Time for energy compromise

The compromise bill worked out on the future of natural gas in this country is no "victory" for President Carter, nor for the gas industry, nor for the anti-industry consumerists.

But it is, to paraphrase Lyndon Johnson, the only bill we've got. It is demonstrably the only chance we'll have this year, perhaps for many years to come, to solve a problem this nation simply must address

Granted, the bill's "solution" is imperfect. Granted, it is a compromise which thoroughly pleases no one. But what else did one expect?

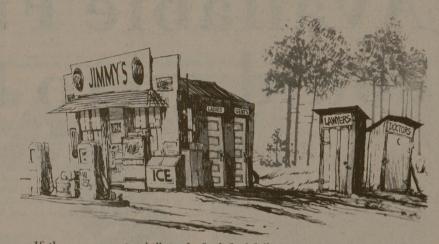
There'll be a lot of regulatory headaches between now and 1985. Temporary controls on gas produced and sold within the same state. Thorny interpretations of what is "new" gas. Legislative language must yet be drafted to cover some very intricate details of the gas producing and distribution

Many Republicans and free marketeers will decry these continued and expanded regulations and vote against the bill. Many Democrats and market regulators will rant about ripoffs and rape of the consumer and vote against the bill. This unlikely coalition could unhinge the compromise

That, we submit, would be a disaster. The bill is not perfect, but it at least would achieve eventual deregulation. It is the only measure yet seriously considered by Congress that recognizes the profound truth that there are no

painless answers to the country's energy shortage.

To let the bill die amid the bickering of ideologues of the right and left would mean more years of confusion and uncertainty in the energy market, more years of useless recrimination and a deeper and deeper dependence on



If the compromise bill is drafted faithfully according to the principles agreed upon it should become law. The United States cannot afford the

The Birmingham (Ala.) PostHerald

Mutiny stirring on Carter's ship?

WASHINGTON — Whatever it reveals about the deteriorating state of U.S. Soviet relations, last week's presidential outburst against the reported "freeze" on the strategic arms (SALT) talks speaks volumes about the heightening tensions within the Carter administration's foreign policy and national security bureaucracy.

When Jimmy Carter cracked down on the Washington Post's report that adminis-tration decisions had "effectively frozen" the SALT talks, at least through summer, the newspaper was only the immediate ob-

The strong presidential statement was also aimed at those inside his own official family who had challenged his authority and credibility by giving the Post reporters the information from which they

AS IS HIS CUSTOM when his credibility is challenged by anyone, Carter responded by saying the criticsm was "abso-

But that is not accurate. As Jody Powell,

the President's press secretary, said: "I'm Either the President failed to communinot questioning the fact that the story was based on people saying what they said."
"But," Powell continued," you've got to

be careful...not to confuse tough negotiating, which has been going on all along, with some sort of decision to freeze or to slow down or to run in place or to mark time, because of extraneous factors. That is the crux of the matter."

That is correct, I think. And what is at

issue between the President and the Post is how correctly those matters were interpreted, not by the reporters but by officials high in Carter's own administration. I do not know the sources my colleagues Walter Pincus and Robert G. Kaiser used

in reporting on the arms talks. But I do know that when the Post publishes such a story, in the face of a strong presidential denial (carried high in the first story), the editors and reporters involved must be convinced of the credentials of the 'authoritative government sources" whose

cate to those officials what his tactics are in the arms talks, or they are convinced that those tactics will not produce the results

the President says he wants.

My guess is that both factors are involved here. It is always hard to keep all the players cued in on developments in a continuing negotiation. And that is particularly difficult when the President is juggling a heavy agenda, when the national se-curity adviser is fresh back from Peking, and when the secretary of state is commuting to the United Nations.

But the reasons why Carter's own lieutenants dissent from his handling of the arms talks tactics go beyond that. Some of them fear that he is being manipulated by National Security Adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski, whose penchant for using provocative tactics with the Russians has been evident — they think — from the beginning of the administration.

Others believe that domestic political

riews are quoted.

THAT MEANS ONE of two things.

advisers are mistakenly, in their view, pressing Carter to take a "hard line" with

the Russians in order to combat his reputation as a weak leader in domestic affairs.

There is a certain surface plausibility to both theories. Brzezinski's public statements on SALT, plus his well-advertised disposition to "shake up" the old men in the Politboro, make him a logical target for those who disagree with the tactics.

FOR A PRESIDENT who must bite his tongue in frustration when labor leaders, Congress and the consumer price index defy his wishes, the temptation to take it out on the Russians must seem great.

