if no editor or reporter is suspect.

In addition to this highly questionable ruling, (which comes close to allowing police bugging of church confessional booths) the Supreme Court seems to have set in high gear a form of censorship called judicial gag orders. Despite such serious evidence that Bert Lance wasn't kidding, some of the Big Media appears to be living in a fools paradise of being oblivious to just how strongly media is resented by a growing number of the American people.

Such insufferable arrogance as displayed regularly by the Washington Post management, among others, serves to endanger freedom of the press for all media.

For example, Reed Irvine of Accuracy In Media

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LONDON ECONOMIST FORECAST

IF THE SOVIETS TAKE OVER SOUTHERN AFRICA

By: Jeffrey St. John

WASHINGTON — "If the immense natural resources," writes the British foreign affairs analyst, Robert Moss, "and the strategic crucial position that South Africa on the world's map were to pass under Soviet control, the economic and strategic position of Western Europe would become untenable."

Moss, editor of the London Economist weekly "Foreign Report," lays out the real strategic significance of why the Soviets and the Cubans have embarked on the greatest neo-colonial campaign of military aggression since Hitler sought to conquer the world. His brilliant analysis is contained in the just-published "On Standing Up to the Russians in Africa," in the summer issue of the quarterly, Policy Review, published by The Heritage Foundation here in Washington.

The massive mineral resources, plus the sea routes from the Persian Gulf oil fields to Europe and the United States, make it vital that the West challenge what the Soviets and the Cubans are trying to do in Africa. But as Moss clearly indicates, the weak response of the Carter administration to the Cuban-Soviet inspired invasion from Angola earlier this year into mineral-rich Zaire's Shaba Province (copper and cobalt) offers little prospect that the administration has taken seriously what the Soviets and Cubans really seek in Africa. In fact, when the Shaba Province invasion subsided and with it the tough anti-Soviet rhetoric of the White House, the administration then went ahead and established diplomatic ties with Angola!

In the eyes of European nations the Carter policy in Africa and Latin America is calculated to weaken Western Europe economically if the Soviets and

Cubans manage to grab Shaba Province and other rich mineral bins in Africa. This is why the economic summit in West Germany on July 16th & 17th has taken on an air of fantasy. The Europeans watch as the U.S. spins out an international monetary policy that is hopelessly mired in confusion, while the U.S. appeasement policy of the Soviets and Cubans places Europe in the position of committing suicide involuntarily with help of the Carter administration.

Robert Moss spells out in considerable detail the stakes for Europe as well as the U.S. and demonstrates the most critical weakness of the Carter policy is not just in Africa, but in our own backyard with respect to Castro's Cuba. "Cuba is not an African country," Moss observes. "It is a Caribbean island some 90 miles off the coast of Florida, and the Russians must be as astonished as anyone that the United States has not taken measures to prevent such a close-and-diminutive neighbor from exporting 45,000 troops to Africa...the export of Castro's best fighting men to Africa must have weakened his regime's defences against internal revolt; the Cuban army numbers only some 160,000 men."

Moss points out, moreover, that the U.S. Congress passed Public Law 87-733, which authorized the President during the 1962 Cuban missile crisis to take whatever measures are necessary, including armed force, to prevent Cuba from exporting aggression and subversion beyond its own shores. "The United States is committed," he adds, "under a law that has never been repealed, to resist Soviet attempts to use Cubans as proxy forces in a way that would endanger American security."

Moss suggests that short of invading Cuba the U.S. Air Force can prevent Cuban transports from shuttling to and from the island nation to Africa. In this regard, we have learned from the captain of a commercial fishing vessel that it would not take much muscle or effort from Washington to prevent Cuban transports from refueling in Marxist Guyana in South America. This fishing fleet captain, who must remain anonymous because he works the waters off the tip of Guyana, told this columnist in a recent letter that Cuban transports land for refueling in Guyana's Timehri airport, built by the U.S. in World War II as the shortest refueling stop to ferrying aircraft to Africa. He also reports that Russian fishing trawlers are active in the area. "Some attention," he wrote me recently, "should be paid to the existence of Cuban troops on the mainland of South America, specifically Guyana. This is also the country where Cuban planes, flying troops to Angola in Africa, refuel for the hop to Africa...Shell and Texaco refused, I am told, to use their tanker trucks for the refueling and Cuba had to fly in a tanker truck.

