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Denyse Handler, Editor

March 30, 1981

Marjorie Mecklenburg
1500 Massachusetts Ave. NW
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Dear Marjorie:

After having met and talked with you in Minneapolis, I was very happy to hear of your new appointment, as director of the office of adolescent pregnancy programs of the health and human services department. You bring great ability to that job, so they are lucky too. After all those years of slugging, it must be nice to at last be in a position to make a lot of difference. We are plugging for you.

Do you want us to send the Human on to you at your new office? Have your secretary drop us a line, in that case, with the new address.

in life,
Denyse





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Ms. Marjory Mecklenburg
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March 24, 1981

Dear Marjory,

Congratulations on your recent appointment as Director of the Office of Adolescent Pregnancy Programs in the United States Department of Health and Human Services.

We are looking forward to hearing from you soon about the programs available to help agencies such as Birthright to continue to offer our unique services to teen-age mothers and their babies.

Good luck in your new job. It is good to have a pro-life person in Washington.

Always for life and motherhood,

Ms. Carrie Gentile

Ms. Carrie Gentile
Executive Director
Birthright Lake, Inc.



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BOSTON GLOBE
March 3, 1981
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Abortion foe directs birth, pregnancy unit

By Dan Haar
States News Service

WASHINGTON — Marjorie Mecklenburg, a strong antiabortionist who opposes contraceptives for teenagers, has apparently been named to head an office that oversees government funding of local

information about abortions and contraceptives.

"She could certainly influence the way family planning projects are designed," said Barbara Warden, associate director with the National Abortion Rights Action League (NARAL). "She could re-





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March 26, 1981

Honorable Marjory Mecklenburg
Director of the Office of
Adolescent Pregnancy Programs
The United States Department of
Health and Human Services
1500 Massachusetts Avenue NW
Suite 340
Washington, D.C. 20005

Dear Marge:

Congratulations on the new responsibility which
has come to you. Best wishes for great success.

Sincerely,

Lawrence J. Hayes
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March 30, 1981

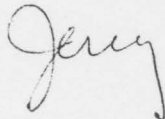
Mrs. Marjory Mecklenburg
Director
Office of Adolescent Pregnancy Programs
725H Humphrey Building
200 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D. C. 20201

Dear Marjory:

I just received the good news about your appointment to the post of Director, Office of Adolescent Pregnancy Programs. I can't think of anyone more qualified for this position than you, and I wish you all the best as you take on your new responsibilities.

Congratulations again, and welcome to Washington!

Sincerely,



JDS:db



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March 27, 1981

Dear Marge,

Can't tell you how very excited I was to hear about your appointment! Finally, your years of dedication and work have paid off and you can get some of the financial rewards instead of giving. You will bring your broad experience and vision to the position and I really can't wait to hear more about your work--hope we can meet personally in the not too distant future...you are always such an inspiration--a "breath of spring" in what is sometimes drudgery work!

Our Care and Counseling Center is going quite well and I am still on the Board (Director of Public Relations) tho I keep saying this is my last year! Since I am the only one left from the original core, I am continually trying to pass on what I have learned to the new people.

Our "Operation Outreach" into the schools and youth groups is going full steam--Jo Miller had 23 presentations this month. If you didn't see the article in Liguorian Magazine, I'm sending you a copy under separate cover. We are hearing from all parts of the country and they want the talk--but it is quite individualized (depending on age group and "where they are at") so can only give them an outline.

Very best wishes, Marge, and much success in your new position!

Love,

Jackie

Dear Marge -

Sincere Congratulations,

The best of wishes, too,

Not just today, or tomorrow,

But always

just for you!

Love,

Jackie Henry



March 25, 1981

To: Tom Bendorf

From: Joe Lampe

Marjory indicated on the phone tonight that you feel ACCL should exercise great care in publicly discussing her appointment. Consequently I have enclosed for your review a proposed newsletter story and editorial about her, and one of the announcement cards which I had printed. When you receive them we can discuss their use.

Gloria Ford drafted the news story and editorial, and Ray and I have edited them. Please feel free to rewrite either one. We would like to print and mail the newsletter as soon as possible, but if this occurs prior to HHS announcement of Marjory's appointment the story will have to carry the caveat that her appointment has not been confirmed. The newsletter goes primarily to donors and the Congress. There are very few, if any, news media organizations on the mailing list.

The card was my idea and is based on similar ones Marjory has received during the past four or five years from various people as they moved in and out of public service. The immediate inspiration this time came from the card circulated by Peter McPherson's law firm. Our card was mailed on March 21st to about 100 persons -- board members, large donors, friends and leaders in the pro-life movement. None went to the news media and we have no intention of sending it outside the movement. Per your earlier instructions, no news release about Marjory's resignation and appointment has been circulated.

As a general comment on publicity, I don't see why we can't acknowledge her association with ACCL. The news stories about her pending appointment have appeared in hundreds of newspapers already, and Time magazine apparently will use her interview (with Schweiker's blessing) in a feature on the abortion issue. The administration knows who and what she is and where she came from, and if they plan to remove her it seems to me it will be because of organized opposition to the appointment -- of which there is almost none, even from Planned Parenthood. The only adverse reaction seems to be from a few newspaper reporters and columnists and they don't appear to have been very successful in stirring up hysteria.





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February 24, 1981

Mrs. Marjory Mecklenburg
American Citizens Concerned for Life, Inc.
6127 Excelsior Boulevard
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55416

Dear Marjory:

Just a brief note to express my congratulations to you on your new appointment as Director of the Office of Adolescent Pregnancy Programs. That is really exciting news and I can't think of anyone who could do a better job!

If there is ever any way that I can be of help to you, be sure and let me know. BEST PERSONAL WISHES!

Cordially,


Roger W. Toogood, ACSW
Executive Director

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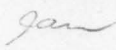
March 18, 1981

Marjorey Mecklenburg
A.C.C.L.
6127 Excelsior Boulevard
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55416

Dear Marjorey,

Congratulations on your new Washington appointment as
Director of the Adolescent Pregnancy Program. I know you
will do a great job! I am very proud of you.

With warm wishes,


Janet Krocheski, Director
Respect Life Program

JK:ggr





March 15, 1981

Dear Mary -

We read with anger, ambivalence, and hope of your possible appointment to HHS's Office of Adolescent Pregnancy Programs. Anger, first of all, because the context of the Time article ("Thunderers on the Right: True Believers will make noise and policy in sub-Cabinet posts"). The comments attributed to you are fully consistent with those expressed by Joan Beck in the enclosed article, yet you are apparently a "true believer" and "right winger." The "right wing" designation for all opponents of abortion is terribly convenient and grossly unfair in your case. But it suits the purposes of pro-choice forces as well as many authentic right wingers, as Msgr Higgins points out.

Ambivalence, because not only will NCC lose your leadership but the Reagan administration might not permit it to flower. Looks like they really will cut or refrain from expanding the sort of programs designed to reduce the incidence of adolescent pregnancy. And they seem to be wedded to the view that contraceptive services ^{are} for sexually active kids ~~is~~ unalterably wrong. Their strategy seems designed to confirm the "heartless" and "moralistic" stereotype of abortion opponents.

Hope, finally, because if anyone can bring positive ideas and vision to HHS in an administration that doesn't look all that supportive, you can.

Our best wishes to you if the offer is extended and you accept it.

But we hate to see you leave NCC.

(over)



One last comment — Should you leave
NCCL, we think that extra strong consideration
should be given to appointing a woman as your
successor. Just as whites could (and years ago did)
lead the NAACP, men could function at the helm
of NCCL. But it just seems to send out the wrong
signals. Women suffer more than men from troubled
pregnancies and are thus more credible when they
lead the opposition to abortion.

Best wishes, & thank you for your dedicated
service to NCCL.

Mary & Mike McGillicuddy

PS: Mike is a career bureaucrat, a Federal
personnel specialist, and wishes you luck
at coping with his sometimes intransigent colleagues
in the bureaucracy!