But these interpretations overlook one important fact. Jimmy Carter has a passionate, personal commitment to reduce the threat of nuclear war on this globe. No one who knows him can seriously doubt that is one of the deepest desires that drove him to pursue his presi-

The sooner the President can make that goal clear again, the faster he can ease the doubts that are undermining his position within his own administration

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'A singularly joyless people'

Glimpses of Cambodian no man's land

NEW YORK — Cambodia is undergoing the ultimate revolution and while it has a few admirers, to most observers it is repressive perhaps to the point of what one observer calls auto-genocide.

The CBS News Special: "What's Happened to Cambodia?" which went on the air Wednesday highlights both the major aspects of the revolution and the main difficulty with accurately gauging it. Anchorman Ed Bradley ticks off the cities from Belgrade to Bangkok that the network news teams roamed in putting together the documentary

He is forced to add the one place CBS was unable to go was Cambodia.

Denied access to Cambodia, or Democratic Kampuchea, as the Communists who took over three years ago prefer to call it, the network interviewed experts including those first-hand observers, the Cambodians in Thailand refugee camps.

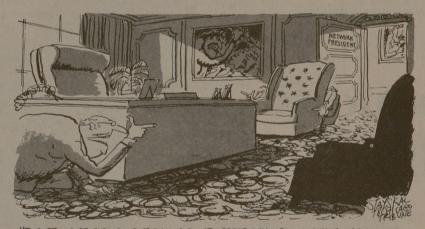
It also shows excerpts from a film taken by a Yugoslav television crew this spring and those are among the most fascinating aspects of the program.

They show street scenes in Phnom Pehnh - scenes of empty streets, uninhabited houses, deserted shops. Where are

building sites, to wherever the secretive rulers of their country believe they are needed in a land that has foresworn money, salaries and such other luxuries as

the people? The Yugoslav film shows the Cambo-They have been sent to cooperatives, to dians as a singularly joyless people. Perhaps they are sullen, perhaps they reflect a seriousness of purpose. Form your own judgments.

But it is difficult to retain objectivity



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when you hear a small Cambodian boy in a refugee camp talk about the execution of his family — and watch him wipe away his tears as he talks of revenge.

An Australian author and journalist based in Hong Kong estimates that between 1.8 million and 2.2 million Cambodians have died since 1975 as a consequence of Cambodian policies, including execution. He calls it "autogenocide, where one race kills half or even more

than half of its own race."

Another Cambodia-watcher believes the present Cambodian government wants to kill everyone who worked for the previous administration - all the soldiers, offi cials, teachers, engineers, everybody

Summing up, Bradley says, "There is no longer even a vestige of urban society in Cambodia; no longer a conventionally educated class; no longer even the kind of civilization there is in any other Communist country - no money, no private dwellings, you can't shop for food or clothes. We know there has been, and almost certainly still is, great hardship and many, many deaths.' The CBS picture of Cambodia is not

pretty and admittedly may not even be totally accurate. But it is thought-provoking and frightening.

Not all college politics is dull

By HARRIET LEEDS

MADISON, Wis. - The standard introduction line for the newly elected president and vice president of the University of Wisconsin Student Association is "send in the clowns.

As candidates, James Mallon and Leon Varjian promised to convert the student government's \$70,000 budget into pennies, dump it on the library mall and let students attack the pile with pails and

Their burlesque campaign of daily rallies on the mall attracted hundreds of people and captured the interest of student voters. The two received 1,510 votes out of 4,529 cast — the largest turnout in five years and a near-record for the 39,000-member student body

Members of the "Pail and Shovel Party" also won all of the 1979 senior class officer seats, rounded up five student Senate spots and won posts on the boards of the student newspaper and yearbook. Among the zany campaign pledges

-Buying the Statue of Liberty and moving it to Madison's Lake Mendota. Ordering all campus clocks to run backward so classes would be over before

they could begin. Putting dormitories on wheels so they could be moved to a different part of the campus each morning to provide stu-

dents with a new perspective. -Periodic flooding of Camp Randall Stadium for mock naval battles "The students felt we had the best cam-

in front of them on the mall with 1,000 popsicle sticks."
Mallon and Varjian said they bought the

paign platform," Varjian said. "We built it

election fair and square — and it cost them \$35 million in play money distributed at campaign rallies to do it.

But not everyone is pleased with the election results. Some students fear the antics of the Pail

and Shovelers will jeopardize the WSA budget, on-going projects and the credibility of student government with university and state officials.

Paul Rusk, former WSA president, said he and many others were upset at the prospect of the damage the "two professional clowns" could do. "To give a year of my life for WSA and

then have something like this happen is the ultimate insult," Rusk said. Both Mallon and Varjian insist they are motivated solely by greed.

'I felt there was a lot more WSA could offer me — payoffs, kickbacks, stationery allotments," Varjian said.