"What does it all mean? I see the primary step in a Russian move on South America unfolding in the form of a secure base on the mainland. The Cubans are quietly moving in airfields and, of course, propaganda."

U.N. Ambassador Andrew Young has courted the Marxist government in Guyana. Combined with his statements about Cuba and Africa, what does this tell you? It tells us we are on our way up the side of the summit of suicide with Carter, Young and Company.

to expand beyond the 1,000 places they now have." The very day you were in New York, Champ, at your press conference saying all these preposterous things about the Soviet Union, back in Moscow 50-year-old dissident Vladimir Slepak was being sentenced to five years internal exile for the heinous crime of having hung a sign from his apartment balcony reading: "Let us join our son in Israel." In flagrant violation of the Helsinki Agreement, Slepak was convicted following a closed trial during which he was allowed to call no defense witnesses.

Got anything to say about this, Champ?

GREELEY

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like neglecting to shake hands, refusing to learn names, and not even especially interested in pretending to listen to what they say. Clearly, Mr. Califano is NOT an elected official.

Despite the lies propagated by the PTA and the National Council of Churches, the House of Representatives overwhelmingly passed and sent to the Senate a tuition tax credit bill. The Senate will pass it by an even larger margin. President Carter has been persuaded, however, by that vile, turncoat wretch, HEW Secretary Joseph Califano, that Catholics don't care about their parochial schools. He will veto the bill with impunity.

Mr. Califano has made the crusade against the Catholic schools into a personal holy war. The day the House passed the bill, he vowed that "not a single penny of such unconstitutional aid will ever get to the parochial schools." In the enthusiasm for his sacred cause, Mr. Califano apparently has forgotten that constitutionality is determined not by the secretary of HEW but by the Supreme Court.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

(From page 2)

of blacks will be executed in retaliation.

Even though there may be legal problems the message would be loud and clear — that the blacks must protect the whites if they expect to be recognized by us, receive loans from us or do business with us.

Sincerely yours,
D.J. West
Gaithersburg

ED. NOTE — Africa's whites in Rhodesia and South Africa do not appear to be any less apprehensive about the WHITE Soviet Union than about the black terrorists and dictatorships being supplied by the new Russian Empire.

INCREASINGLY INTOLERABLE COST OF A U.S. EMBASSY IN MOSCOW

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President Carter, who in Annapolis offered the Soviets cooperation or confrontation, should serve notice on the Soviets that their Embassy-buggings, and threatening of our newsmen, will not only lead to instant retaliatory action, but could endanger diplomatic relations altogether. We had no diplomatic relations with the Soviets from 1918 to 1933 and the sky did not fall. That, admittedly was a different era. It was before the Soviets acquired so many automobiles that their embassy personnel are now the worst scofflaws in the entire diplomatic community; who ignore thousands of dollars worth of parking tickets every year.

DARK CLOUDS

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(AIM) has repeatedly written or talked to The Post to ask why its national news editor, Laurence Stern, refused to publish a story about Pin Yathay, an escapee from Cambodia who held a news conference in Washington.

Irvine has also thoroughly documented "the great disparity in the number of human rights stories on countries such as Chile and South Africa, compared with countries such as Cambodia and Cuba." He also noted "a pattern of reporting at The Post that could reflect the ideological proclivities of some of its personnel."

On June 2nd, The Post accepted \$3,000 from AIM to publish an ad which was highly critical of Stern — and which also criticized The Post for refusing to review the new book on Cambodia, "Murder of a Gentle Land."

