



# VIEWPOINT



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## Foreign guests should comply with laws

While it is generally understood that the United States misread the situation in Iran from the beginning of the shah's troubles, the Carter administration cannot allow those mistakes to be compounded by the violent actions of Iranian students in this country.

Accordingly, the President has directed Atty. Gen. Griffin Bell to initiate deportation proceedings against all Iranian guests in the U.S. guilty of violence.

That's as it should be. The insanity of the bloody, destructive Beverly Hills riots was an intolerable act of disorder that must be dealt with firmly, and quickly, by federal officials and not just local police.

Individuals who are in this country as guests are welcome only as long as they observe the laws and respect the norms of their host, which are neither repressive

nor difficult to comply with. Visitors who chose to abuse their privileges can expect to be sent back from whence they came.

There are unquestionably many Americans who hold some sympathy for Iranian students in this country, their purpose for being here and the distress of their homeland. But the ranks of the sympathetic grow thinner and less positive as intellectual discourse gives way to rowdy mobs incapable of articulating anything other than an attack on an American neighborhood, rich or poor.

We stand hard and fast behind Griffin Bell's statement of deportation as it relates to any participant in violence such as witnessed this past week. That kind of conduct is simply not to be permitted.

Dallas Times Herald

## Down memory lane

By DICK WEST

WASHINGTON — When Prince Sihanouk of Cambodia suddenly turned up in the news again last week, I had some difficulty fitting him back into the picture.

I remembered the name, of course. But the events that first impressed him upon my consciousness had become a bit hazy.

After we were forced out of Vietnam, we were told we should put that fiasco behind us and move on to other fiascos like Iran.

As a forward-looking citizen, I have tried to do just that. I am, I think, pretty well on top of the Iranian fiasco.

I have learned that the shah's name is Mohammad Reza Pahlavi and that his supporters are called shahpinists. I have learned that the new prime minister, Shapour Bakhtiar, is anti-shah, although maybe not anti-shah enough to make his government stick without the help of Ayatollah Khomeini, whose anti-shahness puts ordinary shahphobia to shame.

Then, just as I was getting the Pahlavis, the Bakhtiaris and the Khomeinis sorted out, Sihanouk pops up again.

Apparently, we can no more put Vietnam behind us than Richard Nixon could put Watergate behind him. So let us see if we can refresh our memories.

Correct me if I'm wrong about this, but didn't Prince Sihanouk have a half brother or a nephew or somebody that we liked better than we did him? Or am I thinking of Prince Souvanna Phouma of Laos?

Anyway, I distinctly recall that somewhere along the way we had a big falling out with Sihanouk. The issue, as it comes back to me through the mists of time, was Sihanouk's neutralism, which seemed to favor the communists.

In the light of all that has happened in

Cambodia since, one-sided neutralism would now be a great leap forward.

When we first started getting bogged down in Vietnam, I'm pretty sure we rather liked Cambodia. At any rate, there was a big fuss when we bombed it, and later when we invaded it. However, that may have been after Lon Nol took over.

### Humor

Lon Nol — there was a name to conjure with. If I've got the sequence straight, he was the one who preceded Pol Pot.

At the time Lon Nol came to power, much was made of the fact that his name spelled backward still spelled Lon Nol.

(By contrast, Pol Pot spelled backward spells Top Lop.)

Apart from being a palindrome, Lon Nol sticks in my memory as less neutral than Sihanouk. This pleased us at the time. If, however, Sihanouk had stayed on, his excessive neutralism might have strengthened the Cambodian communists, and they, in turn, would not have been overthrown by the Vietnamese communists.

All of that is water under the dam, however. We must deal with realities as they are. And the realities are that the communists we used to fight in Cambodia are less objectionable than the communists we used to fight in Vietnam.

It is, therefore, good to have Sihanouk, however vaguely remembered, back on the scene. His presence makes it easier to understand why we aren't doing anything about the fiasco in Iran.



## Specious species: politics

By DAVID S. BRODER

WASHINGTON — It is hard to face a new year of politics. That is a Candid Admission.

For some reason, unknown to me, the Candid Admission is one of the Conspicuous Omissions in an otherwise invaluable guide to such important political and journalistic phenomena as the Battered Bureau-cracy, the Mounting Crisis, the High-Level Adviser and even, spare the mark, the Reliable Source.

Each of these is among the chapter headings in a splendid volume called "A Political Bestiary," which I found under my Christmas tree and which I recommend you quickly acquire for yourself. No one should be without it when the State of the Union and the Budget messages are unveiled.

