President?

Now Mr. Carter has a diplomatic triumph, but it is a curious one. It seems once again Mr. Carter has buckled to the shim and fancy of a two-bit dictator. The passage of the Panama Canal treaties was heralded as the opening of a new era of relations between the U.S. and South America. The treaty was to be the start of a time of friendship, cooling of rhetoric, and of a partnership.

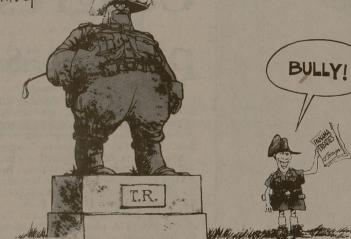
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Yet no sooner had the U.S. Senate completed action then General Torrijos started to live up to his reputation of being a "tin-horn dictator." Torrijos announced that not only was he prepared to seize the canal if the Senate went against him. But he also announced that the U.S. had no right to be a the canal one in direct the learn the canal one in direct. right to keep the canal open — in direct violation of the amended treaties — and his troops would uphold that right. They would do this by destroying the canal.

Of course Torrijos cannot be held fully to blame for the sad state of affairs we are in. During the ratification process Mr. Carter talked out of both sides of his mouth to get passage, trying on one hand to satisfy the Senate and on the other Tor-rijos. In doing so he made most of the United States rights under the treaty

worthless.

Indeed the question of the treaties being in the best interest of this country is mute. For our "partner" refuses to respect



should we have expected from one whose sense of honor and belief in the law is weak at best. Perhaps the only law Torrijos understands is a .45 automatic; that's how he came to power

Mr. Carter said Gen. Torrijos was blowing off steam. This would fit the image of a small child who has just bullied his way. However, there is reason to believe that there is some bite to Torrijos's bark. Mr. Carter knew before the vote that Torrijos planned action against American forces in the Zone. Yet he continued to talk of the start of friendship. One can only wonder who was the biggest fool in this affair?

The question now is will Torrijos wait until the year 2000 as the treaties specify? people. For a leader must command the respect of his friends not through fear, but through admiration. It is only those who wish us or our friends ill who *must* fear us.

An analogy is that of a policeman. The U.S. is the senior partner patrolling the free world's beat. Today we have more help than 20 years ago. For example, West Germany and other countries are there to give assistance. But we are still the only country strong enough physically to lead. And as such the United States should not let a mugger in Panama or an Al Capone in Russia order and push us around. It sets a

damaging precedent.

Sure that is a nationalistic stand. The facts of life are cold and hard to accept. But there is not and probably will not be another country who can protect our liberties or those of the free world.

It need not be left up to one's imagina-tion to realize what would happen if the U.S. abandoned its role. That happened in the late 30s when a black-shirted, bootstomping tyrant named Hitler was left alone by Great Britain and France. It is not hard to imagine what life, for even tiny Panama, would be like if we abandon our

That is what is truly alarming about the last few days events. We have given in to the threats of a dictator. As a nation we should never negotiate under a blatant threat or allow threats to deter our rights. If we do we are through not only as a free world's leader, but as the home of the free

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'Holocaust' — that none shall forget

By ARNOLD SAWISLAK

WASHINGTON — It is always more encouraging to see a disease prevented than cured; to hear the affirmative used to answer the negative.

For that reason, despite sincere objections based on artistic merit or strict his-torical accuracy, NBC deserves credit for television prime time to "Holocaust," the
"docu-drama" that depicted the Nazi effort
to murder all the Jews in Europe.
What was shown last Sunday through

Wednesday began almost 40 years ago. The median age of the U.S. population in 1976 was 29 years. More than 100 million Americans have no personal recollections of the period when the maniac Adolf Hitler set off the frenzy of butchery that destroyed millions of human beings he proclaimed racially unfit or politically unacceptable to the New Order.