On June 9th, Post Board Chairman Katharine Graham, wrote Irvine charging him with "a totally unfounded character assassination of Laurence Stern.....assault by innuendo reminiscent of the methods of Joe McCarthy."

Irvine, who is scrupulously careful in researching his charges, has apparently touched an extraordinarily sensitive Post nerve ending. For instead of a reasoned reply, Mrs. Graham has opted for the unsubstantiated smear. — L.K.

LOFTON

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Zagorsk Theological Seminary told a group of us foreign correspondents that they have four applicants annually for each seminary opening, the state does not permit the four Orthodox seminaries



John D. Lofton Jr.

ALI PRAISES RUSSIA: WHY DIDN'T HE DEFECT?

WASHINGTON — Muhammad Ali returned recently from a 10-day trip to the Soviet Union — which is puzzling. The way he describes the place, one wonders why he chose not to defect.

He says that in the Soviet Union: "There's no big shots. Everybody's plain and simple. Even Mr. Brezhnev"; there are "100 nationalities living in peace"; he saw "only one policeman. I didn't see no guns. No crime. No prostitutes. Not one homosexual. No hitchhikers, not one beggar," no "bad, bad poverty"; and "I never felt so free from being robbed." Ali says it is a "lie" that there is no freedom of religion in the Soviet Union, because he saw houses of worship for Moslems, Jew and Catholics.

Well, one hesitates to pick a fight with Ali. But what must be said must be said: if he really believes all this, he is a fool. Ali's remarks betray a childlike naivete the likes of which has not been seen since 1945, when the so-called "Red Dean" of Canterbury, Hewlett Johnson, visited Stalin and described him as a man whose face revealed "a kindly geniality," a man who had simply "helped to plan a new order and a square deal for the masses."

No big shots? Everybody's plain and simple? Even Brezhnev? C'mon, Champ. Get serious. Even Stalin, as far back as 1934, admitted that every real Leninist knows "that equalization in the sphere of requirements and individual life is a piece of reactionary petty bourgeois absurdity." In his book, "Russia: The People and the Power," the Washington Post's former Moscow correspondent,

Robert Kaiser, documents in detail how the ruling elite in the Soviet Union live much different lives from the typical Soviet citizen. He writes:

"Privileges insulate those at the very top, a tiny group of perhaps only two or three dozen men, from all the harassments and discomforts of an ordinary citizen's life. Attended by servants and chauffeurs, housed grandly in country dachas, hunting lodges, and beach houses, provided with an abundance of fine food and drink, they must live about as well as the ruling classes of any capitalist society... Their food, it is said, comes from a special shop to which they pay a nominal fee of 50 to 70 rubles a month. For this amount, which is less than most workers' families spend for food, they are entitled to order whatever they want, including rare products, such as fine beef and caviar, which are not sold to the public. Special tailors make their clothes. They can acquire foreign cars and gadgets otherwise never seen in the U.S.S.R. In sum, they live in a contrived environment. Even their vodka is better than the ordinary man's."

One hundred nationalities living in peace? Sure, Champ. The same kind of "peace" that existed between blacks and Bull Connor's police department in Alabama in the 1950's. Dina Spechler, a Soviet analyst from Harvard, says that the Russifying policies of the regime and its tolerance of Great Russian chauvinism are keenly resented by minorities in the Soviet Union. The Tbilisi riots of 1956 in Georgia were a case in point, as were the violent clashes between Russians and Uzbeks dur-

ing a Tashkent football match in 1969 and the 1972-73 protests in Lithuania. Spechler says:

"Anti-Russian sentiment is obviously strong among some non-Russian nationals. This, in turn, evokes resentment by Russians, intensifying their own national feelings. A vicious circle is created: Russian ascendancy breeds nationalism among minority nationalities, which intensifies Russian nationalism and drive for predominance."

Now, about that "lie" that there is no freedom of religion in the Soviet Union. You say you saw several houses of worship. But did you talk with any clergy? Did you talk with churchgoers about the repression they must endure because they are believers? I can't imagine you did any of these things. Champ; otherwise, I don't think you would have made the ridiculous statement you are quoted as having made.

