

SLOUCH by Jim Earle



"Since I wear so many boy's clothes, I thought it might clarify that I'm a girl."

OPINION Mexico should pay

A Mexican ambassador has said that his government will not pay for damages to Texas beaches caused by Ixtoc I.

"It was just an unfortunate accident," he said. So far, Mexico has refused to even discuss paying the damage.

If the tables were turned, and American oil had spilled onto Mexican beaches, Uncle Sam would have already made arrangements to pay for damages — and clean the mess on the beaches.

Before Skylab ever fell, the U.S. government said it would be responsible for any damage caused. The rest of the world expects this.

If we had said Skylab was an "unfortunate accident," the world would have protested and cried "imperialist."

How can Mexico expect the United States to overlook the chocolate-brown muck on our beaches? Or the hundreds of thousands of dollars spent cleaning it up? Or the 50 percent loss in tourist dollars?

We are used to being the big brother of the world — spending billions on foreign aid and rebuilding our enemies' countries after wars.

But we shouldn't have to absorb the cost of the Mexican oil spill.

Mark White, Texas attorney general, has said he will file suit against Mexico for damages. He said there was "apparently a great deal of mismanagement" involved in the well blowout. Already, damage suits totaling \$355 million have been filed against PEMEX (the Mexican oil monopoly) and SEDCO (the drilling firm).

Gov. Bill Clements — who made millions from SEDCO — has refused to demand that Mexico pay. (Clements' son now runs SEDCO.) He has also refused to place any responsibility on SEDCO or the Mexican government.

If Clements had no connection with SEDCO, it is probable his reaction would be different. And the state's approach to the problem would be unified and strengthened.

It may have been an accident, yes. But the United States was willing to pay for its accident with Skylab, and Mexico and SEDCO should accept the same responsibility.

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BRODER Hayden-Fonda duo tap emotional circuit by linking campaign to anti nuclear issue

By DAVID S. BRODER
WASHINGTON — Tom Hayden entered the 1970s urging students to form what he called "a disciplined revolutionary party." He ends the 1970s as co-star with his wife, Jane Fonda, on a national tour promoting semi-socialist schemes through the use of the mass media that his corporate enemies use to peddle their new-model cars.

That many say something about the invincible tendency of the hard-sell element in American culture to engulf even its most strident critics. But it also raises some pertinent questions about the character and condition of what passes for the Left in American politics.

Hayden and Fonda are making a five-week trek through 15 states which will be the site of important 1980 presidential primary and caucus battles. Their stated purpose is to raise the issues of nuclear power and corporate influence on which they think the presidential candidates should be tested next year.

Some of their colleagues in the New Left see them more as outriders for the slow-starting presidential campaign of their friend and patron, California Gov. Edmund G. (Jerry) Brown Jr. (D). But that probably misjudges the extent to which Hayden and Fonda believe that they

themselves are the custodians of the long-term future of a radical alternative to the present power configuration in America.

Hayden is a founder of the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) in the early sixties and an organizer of countless anti-Vietnam demonstrations. He and his actress-activist wife are about the only people to the left of Ted Kennedy and Ralph Nader in American politics with a knack for generating publicity.

While their rallies are scheduled in college auditoriums and occasional union halls, their real audience will be provided by the television cameras of Meet the Press, Good Morning America, The Donahue Show and countless local talk-show. Only in America would the corporate sponsors of commercial network programs provide such a convenient soapbox for the people who are trying to put them out of business.

The success that Hayden and Fonda have had in attracting publicity convinces many of the less glamorous workers in the quarrelsome organizations of the Left that the two are either sell-outs or self-promoters or both. The comments a reporter hears from the people in the activist network about this tour range from the snide to the scatological.

But Hayden, throughout his career, has shown a genius for exploiting the seeming strength of his chosen antagonists. He did it with the cops in Mississippi and Chicago, in his civil-rights and anti-war days, and he did it with John Tunney, the ex-senator, in Hayden's first political campaign. He knows how to provoke the kind of reaction that draws a crowd, and having Fonda as a co-star does not hurt the box office a bit.

Their basic economic plank is one which never has excited much in the way of mass support in America — a proposal for worker and consumer representation in the management and on the boards of the big corporations.

But the Hayden-Fonda duo have tapped into a live circuit of emotion by linking their campaign against the corporations to a call for abandonment of nuclear power in favor of a conservation and solar-energy alternative.

They are making no mistake when they hold their kickoff press conference near the Three Mile Island plant. The fear of a nuclear accident — as dramatized in Fonda's recent film — fuels more political tides than any of their economic theories.

