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Zarb Makes His Mark on the Hill

In consecutive breakfast meetings Tuesday morning at the White House and on Capitol Hill, Federal Energy Administrator Frank Zarb won a bloodless victory in a battle of wills with hardboiled Western Republican senators which reinforces his stature as a rising force in a fading administration.

At 7:20 a.m., Zarb breakfasted in the west wing of the White House with Sen. James McClure of Idaho. A half hour later, they drove up Pennsylvania Avenue to join Sens. Paul Fannin of

December, Zarb decided on 30-year-old computer expert Zausner as one of his two deputies. But Zausner at FEA has taken stands ruggedly independent of big oil. Thus, the muscular oil lobby immediately plotted a campaign to block his nomination.

The oil lobbyists quickly won allies among senators offended by Zausner's brash manner. Soon, however, the issue became a symbolic stand for conservative Westerners demanding something from a President the

appointed other deputy, the popular John Hill, who has been energy chief at the Office of Management and Budget. Zausner would be confined to FEA'S inner sanctum where, said Zarb, his computer expertise is desperately needed. Furthermore, Zarb diplomatically lectured the senators about seeming to be a cat's paw for the oil lobby's campaign against Zausner.

Grudging agreement was thus obtained. But the oil lobby has not ad-

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George F. Will

The Day Our Nation Began

Perhaps there would have been less history-making confusion on Lexington green that morning 200 years ago—April 19, 1775—if everyone had spent a more restful night. But the 700 Redcoats had been marching from Boston since midnight, and the colonists' sleep had been disturbed by that silversmith who had spread alarm through every Middlesex village and farm.



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Kissinger and Jackson: The Feud Goes On

A private letter demanding major reassessment of U.S. policy toward Iran because of the Shah's new agreement with Iraq marks another escalation in the bitter feud between Secretary of State Henry Kissinger and Sen. Henry Jackson.

Jackson's letter, hand-delivered to the State Department March 22, berated Iran for "precipitous" policy shift in settling a smoldering dispute

No sooner did South Vietnamese armies retreat in panic than Communist authorities ordered the death of local government officials, suggesting the blood bath long predicted to accompany Saigon's collapse.

Central Office South Vietnam (COSVN), Communist high command for the war's southern sector based in Tan Ninh Province, issued a new di-

politician. "No way she can turn down the best fundraiser in the Republican Party."

A footnote: While Reagan infiltrates the Ford-dominated national committee, the President also plays that game across the continent. Meetings of California politicians and money men with Mr. Ford during his Palm Springs vacation were put together by Republican State Chairman Paul Haerle, ea-

David S. Broder

The Word From Grand Rapids

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.—When the editors of the Grand Rapids Press give their views on the performance of the Ford administration, they are aware of a fact that few other small-city editors must keep in mind. Home town boy Gerald Ford is almost certain to see what they say.

So last Sunday's editorial, warning that the "ill advised campaign to ignite

*"This is a different
Jerry Ford from
when he took office.
He has seemed more
political."*

Paul Henry, the young Calvin College professor who became Kent County Republican chairman last December, praised Mr. Ford at length for having the personal qualities that "make my students say, not at all cynically, that he's just a guy off the streets, a lot more experienced than they are, but with no different qualities."

"They like his trustworthiness," Henry said, but then added, with a meaningful pause for emphasis: "It's hard to maintain that when he slips into partisanship, as he did on the Vietnam thing."

Jack Anderson

The Power to Prosecute—And Its Abuse

The power to prosecute, which above all other government processes should be free of politics, has been abused by a succession of attorneys general.

The disturbing habit of putting political expediency ahead of legal impartiality, moreover, has become more pronounced in the past 35 years.

These are the findings of a House Judiciary Committee study, which has traced the history of the Justice Department back to the beginning. Indeed, the findings are so embarrassing that the study has now been suppressed.

However, we have obtained a bootleg copy, which was already in page proofs before Judiciary Chairman Peter Rodino (D-N.J.) ordered it with-

“The suppressed study declares bluntly that the Justice Department ‘has been vulnerable to political abuse and manipulation.’”

form “effective oversight . . . (of) improper political pressures applied to the department.”

Ironically, the study was supposed to be a starting point for just such an oversight investigation. House Judiciary staff members, General Accounting Office investigators and Library of Congress researchers, specialists in

the Justice Department was organized in 1870. For the previous 100 years, the attorney general had only a small staff.

After 1870, “many attorneys general appeared to take a different view of their obligations. (They) appeared to see their ultimate responsibility as be-

to the direction of Justice Department attorneys who serve at the President's pleasure.”