DEBORAH OAKLEY
1709 PONTIAC TRAIL
ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN 48105

March 2, 1981

Marjory Mecklenburg
6127 Excelsior Boulevard
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55416

Dear Marjorie:

News of your appointment in DHHS is simply superb. As an alternative to law school or some other advanced study, participation in government is much to be preferred. I hope it is fascinating and rewarding for you.

One of our most active people from the University of Michigan has just become Administrator of the Health Care Financing Administration. I'm sure you will be working with her and admiring her administrative skills as much as I have.

Our last OTA panel meeting was a good challenge, but a bit empty without you and Dr. Hubbard.

Very best wishes,

Debby

Deborah Oakley



Mary K. Kirchner
5800 South Drive
Edina, Minnesota 55436

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Dear Marjory,

Congratulations! They
have picked the best.

God bless you in your
work,

Sincerely,
Mary Kirchner



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Dear Marjory:

I saw the notice of your promotion to the OAPP program.

You have my congratulations and will this mean that you are now moving to Washington, D. C.?

If and when in Washington, maybe we can have some time on my next trip too, if I just knew where to find you.

Pamela and I would like to wish you the very best and hope that we can, perhaps not resolve, but perhaps greatly improve the situation.

With God's blessing,

Sincerely,

Tj. Bosgra

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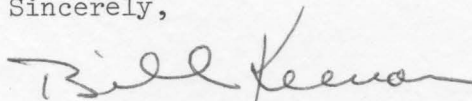
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Washington, D.C. 20005

Dear Marjory:

I received a mail-o-gram today with the good news of your appointment as director of the adolescent pregnancy programs. It's an appointment which is richly deserved and makes me very happy.

Congratulations! As always, if I can be of any help, please let me know.

Sincerely,



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SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL CHAPTER

February 17, 1981

Dear Marjorie,

Jean "spilled the beans" of your pending appointment. What joy floods all our hearts. After all your work on adolescent pregnancy, you now will be able to help - with constructive programs rather than the obvious failing ones of P.P.

We promise to keep you in all our prayers that this may be a wonderful experience for you - and for the entire nation. May you find the physical, emotional and spiritual strength for "Washington warfare." No choice could be better.

We all send our love.

Sincerely,

Louise

M. Louise Bolger
Director

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Dear Fred:

Thank you so much for your letter of March 3, 1981.

We are all immensely proud of Marjorie's appointment as Director of the OAPP. This is a fitting tribute and the outstanding culmination of the years of effort both of you have put in on behalf of our Right to Life Program. We will miss your counsel and advice on the Resource Group on Maternal Health and its subcommittees, but, knowing that your absence will be temporary mitigates our disappointment.

I hope you both will enjoy the new challenges and opportunities which life at the Capitol will bring. Please congratulate Marjorie on my behalf and know that you both have our unstinting admiration and gratitude for the leadership and dedication which you both exemplify so fully.

Best personal regards,

John L. Falls, M.D.

JLF:cd



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March 14, 1981

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Dept. of Health and Human Services
Washington, D.C. 20201



Re: OAPP Application No. 80-049
County Adolescent Network of
Berkshire (CAN-BE)

Dear Marjory:

Congratulations on your pending appointment to the program directorship of OAPP. I just about jumped for joy when I read about it for the first time and couldn't believe my eyes when your nomination actually received the approval of the Boston Globe. (I have enclosed their editorial in case you haven't seen it yet.)

You are certainly deserving of the post as over the years I can recall the hard work you put into your many pages of testimony promoting alternatives to abortion, the organizing you did to put together the "mock congressional hearing" at the Boston NRLC convention in 1976, not to mention the strife you have experienced among pro-lifers as you insisted that alternatives to abortion must be a priority on the pro-life agenda.

I hope you won't mind that I write to call your attention to the subject grant application which resulted from your telephone call to me in 1979 seeking proposals from Massachusetts. The application, submitted in the "rural" category received approval for 1980 funding but was not funded because of limited funds and geographical distribution. We were encouraged to compete for 1981 monies and on February 24, 1981 indicated to Dr. Nix that we wish to again be considered.

The CAN-BE group, formed specifically for the purpose of the application, has remained organized and has expanded its efforts into the problems of adolescent depression and emancipated minors.

The voluntary agency over which I preside, Right To Life of Berkshire County, continues to be involved in this cooperative effort of local groups. This past year, 39% of our own caseload or 115 young women, were 18 or younger. At least half of these girls proved to have negative pregnancy test results. We hesitate to label such clients as "sexually active" since some get frightened that they might be pregnant after only one episode. To label them "sexually active" implies that they have made a decision to have sex on a regular basis. It has been our experience that the majority of our clients have not made such a decision and need help with exploring self, relationships, and responsible choices. We try to do this with each girl as she visits with our counselor to get her test result.

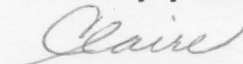
We are now in our ninth year of existence (still on a shoestring and with volunteers) but have managed to give our services to 1409 girls and women in the county during that time. Our trained counselors have gained the respect not only of the social work community but also of the clients themselves. We promise a more humane and loving solution to the problem while offering to help with the sacrifices demanded by our solution.

We are aware that the Family Planning Services of Central Massachusetts received a grant in 1980 for an OAPP project. Shortly after, the Worcester community erupted over an attempt to establish an abortion clinic there. It seems suspect that when public dollars are made available to a PP affiliate, private monies can then be found to establish an abortion clinic.

I feel that such would not be the case here since this is a joint venture as described in the application. Some of the participants would advocate abortion as the solution, but our pro-life philosophy is also acceptable. We attempt to bury our differences so that the pregnant teens can be served.

Marjory, thank you for your time. If you get a chance to review the subject application it would be much appreciated. Whatever occurs, however, I remain delighted and grateful that you are there. (I have also been encouraged by other appointments, i.e. Schweiker, Koop, Buckley.) I shall pray for your success and hope you will reciprocate by praying for mine. The struggle has been long and the road ahead still seems endless but we must succeed as these unborn lives are so precious.

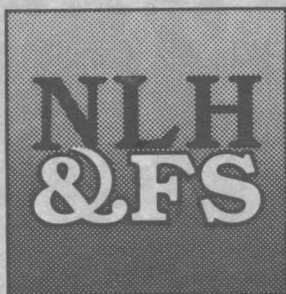
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March 11, 1981

Marjory Mecklenburg
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Dear Marjory:

Congratulations on your recent appointment by President Reagan. It certainly was well deserved. To have Christians in active roles on a national level is certainly encouraging.

Perhaps when you are in town and available, we could get together to discuss any possible involvement on your part in a banquet or workshop this fall. If this sounds feasible to you, please let me know.

Again, congratulations and may the Lord bless you in your endeavors.

In His Service,

Sieg Aurich
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March 11, 1981

Mrs. Marjorie Mechlenburg
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Dear Marjorie:

Congratulations on your appointment to the post of Director of Adolescent Pregnancy Services in the Department of Health and Human Services. Your extensive prior work in this area suits you well to this position, and many of us in the human services professions look to you for leadership in developing and preserving the best possible preventative and ameliorative services related to maternal and child health care.

When I last contacted you it was in relation to my role as a March of Dimes volunteer, and I appreciated the perspective you provided me on the March of Dimes nationally. In addition to that local volunteer work in the area of youth education, I have recently taken on a part-time position as Field Instructor in Social Work at St. Olaf College. My students, who are currently working in area agencies in social work internships, were very interested in some of the materials which you sent to me last Fall in relation to your work in the development of health care services through your work with legislative committees and on local projects. I have just contacted the ACCL office for additional materials.

I would appreciate being put on a mailing list from your office, in order to be kept abreast of work in your department, if this is possible.

Again, Godspeed in your work, and I hope things go smoothly with you and your family in "getting settled" in Washington!