Hayden, who has been looking for a worker-student radical alliance for almost

20 years now, puts great stock in the fact that he and Fonda have been speaking their piece to some hospital workers and auto workers along the way. But it is still far from a mass movement.

In California — where Brown supplied some patronage, and local union victories have gained some momentum — the Hayden-Fonda organization, Campaign for Economic Democracy, manage to attract only 7,500 dues-paying members, by Hayden's own account.

Nonetheless, he claims this tour could help create an anti-nuclear movement for the 1980s. It would be comparable to abolitionism in the 1820s — a case waiting for a President to recognize and certify its legitimacy.

The abolitionists and the trade unionists had to make their mark without the aid of television and a full-blown public machine. "I don't see," Hayden said, "we are risking a failure."

If he is right, this may be the first lull which has to take a continuing bread for a message from its corporate sponsors.

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WINDOW Hard-campaigning First Lady Rosalynn called 'closet adviser' and 'full partner'

By HELEN THOMAS
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WASHINGTON — Rosalynn Carter is taking the lead in seeking her husband's re-election.

The first lady is out in front like no other predecessor in recent times, stumping for the president and leaving no doubt that he will run for another term.

She has become the top fund raiser for the Carter-Mondale Committee, raking in \$850,000 in appearances so far. She also has been in demand as a booster for other Democratic candidates, so much so that last week Carter threatened members of Congress "not to send my wife" to help in their districts unless they offered more cooperation in supporting administration bills.

Mrs. Carter won her spurs as a campaigner when she was on the road for two years seeking votes for her husband's first presidential race.

When the election was won, she moved into the White House and at first appeared somewhat shy and reserved. She took a back seat and quietly began to lay the groundwork for dedication to projects to help the mentally afflicted and the forgotten elderly.

Complaints from her side of the White House began to be heard often, and loud and clear. She argued that her projects were "not sexy" enough to warrant good press coverage or the kind of aroused public she was seeking. She has diligently worked for a comprehensive mental health bill which could be a landmark in that area.

To point up her influence on affairs of state, Mrs. Carter began having weekly luncheons in the Oval Office with her husband. Although many appointments Carter has as private and kept secret, lunches with Mrs. Carter are always on the appointment schedule.

Her power in the White House has been steadily growing. She was at Camp David throughout the deliberations on the Israeli-Egyptian peace accords. She

also sat in on nearly every session during the 12-day "Domestic Summit" searching deliberations by the president after which he purged his Cabinet and took a new stance of demanding total loyalty from his top aides.

Carter and his aides portray Mrs. Carter as his "closest adviser."

When Carter abruptly canceled his energy speech and there were rumors the president's health may be involved, it was Mrs. Carter who took to the road for four days after the Domestic Summit, adopting one litany, saying "I'm happy. He's healthy. He's confident about the future and so am I."

The Washington cocktail circuit likes to say "she's running the country."

Actually, Mrs. Carter is not making war-and-peace decisions, but her husband does appear to consider her a full partner.

No one doubts that Mrs. Carter wants her husband to run, and to stay in it till the end. She is a fighter and she has her dander up. Whereas other ladies may have had some doubts about whether they really wanted to live in the White House, Mrs. Carter has none.

When Kennedy first began to indicate in strong ways that he plans to seek a presidency, it was Mrs. Carter who took on the role of "point woman," asserting that her husband would win another term.

When she was asked whether she thought the president would win the South in the next election, she looked defiant. "The South," she said, "the whole country. She has spent much of September on the road, making political appearances. Her speeches are beginning to dwell on the president's record of accomplishment."

"It doesn't matter what Kennedy does," she said repeatedly, "it is what Jimmy is doing for the country."

On her return to the White House from her southern swing, Mrs. Carter appeared happy, upbeat and rarin' to go again. She felt that she had won a lot of votes for her husband which is her aim in life today.

Congressmen won't admit wanting to raise own pay

Even for a Congress accustomed to parliamentary sleight-of-hand, it was a sneaky scheme. House members, fearful of outraging their constituents by voting themselves a pay increase, tried an end run. On a non-recorded voice vote, they approved a \$4,025 annual pay increase for the members of Congress. Yet when opponents forced a rollcall vote — lol — the worm

had turned, and the pay-raise proposal was narrowly defeated.

How readily doth the harsh glare of publicity compel politicians to change their ways. Barely an hour before the first non-recorded vote was taken, more than 400 of the 435 House members had stood in the chamber for their official House photograph. With the pay-raise issue coming up

for a vote, the place suddenly thinned out. The standing vote was 156 for the pay increase, 54 against.