Yet the appointment of special prosecutors hasn't assured impartial prosecution. Prior to Watergate, special prosecutors were appointed “to investigate allegations of malfeasance against the Executive Branch” in three instances—the Whiskey Ring, Teapot Dome and the Truman tax scandals.

Just as President Nixon fired his first special prosecutor, Presidents Grant and Truman “fired their special prosecutors when the direction and nature of the investigation proved politically embarrassing . . . In the eyes of the presidents who appointed them, the special

Rockefeller, Not Butz, to Attend Chiang Rites

By Lou Cannon

Washington Post Staff Writer

TRAVIS AIR FORCE

BASE, Calif., April 13—

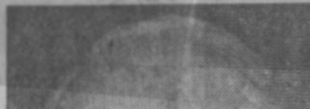
President Rockefeller was sent today by President Ford as the U.S. emissary to Chiang Kai-shek's funeral after the Taiwan government and two U.S. senators complained that it would be an insult to send

tion Taiwan in his foreign policy speech to Congress last Thursday.

This omission angered the Taiwan government, which still calls itself the Republic of China. Taiwan was further incensed because President Ford talked of improving relations with the People's Republic of China, the mainland Chi-

grounds that the work load of the Supreme Court was too heavy.

One official said that former Interior Secretary Rogers C. B. Morton, recently named as Commerce Secretary, also was sounded out with negative results. The administration then turned to Butz, a choice that was considered an insult by Taiwan because of Butz's relatively low rank in the Cabinet.



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Detente and 'Troubled Waters'

The Elysee Palace has passed the word that President Valery Giscard d'Estaing may break French policy of the last decade by attending a NATO summit meeting late in May, a surprising message indicating European alarm at the suddenly fallen fortunes of the United States.

No French President has ever at-

"President Ford's toughest job is to find ways for the United States to escape further defeats within the same detente framework."

Communists—underscore a key phrase in Mr. Ford's distended speech to Congress last Thursday night.

"As long as I'm President," he said, "we will not permit detente to become a license to fish in troubled waters."

Those words reflect both the hard-line policy of Secretary of State Henry Kissinger and the specific recommendation made directly to the Oval Of-

Service Agency's Hiring Held to Violate Rules

By Douglas Watson
Washington Post Staff Writer

Personnel practices at ACTION, the federal voluntary service agency that includes the Peace Corps and Vista, have been criticized by Civil

Civil Service Commission standards."

Joseph F. Bass Jr., president of an ACTION employee union, charged that many of the job reclassifications were not required by the commission and have been unfairly initi-

page, "For U.S. Government Use Only."

ACTION officials on Friday said the report's charges either were wrong at the time of the commission's 1973-74 review or changes have

with the commission over this proposed change. The commission's spokesman said the proposed shift could involve displacement of present employees, but that none has been displaced thus far.

The commission's report also says, "Most (ACTION) supervisors and managers are not carrying out their responsibilities with respect to employee counseling, development, recognition and position classification."

Bourbon denied the allegation, saying ACTION officials are continually focusing on those areas. "I think there's been vast improvement" he

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Jack, the wording of the refugee movement sentence is accurate, so the NSC advises me, only to the extent that the refugees did not permit themselves to either be overtaken by the Communists by remaining in place, nor did they move to the rear to be absorbed by the Communist advance more rapidly. The refugees sought rather, to keep moving ahead of the Communist advance, thereby remaining in a continuously endangered situation, and sought to do whatever they could to keep from falling into Communist hands.

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Is this correct?

Rowland Evans and Robert Novak

Why the Vietnamese Collapsed

The collapse in South Vietnam, so stunning and unexpected in both Washington and Hanoi, can be traced to disastrous interaction between President Nguyen Van Thieu's personality — authoritarian, stubborn but impulsive — with new military conditions.

For the White House to cast all blame on congressional reduction of military aid is propagandistic overkill, privately admitted as such by expert administration analysts. Even farther from the truth are American doves

“Military withdrawal without prior planning was unlikely to succeed. What doomed it was the flood of civilian refugees which began immediately.”

Richard M. Nixon was in the White House no matter what Congress pro-

Emboldened by Phuoc Binh, Hanoi last month struck at Ban Me Thuot. Loss of that remote provincial capital

south — immediately. Lt. Gen. Ngo Quang Truong, corps commander in the northern provinces and the ARVN's most esteemed officer, objected but had no chance to debate.

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Chief Aide To Nessen Is Selected

William I. Greener Jr., who has had wide experience as a government information officer, is being moved to the White House as chief deputy to press secretary Ron Nessen.