Sincerely,

Julie Thorsheim

Julie L. Thorsheim
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For a world of luck
and happiness
In days ahead of you.*

*Love,
Donna
John
Skogerberg*



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copied for Mary?

Dear Margie -

Good to talk with you
today - and I hope the
appointment comes through by the
time this reaches you.

Looking forward to
seeing you in Washington!

Best,

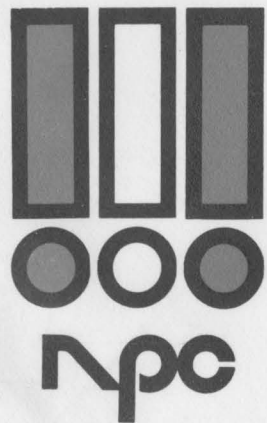
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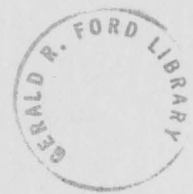
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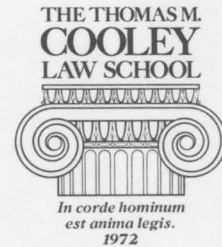
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Rosemary Hamilton

March 20, 1981



Mrs. Marjory Mecklenburg, Director
Office of Adolescent Pregnancy Programs
Department of Health and Human Services
Washington, D. C.

Dear Margie:

It was with great delight that I learned of your appointment as Director of the Office of Adolescent Pregnancy Programs. It has been an arduous journey, I'm sure, to get to where you are.

In my work as lobbyist with Right to Life of Michigan, I often used testimony that you have prepared for various hearings to lobby our Michigan legislators. Your approach was always very well-researched, very logically presented, and very persuasive. I have admired you for this approach ever since I first met you in Marquette, at Northern Michigan University, in 1972.

My work for Right to Life goes on, but now only in a volunteer capacity, at a much less strenuous level. I resigned as lobbyist here at our State Capitol on February 13. I am now working for Cooley Law School as Registrar, and at least for now, am enjoying the nine-to-five days and the change of pace. I was beginning to suffer from burn-out, and my family was feeling it also.

I am enclosing a copy of my resume, in case you are collecting such things for various advisory boards or groups that may be looking for members. I am particularly interested in teenage sexuality and pregnancy, and have kept fairly current on the various programs being attempted. I expect my interest in this area to continue for a while, as my three girls are now all teenagers, in addition to my youngest son who is 18.

Again, sincere congratulations on your appointment -- I don't think they could have found anyone as well-qualified as you!!

Sincerely,

Rosemary Hamilton





Abortion Foe a Contender To Lead Pregnancy Aid

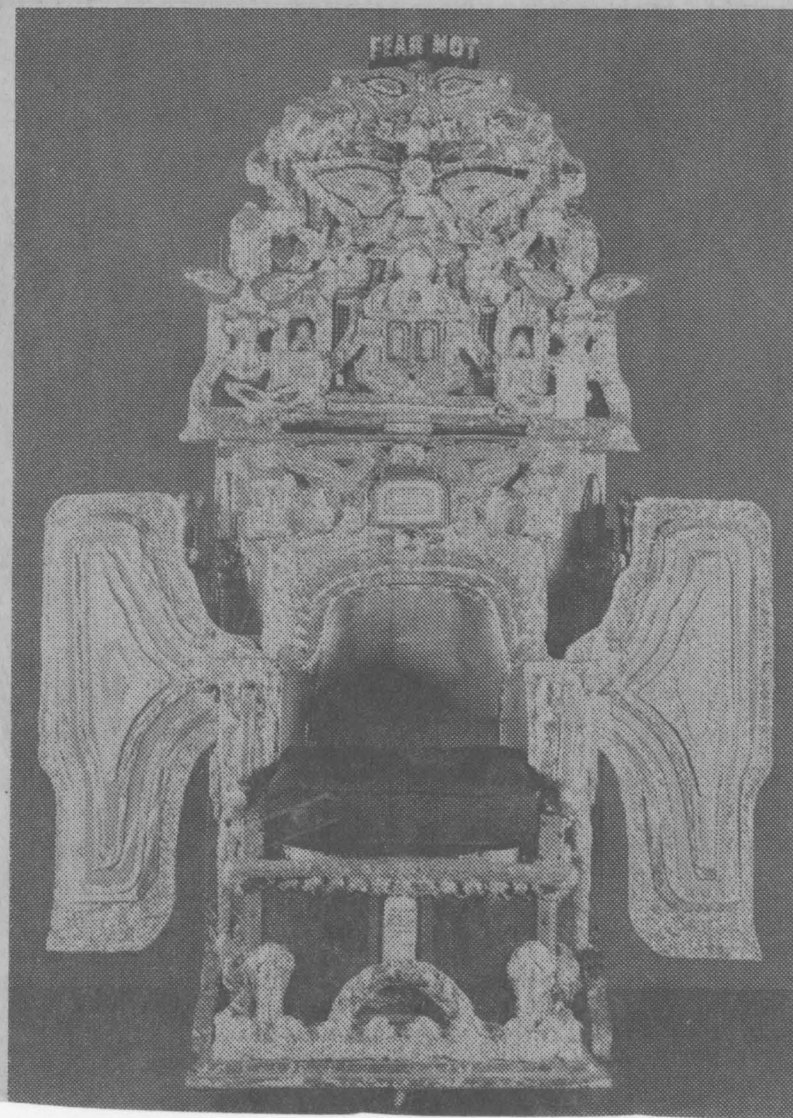
By DAVID E. ROSENBAUM

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Federal post for Mecklenburg worries abortion rights head

By Lucy Dalglish

Staff Writer

Reports that a prominent anti-abortion lobbyist from Edina is the top candidate to lead the federal Office of Adolescent Preg-

and be sexually active without protection," Benjamin said.

Benjamin said the best way to prevent unwanted pregnancy is to provide teen-agers with information and choices.

wants to cut out family planning for teens considering Reagan's proposals to cut government spending, Benjamin said. It's thousands of dollars cheaper to prevent pregnancy than to sup-



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By David E. Rosenbaum
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Congress created the Office of Adolescent-Pregnancy Program in 1978 to finance projects that assist teenage mothers. One of the main functions of the projects, according to a spokesman, is to counsel patients on how to prevent further pregnancies.

The consideration of Mecklenburg, a former president of Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life, for the government post is another indication of



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State antiabortionist candidate for U.S. post

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A prominent antiabortion lobbyist from Minnesota, Marjory Mecklenburg, is the leading candidate to head the federal Office of Adolescent Pregnancy Programs, government sources said Tuesday.

A spokesman for Richard Schweiker, secretary of health and human services, said in response to an inquiry that Mecklenburg, 45, president of the nationwide American Citizens Concerned for Life, was "under serious consideration" but that other candidates had not been ruled out. (She was expected to meet with Schweiker today, her husband, Fred Mecklenburg, said last night.)

Mecklenburg said she could not discuss her views because her appointment had not been announced. Her organization, she said, was formed to oppose abortion and to advocate "alternatives to abortion."

She said her organization contends that contraception should not be "the first line of defense" against unwanted teen-age pregnancies. Rather, she said, adolescents should be educated to "postpone sexual involvement."