Members began to think how such a vote would look back home. With the federal budget deficit already at more than \$30 billion, with most families squeezed by climbing taxes and prices (and none too disposed to think well of Congress in any

event), a fat pay raise was the last Congress needed. As New Jersey Republican Rep. Millicent Fenwick served tartly: "We're not being too nice with the people. We justify the country that the American people have in Congress."

Providence (R.I.) Journal-Bulletin

LETTERS How can a school with military emphasis engage a former draft-dodger to speak?

Editor: This is specifically addressed to member of MSC Black Awareness and Great Issues.

How could you possess the audacity to invite a former draft evader to speak on "world peace" at a university which places a heavy emphasis on cherishing the memories of all the old Aqs which DID serve and DID die for their country? — Kenzy Hallmark, '81

Tired of Fonda

Editor: Jane Fonda strikes again!

First she raved about how the North Vietnamese Communists did not torture American P.O.W.s thus branding as liars hundreds of P.O.W.s who returned to contradict her. Then she raved about human rights in the U.S. while overlooking the mass genocide practiced by her comrades in Vietnam, Cambodia, and Laos. And now she and her husband, Tom Hayden, are starting a tour of fifty U.S. cities and colleges this fall. She will receive student fee honorariums for speaking on "Economic Democracy: Priorities for the 1980's," a subject she is not qualified to address. She's a college dropout with no training at all in economics.

"I would think that if you understood what Communism was, you would hope, you would pray on your knees that we would someday become Communists." — Jane Fonda, Michigan State University. Is this the kind of philosophy any student fees anywhere should promote?

I don't know about most Aggies, but I am tired of the "idealistic dissidents" like Jane Fonda who leave their estates to rant and rave about how repressive America is and who support every extremist cause

from the People's Temple cult to the Sandinista terrorists.

"The Church that I relate to most is called the People's Temple (which provides) a sense of what life should be about." — Jane Fonda 1977. (They had such a fine sense of what life should be about that they committed mass suicide.)

I think it is time Aggies and all Americans reaffirm our commitments to the free enterprise system, reduced government involvement in our lives and increased freedom to keep and spend what we earn so that our market economy can continue to give us the best standard of living ever known to man.

— Lilli K. Dollinger, '81
President, TAMU Young Americans for Freedom

To spend or sleep?

Editor: — FLASH —

The Ho-hum frustration of school has begun to take its toll. Bag monsters are preparing for a frightfully busy season of bagging poor "innocent" students into their cumbersome sleep. They have also bought an extra shipment of bags for under the eye insertion — in order to mark their next victims.

To combat this, grocery stores have stocked up on Vivarin, No Doze, coffee, tea, ... and in their cruel and unending quest to maximize profits, have upped the price of it all.

Students are caught between the need for protection and the degradation of education to sleep. The pain continues — students sit nervously in class watching wondering what their innocent — or broved professors will say and do.

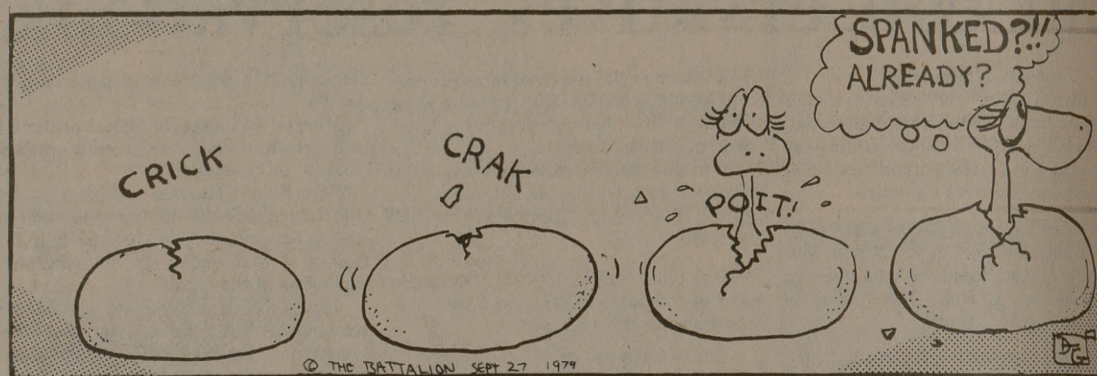
Then it's off to the bookstore where the student's "tools for a better education."

Ah — but wait a minute — this has to be a dream. Do we students not live in an artificial world? We have no real responsibilities or worries. Oh! What an easy we lead! We need only to make sure A's to get off schol pro — to pacify our dad and personal satisfaction.

College — so easy and oh so trivial but, oh so true?!

—Michelle Gant

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by Doug Graham