An announcement of Greener



Trade Posts Set for Two

By Carole Shifrin
Washington Post Staff Writer

ant secretary for marketing and consumer services.

Before joining the government, Yeutter headed the Nebraska Mission, a technical assistance program in South America funded by the Ford Foundation, Agency for International Develop-

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access to the gun.

Ford Dismays His Team

BY J. F. terHORST

WASHINGTON—In the aftermath of his State of the World message, President Ford's inability to comprehend the potentially disastrous effect of recent personal decisions is dismaying many of his top advisers outside the White House.

As they tick them off:

Ford golfed while South Vietnam was disintegrating.

Not until Secretary of State Kissinger returned from his abortive Middle East trip did the National Security Council finally find time to grapple with the crises in Vietnam, Cambodia, Cyprus and Portugal.

Rogers C. B. Morton continues as head of

office at the White House, his authority is undermined by the Ford decision to make counselor John O. Marsh the top Administration man on relations with Capitol Hill.

The list could go on, but it serves to illustrate the problems that Ford advisers outside government believe he must solve before his young Administration will look credible.

"The trouble is that the President is a nice guy who hates to knock heads even when he needs to do it," one of them observed.

Another Ford man who served on his transition team is perturbed over the President's eagerness to keep Kissinger aboard as secretary of state—a benediction that the betes

The Week of the Shot

We await the bicentennial, but it is here already. Next year may bring the tourist hordes seeking the Revolutionary places, consuming millions of mass-produced souvenirs, but this is the week that ignited it all. For Saturday is the day of the shot that reverberated finally, as Emerson said, around the world. And Friday night is the night of Revere's feverish ride—"on the eighteenth of April, in Seventy-five," and so forth, after the lanterns were swung.

Upon all this, there will be much reflection as the week progresses, on how it was then, and how it is with us now — upon our stewardship of the legacy of those days. No doubt the appropriate ceremonies at Lexington and Concord will be televised, at least in part. We shall hear the

which hopes to hold Saturday's crowd of onlookers to 100,000, failing which it may take a worse pounding than the redcoats ever inflicted there. Helicopters will circle and National Guard troops will try to keep the celebration from getting out of hand. As always, we expect, Massachusetts will manage.

The first shot at Concord bridge, however, cannot be duplicated under such conditions with any realism; someone who was there is supposed to have said that "it whistled fine." A singing ball on the clear April air, changing everything. But apparently no one really wanted to shoot as the day began. Those colonials mainly were set on preserving the rights they already had, against recent usurpations. The

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Kissinger Survives Skirmish

With Some Ford Aides

By Fred Barnes

Washington Star Staff Writer

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Kissinger's displeasure quickly fo-

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Playing 'Hardball' on Energy

Frustrated by a chaotic "reform" Congress beyond the control of Democratic chairmen who cannot deliver the votes of their committees, President Ford is on the verge of imposing another dollar import tax on oil May 1 to renew his energy confrontation with

"The subcommittee adopted a Maguire amendment for government-ordered reduction of gasoline without rationing,

vere. Nevertheless Ullman lacks authority to bull through a compromise, and Ways and Means Democrats are intent on an import quota plan which the administration claims will lead to allocation controls.

Further compounding the chaos, the Senate has been moving on a totally

The Budget and the Congress

THE NEW CONGRESSIONAL budget procedure seems to be taking hold successfully. That is to say, it is turning out to be painful for Congress but not intolerable. When congressmen in the new budget committees vote to raise the spending figure in one small corner of the budget, the increase immediately shows up in the projected deficit. It's very unsettling to congressmen who are used to the cozy old custom of pretending ignorance. But it also opens the way to an

Presidents, but mostly to gain a share of real control and therefore power over economic policy, Congress is now setting its own totals.

The President's original budget showed a deficit of \$52 billion for the year starting next July. Now the House Budget Committee has adopted a resolution calling for a larger deficit, \$73 billion. The Senate Committee has fixed a range of \$67 billion to \$70 billion, depending upon one's assumptions. There are

Charles E. Walker

The Tax Bill: Who It Helps, Who It Hurts

Hobart Rowen's Op-Ed column of April 3 ("The Tax Bill: It Could Have Been Worse") should not go unanswered. He states that: (1) the weighting of the bill toward low-income taxpayers puts the cuts "just where they belong"; (2) the prospects for (in Rep. Henry Reuss' words) "plugging tax loopholes" up to about \$20 billion was never better; (3) the oil depletion allowance has been a "bonanza to major producers"; and (4) the investment tax