Mecklenburg, of 6700 Cheyenne Trail, Edina, said her organization recognized that there was "little gained by withholding contraception from sexually active adolescents." But, she said, contraceptives should not be given to the teen-agers with-

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Teen-age sex RX: ignorance

By Richard Cohen
The Washington Post

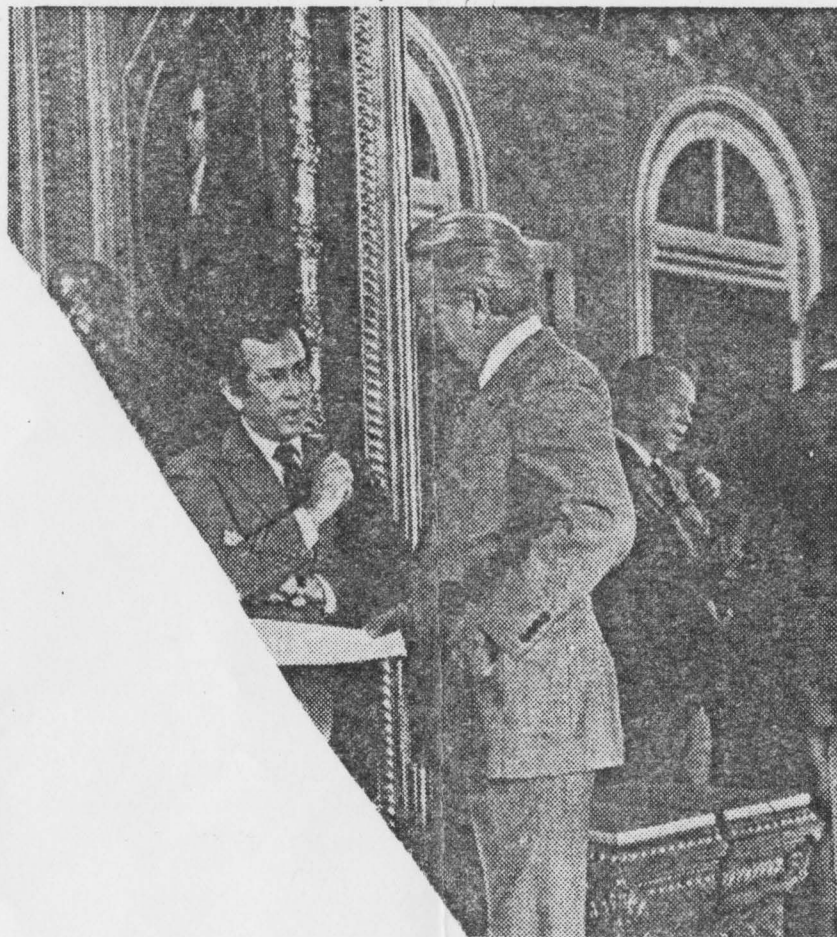
Washington

I suspect that somewhere in the depths of the Reagan administration, down in the basement where High Strategy is made concerning social issues like sex education for teen-agers, there toils old man Goros, the teacher who told my seventh-grade class that sex — awful, gross sex — could, like an evil spirit, be warded off by clean living, lots of push-ups and fresh air. He made sexual desire sound like a vitamin deficiency.

It is his spirit, though, that infuses the Reagan administration. On every level, when it comes to sex, particularly teen-agers and sex, the administration is dead set against it. If it could, it would outlaw sex for teen-agers, but since it cannot do that, it will do what men (and some women) throughout the ages have traditionally done when faced with the problem of human sexuality — keep the women barefoot, happy and pregnant.

And pregnant they are. The latest dismal news is that four out of every 10 girls will become pregnant at least one time in their teen-age years, two out of 10 will give birth and one in seven will have an abortion. Of a total teen-age population of 29 million, about 12 million have had sexual intercourse — 7 million boys and 5 million girls.

For this epidemic of teen-age pregnancies, for a situation that puts an enormous burden on the welfare system (teen-age mothers frequently wind up on the dole), the Reagan administration has prescribed ignorance. It has proposed an end to federal aid for sex education, no contraception for teen-agers through Medicaid and, of course, no abortion. It would like, in the words of Health and Human Services Secretary Richard Schweiker, to take "the sex education business" out of the hands of the federal government and return it to the family where it has, as the statistics just cited prove, been treated



The New York Times/George Tames

city leader, and Robert C. Byrd, a pause in Senate proceedings. a principal topic of conversation.

tor of the Office of Management, played host to a group of officials and other "opinionists" also briefed members of the House. The preparations were for the appearance of officials to appear on television programs.

Abortion Foe Is Chief Candidate To Lead-Birth Control Programs

By DAVID E. ROSENBAUM

Special to The New York Times

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The consideration of Mrs. Mecklenburg for the Government post is another indication of the differences between the Carter and Reagan Administrations in the area of birth control.

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Reagan's First Report Card . . . Haig and Meese on a Collision Course? . . . What Really Irks Nancy

From political analysts comes this rating of Ronald Reagan's performance after three weeks in office: Selling his programs to the public, B+; organizing his administration, C—; dealing

Veteran members of Reagan's inner circle are insisting that federal jobs be handed out in this order: 1. Republicans long loyal to Reagan. 2. Conservative Republicans. 3. Other Republi-

band that she really gets steamed," notes a family friend.

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Some of the enemies. Strom Thur-

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DAVID NOVAK, M.H.L., Ph.D.
RABBI

9 March, 1981



Dear Majory,

I was delighted to learn of your appointment as Director of the office of Adolescent Pregnancy Programs by Secretary Schweiker. This is not only an important recognition of your own talents, but an important recognition of the ACCL approach, that "pro-life" means more than just being "anti-abortion." You now have a magnificent opportunity to influence public policy and I know that you will exercise great conviction and wisdom.

Do accept my very best wishes and my sincere prayers as this personal and philosophical triumph.

Kindest regards,
David

Mrs Majory Mecklenburg
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Uniting against teen sex

Pro-choice as the R-E is, we're no less happy that the anti-abortion, pro-life Reagan administration is moving toward placing its Office of Adolescent Pregnancy Programs in the charge of

the role of Planned Parenthood is so important. Too often CCLers seem opposed to extending contraceptive help, which we look upon as a prime step toward minimizing abortion



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Nation

ternational Studies, one of the conservative think tanks. A onetime assistant to Congressman Jack Kemp of New York, he helped draft the Kemp-Roth tax

executive director of the Moral Majority, Billings, 54, is scheduled for appointment to a newly created sub-Cabinet post in the Education Department that will work

Third World nations of being a front for U.S. intelligence agencies. So sensitive is the Corps that it turns down volunteers who have previously been associated with



Marjory Mecklenburg. President of the antiabortion American Citizens Concerned for Life, Mecklenburg is the prime candidate to be director of the Office of

quoting her as opposing Budget Director David Stockman's plan to phase out the FTC's role in enforcing antitrust laws, a function it has had for 67 years. Presidential Counsellor Edwin Meese promptly

Thunderers on the Right

True Believers will make noise and policy in sub-Cabinet posts

Lyn Nofziger, longtime Ronald Reagan loyalist and true-blue guardian of Reaganism, put the matter to his boss



designed to alter domestic practices, institutions and policies within other states." He aroused a particularly bitter controversy by defending sales of powdered infant feeding formulas in underdeveloped nations—a trade that critics say produces alarming rates of malnutrition and infant death—while at the same time Tefever's center received funding

D.C. Republicans disenchanted with many nominations

By Al McConagha
Staff Correspondent

Washington, D.C.

Reagan administration appointments stir complaints during Republican cocktail hours.

Amid otherwise festive sipping and self-congratulation, it is reported with much disappointment that nominations are too slow, too mismanaged, too uninspired, too politically inspired, too stupid — or, simply, too somebody else.

To much of the rest of the country, the new government leaders are no better or no worse than the last batch. Indeed, compared to some of the Carter team, many newcomers appear as experienced, pragmatic managers and policy makers.

Of course, Reagan appointments reflect the policy interests of the winners. Environmentalists filled the Carter administration. Their opponents will man the new government. Consumer groups are out; industrialists are in.

The president and his party oppose abortion. So antiabortionists have been coming to town, including Minneapolis's Marjory Mecklenburg to become the head of the Office of Adolescent Pregnancy Programs.

Mecklenburg, former president of Americans Citizens Concerned for Life, is already working at the Health and Human Services Department although the appointment is not yet official, according to an agency spokesperson.



