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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 16, 1976

MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT

FROM: DOUG SMITH



For your information relative to the nuclear decision paper, Gwen forwarded the two articles attached.



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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

9-14-76

TO: Doug Smith.

FROM: GWEN ANDERSON

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Tri-City Herald

Glenn C. Lee, Publisher

R. F. Philip, President

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Sunday September 12, 1976

Carter to the bottom

Tri-Citians should put Jimmy Carter at the bottom of their list. That's where he puts nuclear energy.

Any doubts about his position were dispelled here Thursday by Carter's son, Jack.

"I don't see Hanford booming under dad," he said.

Son Jack didn't quite say that if his father was elected President, the breeder program would be scrapped. But the Tri-City Nuclear Council directors and political leaders who heard him speak could only believe he meant just that.

Jack Carter said nuclear power plants now operating would continue to operate and those under construction would be completed. But beyond that would be de-emphasis. Research and development money would be cut and diverted to higher-priority projects like solar and geothermal—nuclear would be starved to death.

Experts on energy from Exxon, Battelle, Westinghouse and United Nuclear would hardly believe their ears.

Carter, his son said, proposes to supply the nation's energy needs mainly with coal.

The nation has great untapped coal resources, as Jack Carter said, but the National Environmental Policy Act, the Clean Air Act, the uncompromising hostility of the no-growth environmentalists, inadequate rail

transportation, a lack of necessary machinery in the mines and other obstacles, as the experts were quick to point out, make generation of sufficient energy from coal virtually impossible.

Tri-City leaders who have worked 15 years to turn the economy of this community around to make Hanford a nuclear energy center, were shocked at Carter's naivete.

Those who had read his speech May 13 at the United Nations in New York were not surprised, however. The speech defined in detail his position on nuclear energy.

It could have been written by Ralph Nader.

The "reasons" Carter cited for keeping U. S. dependence on nuclear power "to the minimum" ran the Nader gamut of fear of radioactive wastes to fear of terrorists who might steal plutonium and make weapons.

He added that "beyond these dangers there is the fearsome prospect that the spread of nuclear reactors will mean the spread of nuclear weapons to many nations."

Carter proposed in his U. N. speech to meet this "fearsome prospect" with "international action," demonstrating he's as naive about foreign relations as about energy.

Tri-Citians who vote for Carter should have their heads examined.

Unjust delays

There is an old saying that "justice delayed is justice denied." It's more than a cliché.

The state Supreme Court the other day dismissed charges of receiving the earnings of a prostitute because it took 104 days to bring the accused man to trial. The state's speedy-trial law requires trial within 90 days after charges are filed.

The escape was attempted Aug. 21, 1971.

Five years later almost to a day five convicts were found guilty and three were acquitted.

The trial lasted 16 months and cost California more than \$2.25 million.

It probably will be several more years before the appeals are decided.

Voice of the people Businessmen-c

DEAR EDITOR:

Leave it to the "ingenuity" of the American entrepreneur to make money on anything and everything.

The businessman doctor who is first a businessman, golf player, and socialite — and only incidentally a doctor, has waxed fat "on the dollars taxpayers believed were going for the care of the indigent sick.

Businessmen doctors are not the only group of businessmen who have become big business for all types of American entrepreneurs who have found the mediocrity and stupidity of the average bureaucratic administrator no match for his own superior ability.

In no other bureau of government is so much money spent with so little accountability and control as there is in our social programs for the poor. There is, also perhaps, no other operation of government where there is such a dire need for people with intelligence and ability as there is in our social programs.

These programs have been given to competent people and become "easy" highly intelligent criminal."

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DEAR EDITOR

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Callers,

"I believed your comments on the Olympia scene for a long time," said the letter from the lady in Seattle. "But since you have spent so much time denouncing President Nixon while overlooking the crimes of his Democratic predecessors as well as that reprobate Ted Kennedy, I'll always doubt your veracity as long as your column appears!

"Where were you when that reprobate Johnson was President? Hiding your head in the sand? You Nixon attackers had better get caught up on American history. From Wilson on, most of the Democratic presidents have broken almost every rule in the book.

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Today's News Today

Carter would slow growth at Hanford

By JIM PHILIP

Herald Political Writer

Jack Carter said Thursday he presumes Hanford would benefit more under President Ford than his father Jimmy Carter.

"I don't see Hanford booming under dad," Carter, 29, said in a Pasco interview before going to Richland to speak to the Tri-City Nuclear Industrial Council directors. "But it won't become defunct."

"There will always be a place for nuclear research and a need for nuclear fuel," he added before explaining to TCNIC his father's stands on nuclear power and the liquid metal fast breeder reactor program.