Herlick Smith, who won a Pulitzer Prize for the New York Times in 1974 for his coverage from Moscow, says in his book, "The Russians," that the Communist Party has tacitly acknowledged the Russ an Orthodox Church as an essential ingredient in the peculiar mixture of loyalties that holds the state together. However, he writes:

"It has hemmed in the Church with restrictions: priests can celebrate mass but not preach or proselytize; new cities are built without churches; and in some old regions, like the Western Ukraine, established churches are shut down. The more outspoken priests are defrocked or disciplined. There is a shortage of priests, and though the rector of the

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The Dragon Lady
Dorothy Faber

THE PRESIDENCY — ON-THE-JOB TRAINING

Part II

AUSTIN, TEXAS — Since President Carter appears to be making up foreign policy as he goes along, it is high time he inquired about what is happening in South West Africa before he continues to push for a new government there that would include representatives of the South West Africa Peoples Organization (SWAPO) simply because the United Nations has "legitimized" this terrorist group of Ovambo Tribesmen.

A few years ago, South Africa — which was given oversight of South West Africa by the League of Nations after World War I — declared its intention of ending its direct control over the territory. To this end, it urged black leaders in South West Africa to begin planning for self-government.

Out of this effort developed what is now called the "Turnhalle Conference", which included representatives from the eleven major ethnic groups in the country — whites, Bushmen, Coloureds, Herero, etc. It may have been the most disparate collection of people in history. Some were highly sophisticated, but most began the deliberations in complete ignorance of the workings of modern government since they had never lived under anything but the tribal system.

As the talks continued, a strong collegiate spirit began to develop, partly because the conference operated on a principle never before used by any such assembly in Africa: Total consensus. Each delegate continued to argue his case until absolute agreement had been reached on every key issue.

The Turnhalle Conference completed a draft constitution in March, 1977. It was based on a division of powers and a three-level system of government

with extensive powers for local communities. But by this time, the SWAPO guerilla leaders and their friends in the United Nations had decided that South West Africa must not be allowed to bring a democratic representative form of government into being when most of the other black African nations were being ruled by one-party dictatorships or military juntas.

SWAPO had refused from the beginning to take part in the Turnhalle Conference, claiming exclusive territory for itself — and the U.N. proceeded to agree by declaring the terrorist organization to be the sole legitimate representative of the Namibian people.

Operating out of Marxist Angola and Zambia, SWAPO began a continuing series of kidnappings, assassinations, and other guerilla actions — almost all of them directed at non-whites. This prompted South Africa to extend its military defense of the country — which, of course, brought howls of protest from SWAPO supporters in the U.N.

In spite of South African efforts to stop SWAPO infiltration, several of the most influential black leaders inside South West Africa have been murdered by the guerillas. The most recent was Clemens Kapuuo, a chief of the Herero tribe who had been considered most likely to become the first president of the new government. Kapuuo, who was also head of the Democratic Turnhalle Alliance, was shot to death while he was kneeling in prayer.

Less than two months before he was killed, Chief Kapuuo said he feared for his own life after had denounced San Nujoma, SWAPO president, and declared that "we are not prepared to hand him (Nujoma) the country as a single dagger."

Kapuuo's statement followed a television appearance by Nujoma during which he stated bluntly that SWAPO was not fighting for majority rule in Namibia, but to seize power by violence for the "Namibian people."

Shortly after Nujoma's shocking public admission, officials of South Africa revealed they had uncovered documents — one of them the minutes of a SWAPO military council meeting held on January 4 — proving that recruits for the guerilla group were being instructed in Russian commands and how to attack military targets in South West Africa. The documents also confirmed that SWAPO intends to intensify terrorism, and orders to do so were passed on to subordinate commanders.

All of this should have prompted the United Nations to withdraw its recognition of SWAPO — which obviously had no interest in free elections supervised by the U.N. or anybody else. But the U.N. pretended not to hear, and President Carter has acted equally deaf to the truth out of SWAPO's own mouth.