Still, the low-income weighted cut can be defended from two standpoints. It increases the progressivity of the federal income tax structure, although I, for one, believe the structure (excluding the highly regressive payroll tax) to be progressive enough. It ranges from zero for the nontaxpayer to upwards of 32 per cent or so at the top (these are average rates; marginal rates on "taxable income" run up to 70

Taking Exception

and more are beginning to recognize as the key to their well-being. For example, that old devil, \$4.2 billion in "tax benefits" on individual capital gains, will doubtless be attacked, despite the fact that economists remain split on what is a "gain" and what is "income," not to mention the impact

Heller) that the credit results in an increase in the quantity and efficiency of productive equipment by reducing its cost. In the long run, more and better machinery means more jobs, a higher standard of living, less inflation, and greater competitiveness abroad.

Which brings us to the bottom line: Corporations don't pay taxes; people do. The "corporation" is not something separate and apart from people, but



Hobart Rowen

'Economic Recovery' and Unemployment

The most over-worked phrase I hear these days is that the recession is "bottoming out." President Ford and his economic aides predict a second-half recovery. Business Week says that the "economic decline is decelerating." Former Economic Council

that as the economy turns stronger in terms of better sales, they will be ultra-conservative in hiring practices.

The stock market may go up further, but business managers will be cautious in adding to their inventories: they are not sure just what

Two large companies that project a 15 to 20 per cent expansion output over the next two years plan no — repeat — no net additions to their white collar work force.

So it is very easy to see a scenario developing in which GNP continues to

Nessen Denies Firing Aide For Kissinger Role Leaks

White House press secretary Ron Nessen yesterday denied published reports that he fired Louis M. Thompson as his assistant because Thompson allegedly leaked stories that President Ford wanted to reduce the power of Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger.

Calling the reports "total fictional creations," Nessen

Nessen denied that he wrote such a memo.

Thompson is a former Army major whom Nessen hired last fall to reorganize the White House press operation.

On Tuesday, Nessen announced that William I. Greener Jr. would move into Thompson's office as principal deputy press secretary.

in writing the Indochina portion.

However, Kissinger reportedly told associates it was not a major struggle.

Nessen said that Mr. Ford has asked Kissinger to "stay until the end of the term, at least, and Dr. Kissinger said that was also his desire."

Vice Presidents in Transit

WHILE EN ROUTE to the funeral of Chiang Kai-shek, Vice President Rockefeller was asked whether unfolding events in Indochina "had the makings" of a political issue in 1976, and he replied in part: "Let's say 2,000 Americans or 3,000, half of them are killed, half of them are taken captive. That raises a lot of issues." Well, we wouldn't argue with that. But you

overthrown . . . that I would be down on my knees praying to whoever they pray to."

Leaving aside the offensive breeziness of Mr. Rockefeller's reference to religious practice in Greece, if he genuinely believes that the Greeks ought to be prayerfully thankful for the situation that developed in Cyprus while their democracy in Athens was being restored, then he ought to be discussing the subject out loud

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Protecting the CIA

Tucked into President Ford's speech to Congress, and ignored in the emotional controversy over Vietnam, was a carefully worded warning that secret operations of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) must be protected from "altered" congressional oversight that threatens "essential secrets."

Mr. Ford's purpose: repeal of an oversight provision stuck into a new law last December. That provision requires the President to notify "appropriate committees" including the



George F. Will

Is It Kissinger's Fault?

We are sliding into one of those tedious Washington debates that begin wrong and go downhill from there. The debate is about Henry Kissinger. To what extent is the state of the world—from Lisbon to Saigon—his fault?

It is another debate about a particular statesman, rather than the more troubling debate we should be having about the limits of democratic statecraft.

Kissinger's critics see him as the pilot in the following story:

A ship plying the coastal waters off Ireland picked up a pilot to guide the ship through the treacherously rocky waters. The ship's captain was appalled



Show it

Rowland Evans and Robert Novak

Vietnam: Autopsy of the Collapse

An autopsy of the collapse of South Vietnam performed at a high level here points less to the widely presumed culprit, President Nguyen Van Thieu, and far more to a single command blunder in the field which combined with slumping U.S. military aid to produce irreversible tragedy.

The autopsy was performed not by Saigon embassy staffers closely associated with Thieu but by Washington-based officials not at all interested in his reputation who visited Vietnam after

"It was not a lack of courage, patriotism or even training on the part of the soldiers, but notoriously poor generalship which steadily weakened under pressure of diminishing U.S. aid."

passing storied Caporetto and needing a Hemingway to describe.