He said in an interview that President Ford is a more avid supporter of construction of nuclear power reactors and that some research money now going to the breeder program would be shifted to studying alternative energy sources, such as solar or geothermal power.

Carter said he didn't know what impact his father's policies would have on the liquid fast breeder reactor planned at Clinch River or the \$647 million Fast Flux Test Facility at Hanford.

But he later told TCNIC he assumes that the FFTF will be completed, since it's already two-thirds complete. "Dad does not feel the breeder program is useless. He wants to shift emphasis."

"I don't like what I heard," one TCNIC director said after Carter left.

"He's not anti-nuclear," Carter said of his dad. "My father's not afraid of nuclear energy. He knows you can make it safe."

But Carter said his father would emphasize other energy sources, primarily, coal, and fill the gap until alternative sources can meet energy demands with nuclear power. Nuclear power is his father's last choice, he said.

Carter said the U.S. has available 300 years of mineable, clean-burning coal.

Carter also said his father doesn't believe private industry has instituted adequate safety standards.

Safety standards proposed by the Democratic nominee include placing reactor cores below ground level, sealing structures that house nuclear plants, standardizing plant design and locating power plants at isolated sites.

Carter's son said he expects nuclear plants now under construction would be completed and future ones carefully scrutinized.

"If there's any de-emphasis on nuclear power and the people that de-emphasize it are wrong, what are we going to do?" asked TCNIC director Gene Hintz.

Hintz and other directors



The famous Carter smile was flashed in Pasco Thursday as Jack Carter, son of Democratic presidential candidate Jimmy Carter, greeted a gathering of Democrats, including Bill Shaffer of Richland. (Herald photo by Bob Woehler)

warned of potential brownouts and unemployment problems if nuclear and coal plants are not built as fast as possible to meet energy demands.

The directors also pointed out that environmentalists oppose tearing up land to get the coal. "By the time you get the coal we need, we'll be froze dead," said Ron Robinson.

Replied Carter: "Dad is an environmentalist, but he's practical. He would choose a warm winter over a pretty field."

Glenn C. Lee, TCNIC secretary, asked Carter whether his father would consider repealing or amending the Environmental Protection Act and Clean Air Act "so we can burn the coal."

Carter said no. He said he expects a national strip mining bill to set guidelines.

TCNIC Director Tommy Ambrose said nuclear power is needed to meet energy demands. "You can't bring on coal fast enough."

Sam Volepentest, TCNIC executive vice president, asked Carter why his father

"embraced ... Ralph Nader."

Nader "has haunted me every place I've been," said Carter. "Dad empathizes with some of the things that Nader has done. As a businessman, Dad knows there are some limitations. He will look to things from a consumer viewpoint."

Lee also asked where Carter was getting his information for speeches on nuclear power.

He pointed to a speech by Carter in which the presidential candidate opposed starting up a \$1 billion atomic waste reprocessing plant in South Carolina and opposed future reprocessing plants until further determinations are made about waste management.

"That will kill nuclear power," Lee said.

Carter promised Lee he would find out who wrote the speech and who provided the speechwriter with the information.

Carter also promised to take back information provided by TCNIC to his father.

Indian airliner hijacked

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — Authorities negotiated today with hijackers holding an Indian Airlines jetliner with at least 78 persons aboard at Lahore and demanding fuel so they could go on to an unspecified destination, the government said.

The Boeing 737 carried 77 passengers and seven crew members when it was hijacked on a domestic flight over India early today and flown to Lahore, Pakistan, about 180 miles south of Islamabad, officials said. Six passengers who became ill were reported released.

Aitsan Ahsan, information officer for the Province of Punjab, said the passengers were being looked after well and had been provided with lunch. He said those released had received medical aid.

He told reporters at the Lahore airport the hijackers' nationality was not known but they wanted to fly to some country in Africa.

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Weather

Fair tonight and Saturday but with increasing high clouds Saturday. High in the 80s. Lows in 40s and lows 50s. Winds variable 5 to 15 m.p.h. Chance of measurable rain near zero through tonight and 10 per cent Saturday. High Thursday 81, low this morning 41. High a year ago 91, low 47. Normal for Sept. 9, high 83, low 54. Details Page 21.

Screen pass blocked

BANGKOK — Kissing is expensive as well as bad for health under new legislation passed in Bangkok today.

Prompted by concern over cleanliness and hygiene in public places, the municipal council has adopted a resolution forbidding movie-goers to kiss.

Defenders will be fined 500 bhat (\$25) each time they are caught. The same legislation restricts smoking in theaters and buses to specially designated areas.

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