The elections in South West Africa are still scheduled before the end of the year, whether or not the United Nations sends its representatives to supervise them. Whatever happens at that time, it is clear that SWAPO will never accept the results and will continue its bloody plan of terrorism.

It is, in fact, conceivable that a SWAPOed massacre may be in store for South West Africa even worse than that which took place in Zaire.

No doubt this will provide some additional additional on-the-job training information for the United States.



Andrew Greeley's View

STUMBLE BUM CALIFANO TRIPS YET AGAIN

There is apparently no cheap trick too low for HEW Secretary Joseph Califano. Having made a fool of himself by appointing a divorced mother with no experience as director of the White House Conference on the Family, he now has reversed the decision and blames me for the reversal.

Both the New York Times and CBS News linked Ms. Fleming's resignation to my column. Now I'd also been telling Mr. Califano that his crusade against help for Catholic schools was going to cost Mr. Carter what little chance he still has for reelection. I have not noticed any change in Mr. Califano's stand on that subject. Indeed, the day the tax credit bill passed the House, Mr. Califano swore a solemn oath that not a penny of such unconstitutional money would ever get to Catholic schools (forgetting, apparently, that the Supreme Court and not the secretary of HEW decides what's constitutional).

According to The New York Times' version of the thing, Ms. Fleming had been ordered to hire a Catholic co-director and resigned in protest — all the result of my column. Now the fact is that Ms. Fleming and Mr. Califano had been scurrying around Washington for weeks before my column appeared, desperately trying to find a Catholic "co-director" (a person to do all the work and have none of the power or the credit). They couldn't get anyone to take the job.

For The Times to suggest that my column led to this search for a Catholic is very sloppy journalism for such a distinguished paper — or possibly deliberate anti-Catholicism on the part of the reporter.

Furthermore, if The Times reporter had bothered to dig into the story — as Times reporters are supposed to do — he would have found that a Catholic had originally been selected for the job (at least tentatively) and was rejected at the last moment because of the intervention of veto groups in

Congress and on the HEW staff. A Catholic was unacceptable because of the Catholic abortion position. Only a black woman should have the job.

Professional competence, you see, is unimportant; religion bars you and race and sex get you the job. Such is the nature of HEW under Joseph Califano.

In fact, the outcry against the Fleming appointment was widespread. Mr. Califano and his friends needed a scapegoat and I happened to be handy — with the ready-made implication that the Church was once again meddling in government affairs. You have a scapegoat and a nice bit of raw meat for anti-Catholic bigots.

Mr. Califano may not be very skillful as secretary of HEW but he is at least smart enough to know that I have no clout within the Church — indeed, I am not even on the mailing list in my own archdiocese. Official Catholic institutions and spokespersons raised not a single complaint about the Fleming appointment (neither have they complained about Mr. Califano's vendetta against Catholic schools).

One Catholic columnist causes Mr. Califano to fire his family conference director? Don't be silly. He decided that he'd made a bad mistake and threw me to the lions of his black and feminist veto groups. I'd like to take credit for diverting temporarily their attempts to turn the White House conference into a tent show, but I don't think they've been stopped and I know I didn't stop them.

But Mr. Califano introduced the religious issue by initiating the stumblebum research for a Catholic "ethnic" to be Ms. Fleming's "co-director." He raised the religious question — and now tries to imply that when a priest writes a column the Catholic Church is in fear.

Priests apparently are incapable of having opinions of their own.

ED. NOTE — Some of Father Greeley's previous opinions of the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare:

I have a modest proposal. Let's have a non-White House Conference on the Family.

HEW Secretary Joseph Califano is going to have a White House conference on the family, but with his usual skill in such matters, Mr. Califano has managed to foul that conference up. In fact, it will turn into a conference on the non-family, a tent show of special-interest groups, self-anointed spokespersons, homosexuals, abortionists, lesbians, freelovers, swingers, Marxists, radical critics of family life and other people bent on the destruction of the family.