The disaster on route 7B quickly spread. Fearing isolation, in the North, Gen. Truong ordered a withdrawal from Hue. But now President Thieu panicked. Disregarding the March 13 meeting, he ordered the troops to return. Counter-marching, they collided with streams of refugees and soon turned back again. By then, Truong's prized 1st ARVN division had so dis-



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Wallace:

George F. Will

His 'Politics of Spleen' . . .

In 1968 George Wallace said, "Hell, we got too much dignity in government now; what we need is some meanness." Wallace lost, but the winner satisfied that need.

Huey Long, a substantial figure, tried to scare people so he could negotiate with them. Wallace just wants to be scary.

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Clayton Fritchey

... And His Problems in the South

Alabama Gov. George Wallace's latest complaint is that the "hierarchy" of the national Democratic Party is conspiring against him, but in fact his chief opposition these days is coming from his own region—the South and the Border States.

Much of the anti-Wallace feeling

In a recent foray into New York City to raise money and build a campaign organization, Carter presented himself as "a good Southern alternative to Wallace." In his opinion "it is inconceivable that Wallace will be on the ticket."

Gov. Dolph Briscoe of Texas is an

all of the state's delegates to the National Democratic Convention, if the selection is left to the local political leaders. The Alabaman wants a primary because of his large following in the backwoods precincts of the state. His plea was: "We have a movement in this country not only in

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Listen, My Children . . .

200 Years Ago

April 19, 1775

On its way to destroy a military cache at Concord, a 700-man British detachment encounters about 77 colonial Minutemen drawn up on the Lexington green. Major John Pitcairn orders,

THERE MAY BE more commotion in Massachusetts this Patriots' Day than there was 200 years ago. Last night President Ford helped to hang the lanterns aloft in the Old North Church in Boston. Today he goes on to Lexington and Concord to watch the minutemen chase the redcoats down the lane. Meanwhile, by the rude bridge that arched the flood, a rally against big business went on all night. Today there will be television cameras where the embattled farmers stood, and this year's version of the shot heard round the world will echo on the evening news.

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Adalbert de Segonzac

Restoring America's World Role

Careful, don't bury America before it's dead.

To listen to the pessimists and read the press, you might believe that the United States has become a powerless giant. Certainly it's in trouble. Vietnam, the Middle East, Portugal, Cyprus, Greece and Turkey represent a series of bad blows. In consequence, because one has always expected a great deal of them, the credibility of the Americans has fallen throughout the world. But in

pursued this military meddling too long. The young people never understood why they died. Public opinion wants to forget a nightmare. The end of the American intervention in Southeast Asia could lead it to revise its priorities and concentrate on those areas that truly affect its national security, particularly Europe.

The Mideast is no disaster. The "step-by-step" policy is not over. Israel and Egypt are looking for a

before the summit conference on European security in which they look for so much.

Nor is China playing games. It needs good relations with the United States because of its disputes with the Russians. And it knows that it can establish its sovereignty, eventually, over Taiwan only with American approbation.

New circumstances, created in large part by the rising power of the small

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Wallace 1st to Qualify For Election Subsidy

The fund-raising effort in South, plus New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio
behalf of Gov. George C. Wallace of Alabama, as yet an un- Michigan Indiana Illi

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GARRY WILLS

Ford's Faulty View of Indochina Disaster

President Ford in his address said: "Let us keep events in Southeast Asia in their proper perspective." It would have been more accurate to say "restore them to their proper perspective," since we have not been keeping them in perspective for some time.

"stabilization of the military situation" to be followed by a "political solution."

What, exactly, does that mean? The President himself details the breakdown of the Paris accords, reached when Saigon had much more territory, military discipline and

each other for a little while longer?

Besides, the President had to know that his chance of getting \$700 million in weaponry was slim. Some said he meant to ask this as a bargaining point, to strengthen his chance of getting the \$300 million he first requested.

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300 More Viet Orphans Cleared for U.S. Flights

By Bill Richards

Washington Post Staff Writer

The U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service granted approval yesterday for 300 more Vietnamese children to be flown to the U.S. for adoption under the controversial "Operation Babylift" program.

Vern Jervis, a spokesman for the Immigration Service, said that questions over whether children already brought in under the pro-

very, especially after 28 Cambodian children arrived at Dulles Airport on Monday without necessary releases for adoption. Several children told interpreters they still had parents living in Cambodia but had been told they could study in the U.S. if they boarded a plane out of Phnom Penh on April 9.

According to Immigration Service officials there were apparently no officials in

