

SLOUCH by Jim Earle



"Last week? You mean we were supposed to come back last week?"

OPINION

Khomeini reneged on deal

For the second time Ayatollah Khomeini has doublecrossed President Carter and U.N. Secretary General Waldheim and made them look foolish and naive.

Waldheim, with Carter's approval, made a "gentleman's agreement" (that Waldheim's handpicked commission would go to Tehran and write a report critical of the deposed shah and the United States in return for the release of the 53 American hostages).

An old-world diplomat, Waldheim soon learned he was negotiating not with gentlemen but bazaar hagglers. Once the commission was at work digging up anti-American propaganda, Khomeini reneged, decreeing that the prisoners could be freed only by parliament, not yet elected.

Another part of the deal was the commission was to visit all the hostages to determine their condition — that part of the bargain has also been welshed on.

Khomeini, who had added blackmail to his other talents, even dreamed up a new outrage: the commission must publish its report before it can meet the hostages. In other words, if its findings aren't anti-shah and anti-American enough, the captives might suffer.

The Carter-Waldheim move to appease Khomeini has degenerated into farce. Before the United States and United Nations lose any more dignity, Waldheim should forbid the commission to publish any of its pro-Iranian report.

True, that will not resolve the hostage situation, but it will show the world that even a commission slanted in Iran's favor couldn't deal with the crazies there.

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Political free-for-all overshadows presidential primaries in Illinois

By ARNOLD SAWISLAK
United Press International
CHICAGO — There is a saying that "all politics is local." If you want to know what that means in its fullest sense, come to Chicago when an election is coming and the partisan blood is up in the Second City.

A touch of background. As the politicos had it figured out last fall, Illinois was going to decide who was going to get the Democratic presidential nomination in 1980.

The way it was supposed to go was that Ted Kennedy would sweep New England, Jimmy Carter would lock up the southern primaries and Illinois would be the neutral ground on which the Battle of Hastings for this political year would be fought.

That isn't quite the way it happened, but even so Illinois retained enough interest so that it could at least be called "important" if not "crucial." Until the national news media arrived and found out what it really was all about.

As it turned out, nobody here really was that interested in who was going to be elected Leader of the Free World in 1980. What Chicago wanted to know was who was going to be the Cook County state's attorney.

More background. When Jane Byrne beat the Democratic machine's candidate for mayor last year, she also assumed that the political prerequisites of the job, as defined by the late Richard J. Daley, came with it.

For Daley, that sometimes included deciding who was going to run for president, but it always meant deciding who was going to run for clerk of court and state's attorney.

So Mrs. Byrne plunged into national politics, teasing Carter but endorsing Kennedy. Her not completely graceful performance caused some grumbling in the ranks and some clumsy talk from Washington about cutting off federal largess.

But she really dared the lightning by

sponsoring an alderman named Ed Burke to run for state's attorney against Richard M. Daley, son of "da mare." Civil war ensued.

By the weekend before the primary, it was clear Mayor Byrne not only had a problem, but in fact was a large part of it. Both Kennedy and Burke were far behind in the polls, causing fear and trepidation in the ranks of the Chicago precinct captains at the thought that the city might defy the mayor.

Mrs. Byrne did not seem to be relating to what was happening. She was going around denouncing Carter in terms that would make Ronald Reagan blanch and declaring airily that as always she would support the presidential candidate of her party.

Burke, by this time, was pleading with people not to vote against him just because they hated the mayor. Kennedy, after persuading the mayor that it was not good form to say the president of the United States

could not march in her St. Patrick's parade because he was "English," was campaigning in Connecticut.

He returned for the big parade, much of which he somehow managed to separate from Mrs. Byrne, who was attracting what are called cheerleaders on Bronx.

When the returns came in, Ed Burke went belly up and Mrs. Byrne, as her press secretary (who also is a band), "ain't turning cartwheels." Kennedy was swamped.

None of this confused Chicagoans had outsiders bewildered. Two British reporters came into a hotel and asked their American counterparts an argument: "Colin, here, claims politics most resembles those of the other hand, insist that this comparison is with Belfast."



LETTERS Caperton attended A&M, but is no Aggie

Editor:

In the March 18 issue of The Battalion, Senate candidate Kent Caperton stressed the importance of the Permanent University Fund for A&M. I hope Mr. Caperton doesn't think we're so stupid that we would forget that it was he who went down to Prairie View A&M and said, "A&M is shortchanging Prairie View." At Prairie View, Mr. Caperton (who claims to be an Aggie, but doesn't act like one) said one thing that "stabs A&M in the back," then he tells us another thing.