Marjory Mecklenburg

Aside from his new emphasis on issues, Reagan seems to be providing the usual mix between reasonable appointments and those made for otherwise irrelevant political reasons to party loyalists and personal supporters.

But if this is, in fact, true it does little to assuage the unhappiness of the disaffected. They suffer — and not in silence.

The complainants want jobs themselves or want a friend to get a job. They want jobs to go to people with narrowly compatible political and economic views. They want everything to go smoothly and quickly and their way.

One industrial executive here was approached for a post as assistant secretary dealing with an issue with which he was intimately familiar. After much hemming, the position went to a rival with superior political connections.



William Clark

"It's outrageous," the executive said over a glass last weekend. "The man (who received the nomination) is simply not qualified. He is simply somebody's friend. He simply hasn't the vaguest idea what he is supposed to be doing."

In short, the disappointed, who wait vainly for the phone to ring with offers of employment, come from all walks of Republican Party affairs, all kinds of experience and from all degrees of former intimacy with the new president.

These unhappy job seekers often cite William P. Clark as a poor appointment. Critics say the former California supreme court justice and old Reagan associate, who will be the new deputy secretary of state, is uninformed about world affairs.

Seeley Lodwick's nomination as the Agriculture Department's top diplomat is another example of what is decried as a substandard selection.



Anne Gorsuch

GOP experts are appalled at the appointment of this former aide to Sen. Roger Jepsen, R-Iowa.

In some instances, outstanding critics will run agencies they criticized. One example is conservative Ernest Lefever, a passionate opponent of Carter's human rights policies. He will be assistant secretary of state for human rights.

Another is Anne Gorsuch, an opponent of tough environmental regulation, who will direct the Environmental Protection Agency. John B. Crowell Jr., a timber industry lawyer who urges fewer logging curbs, will run the public's forests.

The Crowell appointment reminded some that Reagan once downplayed environmental concerns by asserting that trees caused nitrogen pollution. "Well," one wag observed, "that clearcutting will clean up the nitrogen problem."

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Child Protection report

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Dear Colleague:

CHILD WELFARE REFORM -- plus the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention -- are among about 40 categorical programs that President Reagan

Battle for Survival

REAGAN TO PROPOSE DISMANTLING OF NEARLY
ALL PROGRAMS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE BY LUMPING
THEM INTO BLOCK GRANTS -- AND CUTTING FUNDS

may propose smashing together into one big block grant to the states for social and health services. When submitted to Congress on March 10, the Reagan plan also is expected to call for cutting these programs by 20 to 25 percent. Reagan announced the broad dimensions of the block grant proposal in his

"economic recovery" speech to the nation last week. The accompanying message to Congress contends that the funding cut "need not result in a reduction of services."

But child advocates don't see it that way -- and for once -- they are uniting to prevent what they feel would be an absolute disaster for the needy. The plan put forth by Reagan would roll back every social, health, and educational program for special groups of young people and their families with the exception of Head Start and summer jobs. Miriam Wright Edelman of the Children's Defense Fund calls it a "massive assault on the neediest families and children" that would be "devastating to already bare-bone lives." John C. Calhoun, newly installed Washington representative of the Child Welfare League of America, Inc., told CPR "our strategy (in Congress) will be to try and slow this express train down." The main effort (cont'd on page 2)

A PREVIEW OF REAGAN'S BLOCK GRANT PROPOSAL -- as assembled by the Office of Management and Budget -- begins on page 3.

CONTRACEPTIVE FOE MAY BECOME HEAD OF ADOLESCENT BIRTH CONTROL PROGRAM

ANTI-ABORTIONIST MARJORY MECKLENBURG is reported to be the leading candidate to head HHS' Office of Adolescent Pregnancy Programs. She would replace Dr. Lulu Mae Nix, who was bounced from office a week ago. Mecklenburg is president of American Citizens Concerned for Life, an organization that opposes counseling teenagers on the use of contraceptives -- just what the adolescent pregnancy program is all about. Mecklenburg was almost hired as a consultant to the program two years ago (CPR 2/22/79) but was vetoed as possibly causing "tension" among participants. Apparently HHS Secretary Richard S. Schweiker thinks she'd be just right for the job now -- the new morality meeting an old reality.

One source said the weight of the internal argument appeared to tilt toward those who favor an import limitation to help the hard-hit domestic auto industry, but that the strong opposition of Office and Management Budget Director David A. Stockman has left the issue in doubt.

Known to favor such an agreement are Transportation Secretary Drew Lewis, who heads a task force that is to make a formal recommendation on the issue next week, Commerce Secretary Malcolm Baldrige and Labor Secretary Raymond J. Donovan.

The "free trade" opposition, led by Stockman, includes Treasury Secretary Donald T. Regan and Murray Weidenbaum, chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers.

Somewhere in the middle is Bill Brock, the president's special trade representative, and Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig Jr., who, in the words of one White House official, "has yet to show his hand."

Reagan has held one meeting on the issue where both sides strongly expressed their views. A decision is considered likely next week, after another White House meeting presided over by Reagan.

The governors are to press for the import agreement in their White House meeting today. They also are to seek a new 10 percent tax credit.

See AUTOS, A6, Col. 1



President Reagan, flanked by Reps. Charles W. Stenholm and G.V. (Sonny) Montgomery, laughs during a breakfast meeting

with conservative Democratic members of Congress, who asked Reagan for \$11.2 billion in specific budget cuts. Details on A2.

By Frank Johnston — The Washington Post

Abortion Foes Gain Key Federal Posts

From Inside Administration, They Target Birth Control, Other Programs

By Bill Peterson
Washington Post Staff Writer

While the headlines have been going to budget cuts and El Salvador, anti-abortionists have without fanfare won several key positions in the Reagan administration and launched an effort to alter federal policy not just on abortion, but sex education, family planning and world population control.

The anti-abortionists have as their targets a long list of obscure and small but controversial federal programs that distribute contraceptives both here and abroad, teach teenagers how to prevent pregnancy, and provide a wide assortment of similar services.

Largely ignored in previous administrations, anti-abortionists have found a friendly ear at the White House during the early weeks of this one. According to spokesmen, they personally asked the president in an early meeting to appoint one of their own as surgeon general and to revamp the world birth control programs administered by the Agency for International Development.

At a second meeting, Reagan and Office of Management

and Budget Director David Stockman were given a "white paper" prepared by two anti-abortion groups saying that \$3.9 billion a year could be saved, by scrapping most of the government's family planning, birth control, sex education, teenage counseling and world population control programs.

Reagan subsequently chose Dr. C. Everett Koop, a leading anti-abortionist, as deputy assistant secretary of health and human services. Koop, a Philadelphia surgeon, is said to be in line to become surgeon general in a pending departmental reorganization. Among other things, this would put him in charge of programs administered by the Center for Disease Control, the Population Research Center, and the National Institutes of Health, all frequently attacked by anti-abortionists.

A fundamentalist Christian with a Lincolnesque beard, Koop has been a board member of at least two anti-abortion groups, the National Right to Life Committee and Americans United for Life, and is the narrator of a controversial anti-abortion film, "Whatever Happened to the Human Race?"

See ABORTION, A12, Col. 1

ators held, although wasn't used," Warner said.

Although the new considerable patronage senators, the administration the option of making favorites for appointments S. District Court. "The eral may, when appropriate recommendations to senators to specific judicial candidates the memo put it.

It also said that the for selecting Appeals Court not yet been decided, but "the president's mechanism level will include provisions to make their choice.

The guidelines said the president and the Republican the Senate are "firmly the principle that should be chosen on the basis of merit and quality," but left senators the method of those values.

Warner described "a return to the pre-... in which senators have the authority" in judges in their home states.

During the Carter administration, See JUDGES.

Reagan's press conference, 7, 9 at 2 p.m.; chairman

White House Federal

By Fred...
Washington Post

The Reagan administration Congress to cut off legal aid for the program that now covers across the country some areas has for years been advocates, including governor of California.