Of all the multitudinous ways that human ingenuity has devised to waste the taxpayer's money, high on the list of futile bureaucratic excesses must be placed the foolishness of "White House conferences" and "national commissions."

The White House Conference on the Family and the National Commission on Neighborhoods are but the most recent absurd examples of meaningless ritual exercises which provide employment for bureaucrats and prestige for self-anointed experts, spokespersons and self-important "Commissioners" — all accomplishing absolutely nothing for the country and its people.

The ineffable HEW Secretary Califano has at least confirmed the absurdity of such boondoggles by appointing a divorced woman to administer the White House Conference on the Family. Her only visible qualification for the job was the support of the congressional Black Caucus. It just shows how seriously Mr. Califano takes the whole affair.

Unlike a lot of other observers, I don't begrudge HEW Secretary Joseph Califano his \$78,000-a-year bodyguard. Anything which eases the strain on Mr. Califano may be good for all of us.

By all accounts, Califano is an extremely difficult man to deal with. Harsh and ruthless to his subordinates, rude and uninterested to those outside the agency who came to make presentations to him —

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Victor Lasky

KAY GRAHAM AND BEN BRADLEE CAN'T TAKE THE HEAT

WASHINGTON (NANA) - Not all the fun in this town takes place at the White House or up on Capitol Hill.

As the dog days of summer set in, we've been provided with a hilarious episode involving the two major nabobs of Washington journalism — Katharine Graham and Benjamin Bradlee.

You may remember Graham and Bradlee. They were the stars of the great Watergate drama of some years past, in which — as the publisher and executive editor of the Washington Post respectively — they played a major role in ousting a president.

Bradlee, you may recall, was portrayed on the screen in "All The President's Men" by Jason Robards, who won an Academy Award for the role of a tough, no-nonsense, get-the-facts type editor.

Well, there's a gadfly around town named Reed Irvine, who runs a top-notch little outfit called Accuracy in Media. AIM's purpose is to keep the media on their toes by exposing hypocrisies, obfuscation and double-standards.

And AIM managed the other day to get both Kay Graham and Ben Bradlee to blow their tops.

What AIM had done was to point out that the Post had failed to publish a story about a Cambodian

refugee, Pin Yathay, who had given a first-hand account of the horrors of communist rule in his tiny homeland.

AIM had checked with the Post's news editor, Laurence Stern, who said he had decided against using the story because the paper had run others on the same subject.

But this wasn't true. AIM countered. A check of the Post's files for a year demonstrated few, if any, such stories. And in a letter to Mrs. Graham, Irvine suggested that she investigate the great disparity in the number of human rights stories in her paper on countries such as Chile and South Africa, as compared with Cambodia and Cuba. Irvine said there was a pattern of reporting at the Post that could reflect the ideological proclivities of some of its personnel.

That did it. "Your totally unfounded character assassination of Laurence Stern in a recent AIM newsletter is beyond the pale," Mrs. Graham wrote to Irvine. "This kind of assault by innuendo is reminiscent of the methods of Joe McCarthy."

"You have demanded many hours of attention from Post editors and reporters, including Mr. Stern. How can you possibly expect them to con-

tinue to take you seriously when you publish an attack that is at the same time both preposterous and vicious?"

Of course, Mrs. Graham doesn't seem to object when her minions demand "many hours of attention" from those people whom her newspaper decides to make the brunt of so-called investigative journalism.

At any rate, Irvine responded by asking Mrs. Graham to cite any inaccurate statements which either he or his AIM Report may have published. He would be glad to correct the record, he wrote.

But, as of this writing, there has been no reply from Mrs. Graham.

There was a reply, however, from Ben Bradlee: "Mrs. Graham has spoken for all of us here at The Washington Post in her letter to you answering your latest 'newsletter.'"

"You have revealed yourself as a miserable, carping, retromingent vigilante, and I for one am sick of wasting my time in communication with you."