The fact is that Caperton was willing to sell us out of some votes at Prairie View. He implied that we should give more of our fund money to Prairie View. Which of our buildings would he give away to Prairie View? Mr. Caperton may have attended this school for awhile, but he's no AGGIE! Not when he'll sell us out that cheap!

Frank E. Mann III, '80

Library rules verified

Editor:

The news story which appeared in The Battalion on Thursday, March 20, concerning the availability of carrels and lockers in the Evans Library contains some incorrect information which I trust can be corrected by simply setting forth the salient points in the carrel and locker policies approved by Library Council on March 5, 1980.

As in the past, carrels may be assigned for the semester to faculty for the purposes of preparing books, papers, or specific research projects which require heavy use of library materials, and to graduate students who are working on a thesis or dissertation or preparing a proposal for either. A graduate student's eligibility for a carrel must be verified in writing by the chairman of the

individual's committee.

Additionally, the carrel policy now provides that short-term carrels, two months or less, are also available to faculty and graduate students for research projects. For a short-term carrel assignment, a graduate student needs written verification from his/her committee chairman that he/she is working on the professional paper, record or study, or research project report which is required in order to graduate. This provision provides for the assignment of carrels on a short-term basis to graduates

who are not required to write a thesis or dissertation but who are required to write a terminal paper in order to graduate. This new provision makes carrels available to more graduate students than under the previous policy, and graduate students who qualify for short-term carrel assignments may apply for these at the Administration Office, Room 200, Evans Library.

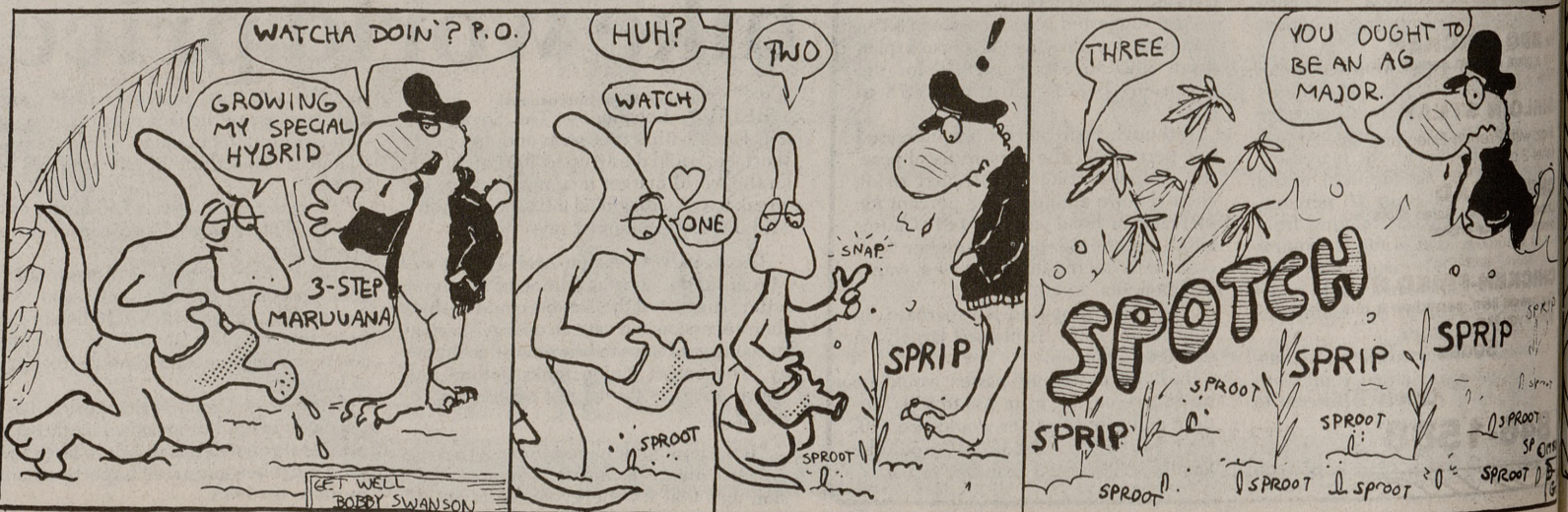
The carrel policy does not provide assignment of carrels to seniors, but new locker policy approved by the Library Council does provide that seniors may begin during the third week of the semester, apply for lockers which were assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. Graduate students will have first priority on the assignment of lockers.

The additional carrels and lockers in new library facility have made it possible for more graduate students to be eligible for carrels, and for seniors, for the time, to be eligible for lockers.

Copies of the carrel and locker policies are available from the Administration Office, Room 200, Evans Library.

Evelyn M. ... Assistant Director for Collection Management

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By Doug Graham

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