The argument is not that there is inherent merit in reminding people of that

time. Many people feel that compulsive dwelling on the horrors of the past serves no purpose except to perpetuate hate and

Washington Window

But there is a constructive reason for showing "Holocaust" and, about the same time, the segment on the Nazi death camps broadcast by CBS' "60 Minutes." The reason is that there is in this coun-

try a tiny but loud minority of arrested development cases who have discovered a way to get in the papers and on television. That is to dress up as reincarnated Nazis and to deify Hitler and his policies of

These stunted minds have attracted far more attention than their cause or their numbers merit. They do so by demanding the right to publicly celebrate Hitler's birthdate (now past) by parading through a Chicago suburb heavily populated by Jews, and more significantly, by a relatively large number of survivors of the

force the issue on a weak and tottering

Finally, what type of precedent does this set for our other negotiations? Mr. Carter is scrambling for a strategic arms limitation treaty. The Russians surely must think that all they need to do is continued to the continued to

tinue stonewalling. Then based on precedent Mr. Carter will give in. At this time the same cries of how a SALT agreement must be ratified to keep the credibility of the administration will be heard from the

What the United States and its hesitant

leader must realize is that we are the free

world's leading power. That does not mean we must push others around or bully

Nazi extermination program.

This demand has provoked an intense debate about the constitutional rights of Americans to espouse causes that offend other Americans, even to the extent of advocating the murder of fellow citizens.

Some debaters say what the American

Nazis want to do is protected by the free speech guarantee of the First Amendment, no matter how gruesome the content of their message.

Opponents argue that the Nazis are ex-

pressing no opinions that require the pro-tection of the First Amendment and in fact have forfeited their rights by inciting violence — shouting "fire" in a crowded theater, in the terms of Justice Holmes' opinion on the proper limitations of free

speech.
Thus far, it appears the American Nazis

have the best of the legal argument. They may get to march in June — which in our win-conscious society might be taken by some to give credence to their point of

That is where the quality of response comes in. Some had hoped that they would lose their court cases and be restrained from parading. Others have suggested that the best thing to do is simply that the best thing to do is simply that the state of these courses. ply ignore the Nazis. But both of those solutions answer negativism with more of

By depicting what happened in the late 1930s and 1940s in Europe, the television networks have shown just what it is that American Nazis want to glorify.

There really is no good reason to observe Hitler's birthday. But if some of our fellow Americans insist, NBC and CBS may have found the appropriate way to do

Letters to the editor

Sherwood nursing official responds to story

The nursing home profession is strictly regulated by the Federal and State Govhave to be a professional in the field, but there are also guidelines set as to the number of professional nurses or licensed nurses that are required. For more than eight years now, a nursing home cannot be licensed unless it does have a licensed administrator operating the facility. To meet the requirements for a licensed administrator, the individual has to have the required education and pass a National and State examination before a license is issued. The license is good for two years and can be renewed if the required continuing education hours are met.

Sherwood Health Care Facility is locally owned by individuals that were born and raised in Brazos County. It opened its doors in 1964 as a 60 bed facility, expanded to 94 beds in 1969, to 128 beds in 1970, and to 246 beds in 1974. In 1974, the facility also added a modern kitchen and laundry. The dietary department is equipped

to feed 400 people.

Myself, I became administrator of Sherwood Health Care Facility the latter part of 1967. I hold a professional administrator's license and have since April, 1971. Sherwood Health Care Facility is licensed and approved to participate in the Medicare Program, the Medicaid Program, the Veterans Program and the CHAMPUS Program. The facility is licensed for skilled

as well as moderate care services. To deliver the best medical care, Sherwood Health Care Facility employs a Medical Director, Dr. H.S. Lipscomb, has 4 registered nurses and 23 licensed vocational nurses on the staff along with the necessary supporting people to deliver the

medical care necessary The dietary department has two dietary supervisors that are qualified by the State of Texas along with a consultant dietician who has a Doctorate Degree in Food Nutrition. They are supported by 15 cooks and kitchen aides to deliver the proper diet to the residents according to the physicians' orders. To keep a clean and safe environment, Sherwood Health Care Facility has contracted this service to professionals, Servicemaster, Inc. out of Chicago, Illinois.