Legal aid lawyers their time handling divorce work, utility welfare, and Medicaid.

Dancer Denies CIA Tie

Ex-Defector Disputes Izvestia Claim That U.S. Exploited Him

By Kevin Klose
Washington Post Foreign Service

MOSCOW, March 5 — A Soviet ballet dancer whom the government newspaper Izvestia claims the CIA sought to recruit as a spy during his brief defection last year to America says the allegation was fabricated with the assistance of the Soviet secret police, the KGB.

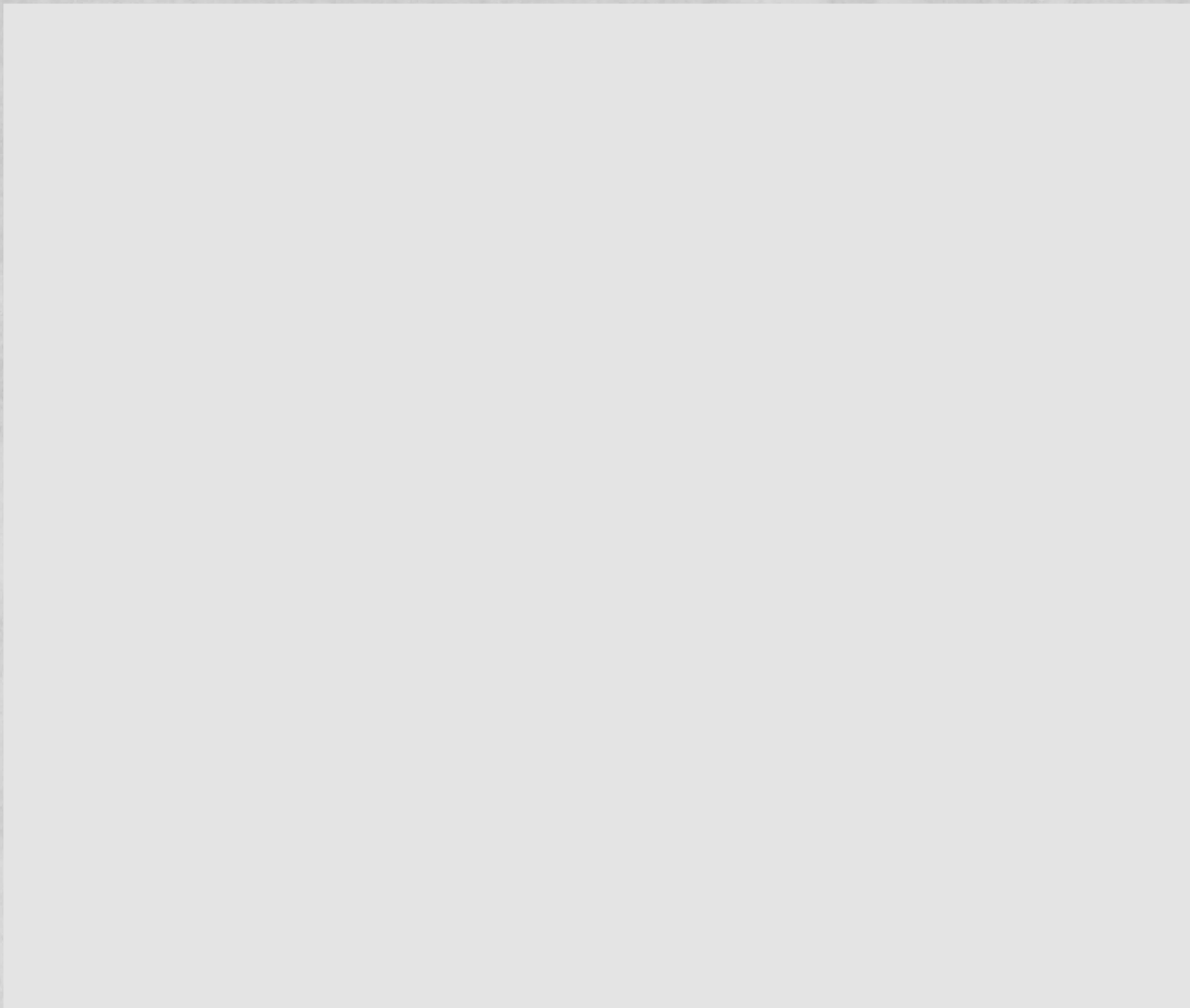
Yuri Stepanov, 33, who defected from Moscow's Classical Ballet Company during a January 1980 tour of Italy and then returned to Moscow after two months in America, said the newspaper falsified key parts of its account of his saga to make it

came back to the Soviet Union because he feared reprisals against his family, and not because life in America was intolerable as Izvestia asserted in an article published eight days after his return.

Officials at Izvestia did not respond to repeated request today for comment on Stepanov's denials. The press department of the Foreign Ministry, informed of his assertions, said it had tried without result to assist Western correspondents in speaking with Izvestia editors.

Once a member of the world-famed Bolshoi Ballet corps de ballet before changing companies, Stepanov was one of six current or former Bolshoi dancers in 1979 and 1980 cre-





STEVENS

"Relax. Rome wasn't fully funded and operational in a day."



Date: March 2, 1981

To: ACCL Board of Directors

From: Joseph A. Lampe
For the ACCL Steering Committee

Re: Appointment of Marjory Mecklenburg to HHS Position

As detailed in the enclosed news clipping, ACCL president Marjory Mecklenburg has been asked to serve as Director of the Office of Adolescent Pregnancy Programs (OAPP) by the Department of Health and Human Services Secretary, Richard S. Sweiker.

The appointment was announced internally Friday by HHS, and Mrs. Mecklenburg is to be sworn in and begin work today in Washington.

The OAPP was created by legislation which ACCL has advocated since its founding in 1974. The enactment of the adolescent pregnancy program, and Mrs. Mecklenburg's selection to head it, would seem to be a validation of the approach ACCL has taken toward the abortion issue during the past six years.

Because events have moved very rapidly, we have not yet evaluated the impact that Mrs. Mecklenburg's transfer to her new position will have on ACCL. A steering committee has been appointed to review the organization's administrative and program plans in light of the fact that she will no longer be directing the day to day activities of the national office in Minneapolis.

We will keep you informed of further developments and will likely be making a number of recommendations based on our discussions during the next several weeks.

encl: National Catholic Reporter



Date: February 27, 1981
To: ACCL Board of Directors
From: Marjory Mecklenburg
Re: Appointment to HHS Position

It is necessary that I resign my position as president and member of the board of directors of ACCL to accept a position in Washington as Director of the Office of Adolescent Pregnancy Programs in the Department of Health and Human Services.

Preliminary ACCL planning meetings are taking place, and you will be receiving further information about organizational options. To facilitate this planning, I have appointed a steering committee composed of the following individuals:

Raymond DiBlasio, Ph.D.
Gloria Ford
William Hunt, Ph.D.
Joseph Lampe
Margaret Lampe
Jan Wilkens

I welcome the opportunity to work at a new level toward the same goals we have pursued in ACCL. It is my hope that ACCL will become even stronger and more visible during my absence. I thank you for the support you have given me and the organization. As a board member you have played an invaluable role in ACCL and I hope that you will consider being even more involved over the next few years.



FOUNDATION RECOMMENDS NO GROWTH FOR SOCIAL SERVICE PROGRAMS

A conservative research group calls for an "across the board policy of 'zero real growth'" for social service programs in the Office of Human Development Services during President-elect Ronald Reagan's first year in office.

And social service money should go directly for services, not for "theoretical research" or training of professionals, the report from the Heritage Foundation says. The chief author of the HHS recommendations was David A. Winston, an aide to Sen. Richard Schweiker, R-Pa., on the Labor and Human Resources Committee. Schweiker has been nominated to head HHS in the Reagan administration.

