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"I think it's stupid for you to order a bottle of invisible paint, but it's double-stupid to blow up a bottle of the stuff!"

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No service in service stations

It was quite a shock paying \$1.10 a gallon for unleaded gas the other day at the neighborhood service station.

And it was quite sobering to realize the price will probably go up again before the weekend. At least it wouldn't be a surprise.

But complaining about the price does nothing to lower it. The oil companies continue to make huge profits and scream that they really didn't make that much money.

Maybe the price of gas wouldn't be so bothersome if it payed for more than the gas itself.

Not too long ago, 33 cents would buy a gallon of gas and the service station attendant would put the gas in your tank, throw in a free oil check, wash your windshield and wish you a nice day.

Now you get a gallon of gas for \$1.10 and a smirk from the person behind the glass booth.

Of course there are some service stations around that will wash your windshield and check your oil, but you have to pay about a nickel more for the gasoline.

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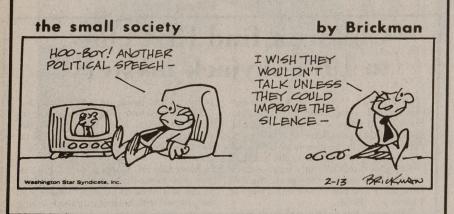
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Maybe it wouldn't hurt to pay so much if you got some service at a service station. For free. It might improve the image of the oil companies too.



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By DAVID S. BRODER In his newly published biography of the vice-president, "Mondale: Portrait of an American Politician," author Finaly Lewis definitively buries the widespread notion that Walter F. Mondale is a lazy politician who has been lucky enough to inherit by appointment a series of increasingly important jobs.

Lucky, yes; lazy no, Lewis shoes. It was by dint of hard work for his party and its leaders that Mondale made himself the plausible choice to be named attorney general of Minnesota, senator from that state, and vice-president. Had he not done the scut-work of organizing and campaigning for others, over the years, Mondale might still be practicing law back in Minneapolis.

In this context, what Mondale is doing for Jimmy Carter in the 1980 campaign is part of a pattern — a repeat of the chores he performed earlier for Orville Freeman and Hubert H. Humphrey. While the sequestered President remains on his pedestal, Mondale has been slogging it out on behalf of the ticket in Iowa, Maine and New Hampshire.

For Mondale, the effort is an investment in both the short-term and the long-term future. Six months ago, he talked like a man who half-expected to be out of office at the end of 1980. "Ted will be tough," he would remark back then, speaking of his friend, Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, who has reacted with increasing irritation to Mondale's campaign jibes. Mondale now tells questioners that he

was sure that Carter would recover in the polls as soon as he was matched "against a man and not a myth." But last fall, a great many Minnesota Democrats received the clear impression that Mondale expected to be coming home after the 1980 election, intent on trying to recapture his old Senate seat — just as Humphrey had done when his four years in the vice-presidency ended in defeat.

But circumstances have changed dramatically since then. While Carter and Mondale are far from cinches to be renominated and reelected, they are even farther from consignment to the political junk-heap. What becomes evident to those covering Mondale is that the vice-president is put ting himself in position to be a formidable contender for the presidency in 1984. There is no telling what the opposition might be, but it could well include the 1980 challengers, Kennedy and Gov. Edmund G. (Jerry) Brown Jr., plus any of a dozen

younger Democrats who are poised on the brink of national recognition.

But there is no mystery about the assets Mondale would command if he were running for President as the incumbent vicepresident four years from now. The first would be the support of a White House and administration that have clearly learned how to exploit the political power of incumbency. There can be no doubt that Mon-dale would be Jimmy Carter's candidate to succeed himself in the presidency — with all the benefits and liabilities such support could bring.

But this campaign is making it clear that Mondale has important assets of his own to apply to such an effort. Aside from his personal qualities that have fueled his rise, the Mondale resource most admired by Demostaff headed by three of the most astute young political operators in the party — Jim Johnson, Dick Moe and Mike Berman.

All three are Minnesotans, but they are not parochial. Johnson has made himself an expert on the politics of Iowa and Illinois, and in traveling with Mondale, has built his own close working relations with leading Democrats in such other early delegate selection states as Maine, New Hampshire

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and Wisconsin. Anyone who looks at the politi der from a Mondale perspect by the fact by the fact that he has geographical and political affinit these states, the states that come the process and that have disproput influence on the outcome.

Is 1984 on Mondale's mind? His paign speeches are impeccably pr a devoted associate's hymn of praise incumbent President.

Mondale barely mentions himse til the very end of his stump speed after imploring his audience at less reaffirm Carter's tenure, he lifts is as if signaling a benediction, and a you do that, you get something very excited about — you get Wa Mondale!"

It is done with a light touch that the listeners to laugh as well as the anyone who thinks it's accidental dale has figured out how to end every speech with is own nameter's - echoing in the air, needs to? Finlay Lewis' book.

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