This facility also has a Social Activity Department that keeps activities of different natures going for the residents' benefits. A copy of the scheduled activities is enclosed for your information. Sherwood Health Care Facility also has a Physical Therapy Department with a full time Registered Physical Therapist on the staff

Ms. West has misquoted two of the employees of Sherwood Health Care Facility in her recent article, (Battalion, "Nursing home nothingness," April 12), and one of the residents by printing false statements. The resident she referred to in the article has been in this facility for a number of vears and has never been restrained.

The residents do enjoy the outdoors at Sherwood and some even have their own little gardens. In a facility of this type, there is the 1 percent that have to live in a controlled environment with moderate supervision from the social and emotional standpoint. Let me say in closing that the article

misrepresented Sherwood Health Care Facility and the nursing home profession. We assist people in getting well so they are capable of returning to their home and community. So far in April we have discharged eight people to return to their

- E.P. Sulik Nursing Home Administrator 192 Sherwood Health Care Facility

Editor's note: The Battalion stands by

Reagan wasn't there

I would like to apologize to Joe Reagan for including him among the yell leaders who did the yell at the Clements rally in my letter which appeared Friday. He was not one of them, and it was a gross error on my -Harvey Laas

Aggie air circus

Does it seem that recently Texas A&M, along with the surrounding area, has become a crossroads for all of the world's air-

Is there a convention going on at Easterwood (Airport)? Or is there a new flying school nearby? Or are there a few, possible more than a few students with access to airplanes which are intent on flying circles, not always at an appropriate altitudes, around Texas A&M University

and surround apartment complexes? Not pointing a finger at anyone in particular, it is possible that some of the future pilots of the Air Force (now members of the Corps of Cadets) may be in part military type aircraft which, as long as there is daylight, and some hours afterward, fly in circles around campus.

Of course, with all the recent talk of closing Easterwood Field, I'm sure the FAA would be more than happy to speak with the proper people. But then, wouldn't it be nice if most of the idiots who are intent on breaking FAA rules and also disturbing the many people who enjoy liv-ing life to sounds other than those of an airplane engine, would discontinue their rude flight practices and fly circles some-

- V.S. Wulfson

Bus driver power

This is in response to Mr. Fred Elbert's

along with the compliment of aides to assist in giving the additional special services that the resident may need to recover and responsible. That would explain the military helicopter missing our apartment roof by about thirty feet Sunday evening. It Ronald Reagan-haters and shuttlebus drivers from America

That's fine. People have the right to

choose which cause they support But I'm a shuttlebus driver and I don't appreciate one bit being classed with communists, hippies, atheists and Ronald Reagan-As corny as it may sound I am a God-

fearing, patriotic, American; proud of my country and the right to work at the job of my choice. My job is not always pleasant, but I do it and try to do it well - the American way. The next time you decide to climb up on

your soapbox, think first before you say or write something that will show everyone how much of a fool you really are

- Linda Stanley

Slouch by Jim Earle

"YOU DON'T REALIZE HOW TOUGH IT IS BEING A GRADUATING SENIOR! YOU CAN'T DECIDE WHETHER TO BE OUT PLAYING OR STUDYING FOR FINALS!"

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NASA contacts Skylab

Flight controllers at the Johnson Space Center in Houston prepared for a late-night radio rendezvous with the orbiting Skylab space station Monday, their second contact since the scientific mission station Monday, their second contact since the scientific mission ended four years ago. A radio command from mission control was relayed to the 25-mile high orbiting laboratory from a Madrid tracking station a few minutes after midnight Sunday and received an unexpected bonus when Skylab began transmitting data. If the craft is fully operable, NASA plans to order the 84-ton space station to change its orbit in late June or early July to decrease its drag in the very thin upper fringes of earth's atmosphere. That change is expected to keep the craft in orbit until the summer of 1980 when space shuttle astronauts may try to send the laboratory to a higher long-lasting orbit

NATION Space Congress opens

The three-day 5th Space Congress opens Wednesday at Cocoa Beach with Astronaut John Young, who was nominated to command the Space Shuttle's first orbital mission in 1979, among the speakers. Young is chief of the Astronaut Office at Houston's Johnson Space Center and is a veteran of space flights, two aboard Gemini spacecraft and two aboard Apollo spacecraft. Young will also take part along with astronauts Deke Slayton, Vance Brand and Joe Engle in a panel discussion Thursday night, moderated by Lee Schere, director of the Kennedy Space Center. Discussions will be held on space transport, technology transfer, energy, advanced technology and the future of space flight.