Prime candidates for funding cuts should be research and evaluation in all programs, Title XX training, and unnamed "social change programs" within the Administration on Children, Youth and Families, according to the report.

The report on OHDS programs is part of a 20-volume blueprint for a conservative government that Heritage turned over to the Reagan transition team last month.

→ Personnel The new administration also should take a close look at personnel in OHDS, particularly at regional offices that have become the means of "pressure groups" getting into the policy-making process, according to the report. Unless these "social theorists" are removed, the report goes on to say, "the potential for sabotage from within the organization by careerists committed to the goals of social change advocates is strong."

→ ACYF also must be a target for major housecleaning. The report says that many ACYF personnel are "social change zealots" who "carry a strong 'new class' bias ... they could be characterized as anti-family, in particular."

Except for programs to prevent domestic violence and "efforts to universalize state-supported child care," the report does not mention which programs and goals are anti-family.

It does advocate vigorous enforcement of the Hyde Amendment, which restricts Medicaid funding of abortions and suggests that some kind of state system would be a possible way of monitoring compliance.

Education Turning to federal education programs, the report says overly detailed federal elementary and secondary education programs have damaged the nation's schools and should be radically changed.

"It is virtually indisputable that the federal programs in elementary and secondary education have done more damage than programs in higher education" because of their "detailed mandates and prohibitions," according to the conservative Washington, D.C.-based think tank.

Test scores show that the quality of the schools has declined farther and faster than that of the colleges, says the draft report, written by a team headed by Ronald Docksai, a staffer for Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, who is the incoming chairman of the Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee.

"Put simply, increases in local elementary and secondary school discretionary authority enjoy an inverse relationship to the thickness of the daily Federal Register," the report says.

(more)

FOUNDATION RECOMMENDS NO GROWTH FOR SOCIAL SERVICE PROGRAMS (Cont.)

Although the report suggests a limited federal role in education, it says that does not mean the federal government "should be passive or should abandon its legitimate concerns about the quality of American education."

Some Good Marks In fact, there are three areas of education in which the federal government should rightly take an active role: information collection and dissemination; technical assistance; and educational research and development. The activities were the "traditional role of the U.S. Office of Education," the report says, but "they were seldom performed with great distinction or impact."

Whether to continue or abolish the Education Department is of less importance than is the need to reshape federal education policy, the report says.

If President-elect Reagan "pays heed to the letter and spirit of the U.S. Constitution and the sorry experience of the 15 years since the Elementary and Secondary Education Act was passed," he will try to transfer as much decisionmaking power as possible from Washington back to state and local educators.

Block Grants The fastest way to return control of local educators is through block grants, the report says, which must be implemented in a "fairly ambitious and comprehensive fashion" or not at all.

"Consolidating only two or three of the dozens of elementary and secondary programs would not break up the mechanism by which decisions are currently made, or transform the existing philosophy which is based on giving each special interest its protected slice of the pie."

The incoming administration could consolidate all programs but Title I and what the report called the three "best-entrenched" programs--vocational education, handicapped education and impact aid.

Other options are: consolidate all programs but Title I; consolidate Title I with all but vocational, handicapped and impact aid programs; or consolidate all elementary and secondary programs.

The report is not available to the public at this time.

STATES MUST CHOOSE BETWEEN CATEGORICAL GRANTS AND STATE SHARE IN GRS RENEWAL

Congress passed a General Revenue Sharing proposal, H.R. 7112, this month that requires states to choose between money for categorical programs or state general revenue funds, beginning in 1982. Many states use their GRS funds for social services or to match federal dollars in programs like Title XX social services.

The state share also is subject to yearly appropriations, a first for GRS. Categorical grants are appropriations made to states that must be used for specific tasks or categories. The bill provides a \$4.6 billion entitlement to local governments over the next three years, and \$2.3 billion to states beginning in fiscal year 1982. --BG

TINKERING WITH WELFARE, NOT A SHIFT TO BLOCK GRANTS, LIKELY IN NEAR FUTURE

Ronald Reagan is likely to tinker with the welfare system in his first year in office, before he proposes any massive shifts toward block grant financing, according to a House staffer who handles public assistance programs.

The Reagan administration needs a quick fix to get the budget under control and one way for the Reagan administration to come up with budget savings is to make modifications in existing welfare programs, said Ken Bowler, staff director of the House Ways and Means Public Assistance Subcommittee, last week. Major changes in welfare would take too long, he said.

One way to save some money in public assistance would be to subtract the amount of money a recipient earns on a job from the welfare payment. Another is to use retrospective accounting that bases future welfare amounts on previous income. This could save \$250 million to \$500 million. California is the only state that uses this accounting method.

Title XX Ceiling Bowler, whose subcommittee handles Aid To Families With Dependent Children, Title XX and Supplemental Security Income, said Title XX may not get its yearly \$100 million increase called for in the law. The current ceiling is \$2.9 billion. The House has learned, Bowler said, that it's easier to cut Title XX block grants to states than entitlement funds to individuals; AFDC is an entitlement to individuals.

Bowler, speaking to a meeting of state legislators, said the block grant financing of welfare, is likely to come up later in 1982--a full year after Reagan administration officials have had a chance to look at the present system. Such a block grant proposal, which was also introduced in the 96th Congress, could include a cap or limit on how much each state gets regardless of how many recipients there are. States would design their own welfare programs.

All current AFDC regulations and statutory requirements would be repealed, Bowler said. And individuals would not be entitled to an income. Under such a system states could refuse welfare to people unless they work, according to Bowler.

OHDS's Future Meanwhile, Cynthia Hilton, staff director for the Republicans on the Senate Labor and Human Resources Subcommittee on Aging, said the future of the Office of Human Development Services might be shaky. Since OHDS has no statutory authority, the office could be a target for bureaucratic pruning from the Reagan forces, she told the state legislators. Hilton was not speaking for the Reagan administration.

The Administration for Children, Youth and Families is housed in OHDS. OHDS also oversees Title XX social services. The office was created by a former secretary of the department and could be abolished on the secretary's orders.

HHS OFFERS TO PAY CERTAIN PEOPLE TO COMMENT ON CHILD WELFARE RULES

The Department of Health and Human services will give certain people financial assistance to attend regional meetings on soon-to-be proposed rules for the Adoption Assistance and Child Welfare Act.

HHS will help people who otherwise couldn't afford to attend hearings in four of the 10 regions. The four sites are Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 26; Denver, Colo., Dec. 27; (more)

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After Organized Effort, Women Await Top Jobs

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previous efforts on behalf of women, such as the unsuccessful lobbying to keep the Equal Rights Amendment in the party platform. The push is coming not merely from Republican feminists who have not traditionally supported Reagan, but from the Republican women's federation, which is composed of conservative women who have supported him for years. Heitman was Reagan's choice to replace ERA advocate Mary Crisp as RNC cochairman. Heitman's involvement is far more significant, says Pam Curtis of the Republican Women's Task Force, "than was our significance in trying to keep ERA in the platform. They will have access and have clout."

They do seem to be getting the access. About 10 Republican women met last Tuesday with Reagan and Vice President-elect Bush at Blair House to discuss women's issues and jobs in the administration. The meeting, which was chaired by Anne Armstrong, included Heitman, Elizabeth Dole, Murphy, Bendix vice-president Nancy Reynolds, longtime

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Will He Be There?

"The support of the more than 100,000 marchers for the paramount human life amendment clearly demonstrates that the American people share our mutual concern for the sacredness of every human life.

"I hope that future Marches for Life will be addressed by a President of the United States

. . . Or Should The Election Silence Pro-Lifers?

At a press conference on Nov. 26th, Cong. Jack Kemp of New York urged pro-lifers not to press too hard for a constitutional amendment to outlaw abortion, because, he said, such efforts might block consideration of economic legislation.