The word "retromingent," not found in ordinary dictionaries, apparently means a cat that urinates backwards.

Whatever that means.



Patrick Buchanan

THE GHOST OF HERBERT HOOVER

CARTER'S PHONEY POPULISM CONDEMNS STEIGER AMENDMENT

WASHINGTON — Mr. Carter's denunciation of the Steiger Capital Gains Amendment is one more manifestation of the intellectual poverty of his administration.

Ignoring the powerful economic arguments for cutting the capital gains tax back to 25 percent — from the present 50 percent level — the President resorted to rank demagoguery. I will veto this measure, he declared, because it would benefit the rich.

"Eighty percent of its tax benefits would go to one-half of 1 percent of the American taxpayers who make more than \$100,000 a year. Three thousand millionaires would get reductions averaging \$214,000. The other 99.5 percent of our taxpayers would not do quite so well."

"The American people want some tax relief from the heavy burdens of taxation on their shoulders. But neither they nor I would tolerate a plan that provides huge windfall profits for millionaires and two bits for the average American. That underestimates the intelligence of the American people."

Meaning no disrespect, it is Mr. Carter who is constantly insulting the intelligence of the American people, with his phony populism.

Is he seriously suggesting that the black mayor of Los Angeles, countless black bankers and 60

members of the U.S. Senate have endorsed the Steiger Amendment in order to provide "windfall profits" for the Rockefeller family?

Is the President ignorant of the study done by Michael Evans of Chase Econometric Associates, Inc. which forecasts, between 1980 and 1985, some 440,000 new jobs and a \$16 billion reduction in the federal deficit if the Steiger Amendment is enacted?

If so, why did he ignore the job side of the picture? Why did he simply repeat Treasury's in-house projection of a loss of \$2 billion in federal revenue?

Like the Kemp-Roth bill, the Steiger Amendment, is one of the more hopeful and innovative ideas to avert the recession so many economists are projecting for 1979.

The purpose is to encourage individuals and institutions with money to shift their capital into enterprises that will guarantee expansion, growth and jobs.

For Jimmy Carter to dismiss the Steiger Amendment as a rip-off for the country club crowd comes dangerously close to being an act of calculated intellectual dishonesty.

Few other nations tax capital gains at the rate levied in the United States. In many Western countries, there is no tax on capital gains, because governments have come to recognize the correla-

tion between capital investment and economic growth.

There are other facts of which Mr. Carter must have been aware, yet which he chose consciously to ignore in his press conference outburst.

In 1968, the last year in which the capital gains tax stood at 25 percent, the federal government collected more than \$7 billion. The following year, when the rate rose by 40 percent (up to a 35 percent maximum), government revenues plunged below \$5 billion.

What happened was that those rich whom Mr. Carter appears to despise — despite the presence of so many in his Cabinet — simply took their money out of the investment markets. As a consequence, the nation suffered.

A decent but stubborn man, Mr. Carter in many ways resembles the late Herbert Hoover.

Faced with an economic depression, which called for tax reductions across the board, Hoover fell back upon HIS ideology — the balanced budget and the high tariff. The consequence: an economic crunch became an economic catastrophe.

The only beneficial side effect to Mr. Carter's apparent animosity toward the wealthy and the large corporations is that the principal political victim of his antiquated economic policies is almost certain to be Jimmy Carter himself.

"The Brass Root"

Ernest V. Joiner



BUREAUCRATIC REACTION TO PROP. 13

Sebastopol, Calif. —

• IT's a joy to watch our "peerless leaders" moving to implement Prop. 13. Their antics provide high comedy, unto the point of absurdity. The state's financial experts admit Prop. 13 can be accommodated by cutting local and state budgets 15%, not a large sum and one which any department head knows is possible without hardship. But what do they do? They slash out in every direction, hacking as much as 50% only on the most essential services, like fire and police! This childish display is, of course, to teach the voters a lesson. It is strictly punitive and designed to prove bureaucrats, not the voters, are really "the boss." Make no mistake: our high-priced bureaucracy plans to make life very miserable for all of us. They are going to disrupt, all out of proportion to actual need, our way of life. We've got them panicked. Now don't let them panic us.