It is an austerity book for a Time of Austerity. Each chapter consists of two pages. One is a page of text written by a Eugene J. McCarthy and a James J. Kilpatrick. McCarthy is identified as a former Democratic senator from Minnesota, but since every schoolboy knows Minnesota does not send Democrats to the Senate, his real identity remains a mystery.

Kilpatrick is supposed to be a widely syndicated newspaper columnist and famous television commentator, but the newspapers and television networks deny this.

The second page of each chapter consists of a drawing of an imaginary beast embodying the concept, by Jeff MacNelly, the Richmond News Leader's cartoonist, who is an authentic genius.

Since there is no way to convey the delightful wit of the drawings in words, I am forced to quote some of the prose by the supposed McCarthy-Kilpatrick team to give you a flavor of the enterprise.

For example, this year will undoubtedly provide its share of Impasses. The authors note that, "Although Impasses are found in all continents, the most serious Impasse, the most impassive, is to be found in the desert areas of Northern Africa and in the arid regions of the Middle East. For some reason not yet determined, Impasses appear to be moving out of their normal range . . . Newsweek in April 1978 reported a fully verified Impasse in Bagdad. It hung around until summer . . . Investigators found that there was no scarcity of food in the normal range of the Impasse. It is as-

sumed that the Impasse came down to the city to get away from a stale mate in the desert.

It is less likely that 1979 will produce a Consensus on anything, but if it does, McCarthy-Kilpatrick (or whoever they are) have given us a perfect three-paragraph description:

"The Consensus is a problem to the natural scientists. It has no before. It has no after. It is a coming together not unlike the aardvark, which did not evolve from any other animal and is not evolving into any other. It follows that it is no easy job to generate a Consensus.

"The Consensus also is like the Mandate. It can be compared to a Gathering Momentum that has not yet started to move. It has some of the attributes of the Aura. But no one of these — the Mandate, the Momentum or the Aura — can fairly be said to be like a Consensus."

Another of my favorites in the book is the Qualm: "Qualms are seldom found alone. Usually they travel in a pack . . . A few breeders, having caught a pair of Qualms, have raised them in captivity. A most successful group in attracting Qualms and raising them are the Liberal Republicans. Liberal Republicans like Qualms because they can overcome them. Regular Republicans cannot tolerate Qualms."

(That essay is somewhat reminiscent of the musings of an eccentric Irishman who used to hang around press parties in the 1950s and 1960s, making up jokes about Liberal Republicans. I have forgotten his name, but, come to think of it, he too claimed to have been a Democratic senator from Minnesota.)

The final item in this sampler is the Last Priority. "Priorities," they note, "once existed in great numbers, sizes and varieties . . . given such abundance, Priorities became a fad. Everyone had to have them as pets. . . Now only one Priority remains. This is the Last Priority. . . It lives peacefully in a small corner near the White House Rose Garden, feeding on promises and asking only to be loved. President Carter watches it every day."

Whoever MacNelly's collaborators really are, they have rendered a Signal Service. "A Political Bestiary" comes close to being an Urgent Necessity for anyone hoping to survive 1979.

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### Letters to the Editor

## Sorry, wrong number

Editor: The residents of Hotard Hall, also referred to as the Hilton, will be pleased to note that each and every one of them has the same phone number. According to the new A&M student directory, approximately 100 students have the listing 845-4688, when in fact, the rooms in Hotard have no phones.

Actually, this number belongs to a resident of Hart Hall. We at the Hilton would like to apologize to our answering service in Hart and congratulate the directory for one fantastic job.

— Bryan W. Marshall, '82  
— David T. Finley, '82

Editor's note: According to Don Johnson, director of Student Publications and in charge of the production of the directory, the phone number that is listed for each Hotard resident came from a general student listing on computer tapes maintained by the Data Base Systems office of the University for each student. The back of the directory shows that there are no phones for students in Hotard.

### Many thanks

Editor: I would like to take this time to thank the many people of Bryan and College Station who donated to the Mystery Santa fund at

radio station WTAW. A very big thank you also goes to Roger Watkins, WTAW station manager, and to Mrs. Veta Batton, the radio station's receptionist who coordinated all of the funds and Christmas gifts for the needy children of this area.

I would also like to thank the young folks at Bryan High School for the food, clothing and fund drive; the folks at the Texas Agricultural Extension Service at TAMU; the TAMU Society of Engineers; and Lisa Marshall at the TAMU Student Activity Center for the food donations.