Satellite re-enters atmosphere

A non-nuclear Soviet satellite re-entered the earth's atmoshpere late Sunday and either burned up or fell into the ocean south of Africa, scientists said Monday. A spokesman for the North American Air Defense Command's Space Defense Center in Colorado Springs said the satellite, one of 4,550 orbiting the earth re-entered the earth's atmosphere about 6:30 p.m. CST Sunday. "There were no visual sightings so we dont know if any pieces of it came down in the ocean or not," said Capt. Tom Koch. "It is quite possible it burned up in the atmoshpere." Officials originally estimated the satellite would have crashed somewhere north of Australia.

Vance returns from London talks

Secretary of State Cyrus Vance headed home to Washington Monday following a five-nation London conference that a U.S. spokesman said produced compromise proposals for the future of South Africa. Vance's return home marked the end of a 25,000-mile swing that took him to southern Africa, the Soviet Union and Europe. Vance made no statement on his trip, but an American spokesman said he and four other Western foreign ministers had agreed on compromise proposals for South West Africa, which is to become the independent nation of Nambia. Vance and the foreign ministers of Britain, Canada, France and West Germany met Sunday night and agreed that South Africa should turn over power to the black majority in the former German colony of South West Africa by the end of the year. A U.S. spokesman said the five ministers also agreed on a formula for the preservation of law and order in South West Africa.

WORLD

Jet survivors brought home

A south Korean relief plane dropped off its Japanese passengers and flew on to Seoul Monday, the last leg of a long trek homeward for the survivors of the Korean jet that strayed over Soviet territory and was attacked by MIG jet fighters. Officials said 58 passengers, most of them Japanese, disembarked in Tokyo before the Korean Airlines 707 relief plane took off again for Seoul with the remaining 54 passengers and crew. Yoshio Otani, a 50-year-old photography shop owner kept a diary of the ordeal. "The compass gave false readings four hours after the plane left Paris," said Ontani. "When we got in over Soviet territory, the captain said he tried to talk to Soviet air control but he received no answer. All of a sudden it seemed like there was a rainshower in the seats in the left rear. Then there was a lot of smoke and the plane began to dive. The pilot told us later we dropped from 33,000 feet to 5,000 feet." The pilot, who managed to straighten out the plane and land it on a frozen lake near the town of Kem, 230 miles south of Murmansk, was later taken into custody along with the navigator. The Soviets said they wanted to hold them for questioning as to why the plane had strayed so far off course

New demands set by guerrillas

A new message purporting to come from the Red Brigades guerrilla group Monday in Rome named 13 ultraleftists whose freedom was denied for the life of kidnapped ex-Premier Aldo Moro. The message, received by newspaper office in Rome, Milan and Genoa, did not set any new deadline after the Red Brigades let a previous death ultimatum elapse in silence. "If this is not done, we will immediately draw the due consequences and execute the sentence that has been passed on Aldo Moro," the new message said. It demanded the release of Red Brigades founder Renato Curcio and several other standing trial on terrorism charges with him in Turin, plus some members of a Genoa terrorist cell and Cristoforo Piancone, a member of a commando group who was wounded in the fatal ambush of a Turin prison guard last week. The message, "Communique No.8," was the first time the Red Brigades has named the prisoners whose release is sought in return for Moro. Investigators said they believe the message to be genuine

WEATHER

Mostly cloudy in the early morning hours today becoming partly cloudy. Slight chance of thundershowers this morning. High today low 80's, low tonight mid-50s. High tomorrow near 80. Winds from the north at 10-15 mph, diminishing tonight. 20% chance of rain this morning.

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