• LOOK WHERE the axe is falling. Not upon inefficient tenured teachers, but upon new and better qualified young teachers. No administrative posts have been threatened, nor has an entrenched hierarchy known as school "counselors." Schools have operated before with one principal, but many schools have 2, 3 and even more — and I haven't heard of one of them being sent back to honest classroom work. There are no cuts at the top. Instead, they fire the little guys who do the work. They cut competitive sports programs but keep \$30,000 a year administrators. Santa Rosa's city manager got a 5% increase in pay, to \$44,100, instead of a sensible reduction. They close libraries, but they don't abolish budgets for new wilderness parks, like the one at Eureka. That would inconvenience the hippies in their love affair with nature. Does it strike you as peculiar that not a

single able-bodied welfare recipient has been told to find a job because his gravy train is derailed? Gilbert and Sullivan could make a fine comic opera of what's going on to punish the voters of California for daring to take some control of their own money.

NOW FOR a bright spot. Our guru governor's presidential hopes weren't enhanced by Prop. 13. The tax reform idea born under Gov. Ronald Reagan came to maturity in the administration of Spend-thrift Jerry Brown, a bit of political irony. Although he fought valiantly against Prop. 13 and predicted doomsday if it passed, he broke a leg to endorse it at 11 p.m., Tuesday, June 6, when it became apparent the measure had passed. He is now on the Prop. 13 bandwagon. By the time November elections roll around he will have voters convinced he actually authored Prop. 13 instead of having been its chief antagonist. But if voters can remember his stand in favor of confiscatory taxes until November, he will surely lose some of his ill-deserved political luster, and we may be spared his presence in the White House.

• WE CANNOT expect much from Prop. 13 until it can be extended to Washington, the seat of most of our financial trouble. Here's why. In the 16 months Jimmy Carter has been in the White House, 15,000 new civil servants have been added to the Washington payroll. With federal money, state and local governments have added 427,000 employees in the same period of time. Federal spending has increased by 13% in 16 months at a cost of \$213 million dollars for every working day. In the business world, government has imposed 4,400 different forms upon business which requires 143 million man-hours to fill out at a cost to business of between \$25 and \$32 billion dollars. This is added to the cost of the goods and services you buy in 1969 and

ditional cost on an automobile by government-mandated extras was \$27.51. Today the cost is \$665.97. You pay. Nationwide this has added \$7 billion to the cost of cars bought in 1978. The cost of the government regulation alone, according to a study by the University of St. Louis, will be \$102.7 billion for the next year, or \$470 for every man, woman and child in the U.S. Government consumes 42 cents of every dollar earned in the nation. Unless the message of California's Prop. 13 gets through to Washington, the bite will become higher and higher until eventually, we will have armed revolt or a nation of slaves.

• COLUMNIST DAVID S. Broder, called Prop. 13 a bit of a fraud. "Behind the smokescreen of helping the homeowner," he wrote without tongue in cheek, "it (Prop. 13) shackled the state government's ability to raise progressive corporate and personal income taxes, thus protecting the interests of the wealthy." His message couldn't be more plain: the interests of the wealthy are not to be protected. The wealthy, Mr. Broder seems to be saying, exist to be plundered and divested of their money and property for the benefit of the failures. They are not entitled to equal protection of the law. Only those schemes which cripple corporations and over-tax wealthy people should be implemented. Our new society exhorts us all that whores, welfare bums, drug addicts and criminals are to be treated fairly and without discrimination. But corporations and people who have, by hard work and/or initiative, acquired wealth are not to be treated fairly and without discrimination. I suggest it to be in the best interests of the republic to declare both corporations and the wealthy as endangered species, and special legislation enacted to protect them. And while we still have a pair of them.