I would like to tell all of the above people that through their generosity and kindness during this Christmas season, a lot of needy families were able to have a happy and joyful holiday. Among those helped was a 7-year-old boy who is terminally ill with an inoperable brain tumor, a seriously ill man who needed insulin, and a 7-year-old child with severe sickle cell anemia. There were many more like these who were also helped.

Thank you all for helping me to reach some of these needy families. I thank God that we live in a community where the true spirit of Christmas lives on.

—(Mrs.) Irma Benavides, '73  
Social Worker II

Texas Department of Human Resources  
Bryan

# TOP OF THE NEWS U. CAMPUS

## Shuttle bus service expands

Texas A&M University has added a new intra-campus shuttle bus route to its system. Installed when time-staggered classes were discontinued on the west campus, the new (Blue) route includes stops at the Soil and Crop Sciences Building, the Rudder Tower-Memorial Student Center area, and the Health Services Building. Two buses will be running on the Blue route and an interval of five to six minutes will be expected between them at each stop. The service will be added to the Red and Green routes, both of which run from near the Olin Teaching Building to the College of Veterinary Medicine (one clockwise and one counter-clockwise). All three routes are free to students, faculty, and staff and will operate between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

## Government internships offered

The Southern Regional Training Program in Public Administration, designed to prepare students for careers in government, is now accepting applications for fellowships for the 1979-80 school year. The fellowships, sponsored by the universities of Alabama, Kentucky, and Tennessee, have a value of \$4,600. Winners will serve a 10-week internship during the summer of 1979 and spend the fall semester at the University of Kentucky; after the Christmas holidays one group will attend the University of Alabama and the other the University of Tennessee. Upon completion of the program, they will receive a Certificate in Public Administration. Candidates must be American citizens who hold bachelor's degrees or will receive them by June 1, 1979. Applications may be obtained by writing Coleman B. Ransome, Jr., Director, Southern Regional Training Program in Public Administration, Drawer 1, University, Al. 35486.

## STATE

### South Texas dope rings busted

At least three major Corpus Christi-area heroin rings have been broken up as a result of a four-month undercover investigation entitled "Operation Smack," a Nueces County sheriff's deputy said Saturday. Capt. R. F. Rendon said at least 16 persons had been arrested by late Saturday, including a 72-year-old cab company owner, while authorities were searching for "six or seven more" among the 21 named in 28 sealed indictments returned Friday by a grand jury. "I think with the 21 we broke at least three good organizations," Rendon said.

## NATION

### Car manufacturers raise prices

American Motors Corp. and Volkswagen of America, citing rising costs of building and selling their cars, announced price increases on most of their 1979 models Friday. AMC, in its second price increase in two weeks, said it will raise costs on its passenger cars and Jeeps an average \$144, or 2 percent, effective Monday. Volkswagen, in its first price increase since October, raised prices an average 3.7 percent on Volkswagen, Porsche and Audi models.

## Voters to help finance campaign

Lawmakers have decided the first bill in Congress to be given priority consideration is one that, if passed, will help pay for the cost of getting elected. The first bill to be introduced in the House at the start of the new session Monday will be a proposal for partial public financing of House election campaigns. It's basically the same one that was introduced but failed to win approval during the last Congress. Candidates would be eligible to receive funds from the government to match contributions from other sources of \$100 or less. The matching fund could not exceed 40 percent of the spending ceiling.

## WORLD

### Cambodia, Vietnam to meet

Vietnam and the new Cambodian regime installed by Vietnam's 20-day blitzkrieg announced Saturday their two leaders would meet "soon" in Phnom Penh to end officially their border war and negotiate a friendship treaty. The Vietnamese-led juggernaut captured the last two major Cambodian cities still held by Khmer Rouge forces of the fallen Pol Pot regime, including the temples of Angkor Wat. The United States vetoed the United Nations Security Council Saturday to denounce Vietnam's invasion of Cambodia and demand the immediate withdrawal of Hanoi's troops. U.S. Ambassador Andrew Young threw his support behind a long list of Western and nonaligned speakers who during three days of debate left no doubt that the majority favored a resolution condemning the Vietnamese invasion.

## New Iranian government designed

The shah and Premier Shapour Bakhtiar Saturday reportedly agreed on a five-member regency council to replace the shah and pave the way for his imminent departure from Iran. In Tehran, several hundred thousand anti-government demonstrators marched peacefully through the capital chanting "victory is near" and "death to the shah." There were no reports of violence and many banks, shops and businesses opened for the first time in weeks.

## WEATHER

Increasing cloudiness with warmer temperatures. This morning temperature at Easterwood was 23 degrees. High today of 50 and a low of 40. We have a 20% chance of rain today with southerly winds at 10-15 mph.

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