Mallon, 22, a communication arts major, describes himself as a "modern philosopher king," but a rookie in campus

'I'm in it for as much as I can get. Wherever the money's the best, I'll be there. After this, I'm going to sell my memoirs for \$25 a crack. Just think, if I get four people to buy, I'll have \$100."

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by Doug Graham



TOP OF THE NEWS Prizes

STATE

Jordan accepts professorship Armed w

Rep. Barbara Jordan, D-Texas, who retires from Congress at t leading off of her current term, has accepted a professorship at the lance acts, University of Texas' Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs. The nore than UT Board of Regents Friday is expected to formally establish theme numbers of post for Ms. Jordan to teach intergovernmental relations and ethic &M University of The position will pay \$38,000 a year for five years beginning on the annumber of the position will pay \$38,000 a year for five years beginning on the annumber of the position will pay \$38,000 a year for five years beginning on the annumber of the position will pay \$38,000 a year for five years beginning on the annumber of the position will pay \$38,000 a year for five years beginning on the position will pay \$38,000 a year for five years beginning on the position will pay \$38,000 a year for five years beginning on the position will pay \$38,000 a year for five years beginning on the position will be a provided by the p

Briscoe invests \$2.9 million

Governor Dolph Briscoe invested \$2.9 million in his unsucces try for re-election, according to his campaign expense report to hitton, said secretary of state. Loans co-signed by political backers were a large agriculture chuck of his total expenditures — \$1,096,000. The report show and youth \$112,500 of the loans were repaid, which means Briscoe supports.

Gay conference in Dallas

The Fifth Texas Gay Conference has been scheduled for the Roy Coach Inn in Dallas next Saturday and Sunday, according to be organization's publicity chairperson Brian Halliday. "Education & "These of the Legislation" will be seen that the second of the second fore Legislation" will be theme of the conference which will include that mem workshops on aspects of homosexual lifestyles for men and won and how they apply to the human rights issue.

NATION

Wallace may run for term

Gov. George C. Wallace is seriously considering running for the late Sen. James B. Allen's unexpired Senate term, a press aide sail late Sen. James B. Allen's unexpired Senate term, a press aide sail late udging, even well and the sail late the Senate race to succeed retiring Sen. John J. Sparkman, saying ledid not want to move to Washington, D.C. But Camp said Wallace began reassessing his political future after Allen died last Thursday.

Disco outlawed in Henryetta

Disco dancing may be the rage nationwide, but the law won't allow tarted." it in Henryetta, Okla. Or any dancing for that matter. City Manage This is Chester Simons said Henryetta's law declares, "No person or organization can conduct a public dance in the city, period."

Flynt accuses FBI, CIA

Hustler magazine owner Larry Flynt believes he was shot by either eatures possible for the Central Intellegence Agency. Phil Donahue, host of roup, ago television talk show, asked Flynt why he believes it was one of the In the two federal agencies that shot him. "Why did they shoot (Dr. Martin Tuesday in Luther) King?" Flynt asked in reply.

Floods sweep South

Residents of states from Arizona to Louisiana are poised for flood last year, waters from torrential rains that swept the South to the Atlanti Coast. Flash flood warnings were posted in parts of Lea County in southeastern Arizona. Flash flood watches were up for many section of Texas and also in northern and western Louisiana, southern Oka

Jury deliberates Hughes case 0p

Eight Nevada jurors began deliberations Wednesday to decide if From Howard Hughes wrote a will elevating a Utah service station after Frisbee dant to an overnight millionaire. Lawyers talked 10 full days to sum Yoga, the marize and refute evidence in the trial, possibly the richest and sourses to longest jury probate case in the country, that began seven months just about

WORLD

Rockslide buries sunbathers

Part of a mountainside slid down on a crowded bathing beach today at Ischia, Italy, a popular resort island off the Naples coast, burying a number of bathers under tons of boulders and soil. Police said initial enrollme efforts to uncover the victims showed at least four persons dead and Most of another three injured.

Pope blasts abortion

Pope Paul VI said Wednesday that Italy's new law legalizing abor- fourths tion is a "serious offense against the law of God," and all Roman refund is Catholics should oppose it. The pope also commended a statement by class. his Vicar of Rome, Cardinal Ugo Poletti, that Roman Catholic doctors performing abortions face excommunication from the church.

Mexico, U.S. to battle pollution

Mexico and the United States agreed Wednesday on a joint program to fight environmental pollution, with emphasis on contamination along their 2,000 mile border. The program was set up under a memorandum of understanding signed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Mexican Subsecretariat for Environmental Improvement.

WEATHER

Partly cloudy with little change in temperatures. High today upper 80s, low tonight mid-60s. High tomorrow upper 80s. Winds variable at 5-10 mph. Slight chance of widely scattered thunder showers decreasing to less than 20% later today.

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