One anti-abortionist contacted this column to say he agrees with Kemp. "People think of their pocketbooks first, and having a job is more important than allowing people to have



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Mrs. Marjory Mecklenburg
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Dear Marjory:

The two weeks after my return from the Interparliamentary Union Fall Conference in East Berlin were so hectic that I had two letters from you to answer before I got to the first and have not been able to get to either until now. I am sorry.

I want very much to contribute an editorial to your newsletter and, as you know, indeed welcome the opportunity. November is fast approaching, however, and I am wondering what your deadline might be. The next few weeks do not seem to include much free time.

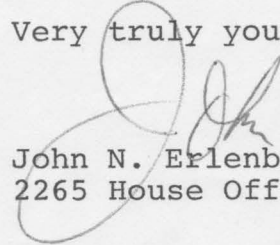
In checking with the Reagan people, I find they are moving on two fronts with regards to posts in the new administration. An independent group, the Heritage Foundation, is accepting resumes of possible candidates for key positions. The Reagan people themselves have volunteers of the executive-type writing job descriptions and a list of the kinds of people (experience, background) needed to fill them. The person who is apparently in charge of this team is Peter McPherson. He says he would welcome hearing from us November 5 or shortly thereafter.

Mr. McPherson is in Washington (202-296-2929). My thinking is that you and Maris might want to give him a call to talk over ideas with him. After that we will know what the next step should be. In the meantime, we can all be thinking about possible candidates.

Carolyn also regrets not having a chance to talk with you when you were here in September, but I expect -- and hope -- we'll be seeing you again soon.

Please give our best to Maris when you next talk to him.

Very truly yours,


John N. Erlenborn, M.C.
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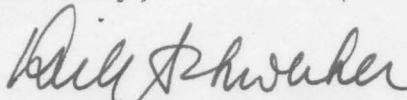
Dear Mrs. Mecklenberg:

Thank you for sending me the handsome, framed picture with the quote from Robert Frost and for your kind comments concerning my career in the Senate.

It was thoughtful of you to send along your good wishes. Claire and I hope that you enjoyed the Holiday Season and that your New Year will be filled with much happiness.

Again, many thanks.

Sincerely,



Richard S. Schweiker
Secretary-designate, HHS

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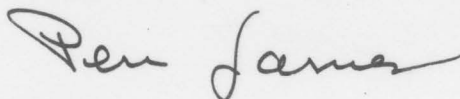
Ms. Marjory E. Mecklenburg
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Dear Ms. Mecklenburg

As you know, you have been suggested for consideration for a position in the Reagan Administration. We are presently collecting and evaluating information on many candidates for service in the new Administration. Your background will be given careful review when we start filling positions.

Although we cannot predict when we might be in touch, please be assured that you will be seriously considered as we seek the most qualified team to serve President-elect Reagan after he takes office in January.

Sincerely



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Foes of abortion taking over key federal positions

By Bill Peterson
Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — While the headlines have been going to budget cuts and El Salvador, anti-abortionists have quietly won several key positions in the Reagan administration

would lobby for such an amendment in his present post. He also has said, "I don't think the federal government should be in the sex education business."

Congress has already moved in recent years to block federal funding of almost all abortions under Medi-

the current attack for the way they expand the targets of the anti-abortion groups to birth control activities.

The first document is a "white paper" prepared by the Life Amendment Political Action Committee and the American Life Lobby which

er, who would supervise Koop and Mecklenburg, is a longtime supporter of a constitutional amendment prohibiting abortion and has said he

Congress. Now, anti-abortion groups claim they can marshal from 200 to 250 votes in the House and 41 firm votes in the Senate.

Two documents are noteworthy in



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"When the Christian majority takes over this country, there will be no more satanic churches. No more free distribution of pornography. No more abortion on demand. And no more talk of rights for homosexuals."

After the Christian majority takes control, pluralism will be seen as immoral and evil. The state will not permit anybody the right to practice evil.

It is conceivable the country could have a civil war. In a Christian society, force is not ruled out."

Gary Potter
Catholics for Christian Political Action

Bertrand Russell, the irreverent British philosopher, once wrote that the Church appeared to prefer that sex involve "very little pleasure and a great deal of pain."

And for centuries, those women arrogant enough to partake in the forbidden fruit of sexuality did receive their divine "punishment": unwanted pregnancy, societal condemnation and venereal disease. In fact, the good Reverend Felix M. Kirsch of the Catholic University of America fondly called V.D. "a symbol of God's wrath and a warning to all to obey the law of the Lord."

But with the invention of the Intra-Uterine Device (IUD) in 1951, the birth control Pill in 1956, and modern antibiotics and penicillin, sexuality came into its own—significantly freed from the ancient links to pregnancy and disease. Religious control over American sexual mores began to crumble at the bed-posts. Despite Pope Paul IV's *Humanae Vitae* blast against artificial contraception, the number of American Catholics approving birth control doubled to 83% by the mid-Seventies. Worse yet, Andrew Greeley's study of American priests finds that barely 40% still support Catholic teachings on birth control.

Where, then, is the vengeance that should follow sinful pleasure? Asked why gay men should be sent to prison for making love, Florida's Anita Bryant replied: "Why make it easy for them? A felony might make them think twice. You see, if there are no consequences for any kind of sin, if there's no law and order, if there's no price to be paid..." Sandy Singer, lobbyist for Minnesota's "pro-decency" Citizens Alert for Liberty and Morality, confirmed that Planned Parenthood clinics will "say to do your own thing, that anything that makes you feel good is okay. But you don't have to be responsible. You don't have to pay the price."

The New Right wants to exact payment for sexual freedom. Even if they have to change the United States Constitution to do it. Their agenda, in Minnesota and in the U.S. Congress: ban abortion, birth-control, reproductive education, and any sexual activity not involving married heterosexual adults. Men on top please.

Khoren Arisian, a self-described "religious humanist," is the Minister for the First Unitarian Society of Minneapolis. "The Moral Majority is trying to recreate a world they thought existed before the Fifties," says Arisian with a faint New York accent. "Ronald Reagan wants to repeal the last two decades, back to Eisenhower, as if the Sixties and Seventies didn't happen. It's nostalgia for Victorianism." In an editorial titled "Virtue as Birth Control," Minnesota's *Red Wing Republican Eagle* newspaper articulated this yearning for happier times, when "even a rumor concerning a high school girl's lack of virtue could ruin her reputation" and "girls remained virgins." Terming premarital sex "tawdry, messy, demeaning, disgusting, ugly," the *Eagle* begged America to return to the "olden days (when) there were more maidens

shrieking in terror on their wedding night."

In the U.S. Congress, in the Minnesota Legislature and in Ronald Reagan's Administration, plans are afoot to clamp shut the national chastity belt and back-pedal to the era of howling maidens. From 1971 to 1973, Governor Ronald Reagan vetoed bills passed by the California legislature to allow birth control distribution without parental consent. During that time, 35,000 teenagers sought abortions in that state. Reagan told reporters: "Simply because sexual permissiveness may exist among certain young people does not mean the state should make it easier for them."

Ronald Reagan, in the Oval Office, has no intentions of making it easier for them today.

This April 27, the Family Protection Act will be reintroduced by U.S. Sen. Roger Jenson. The Act, originally drafted by Reagan buddy Sen. Paul Laxalt of Nevada, would prohibit doctors from giving abortions, birth control or even tests for venereal disease without parental notice. The Act would exempt homosexuals from the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and deny federal funding to states which prohibit prayer in the schools. Incredibly, the Act would weaken battered women's shelters by preventing the federal government from involving itself in legislation affecting "spousal abuse." And lest we forget who wears the nation's pants, the Act would prohibit federally funded schools from buying books which would "tend to denigrate, diminish, or deny the role differences between the sexes as it has been historically understood in the U.S."

Politics and Sex have always made strange bedfellows. The American Federation of Labor fought liberalization of birth control laws fearing that a low birth rate might hurt construction projects. The venerable Texas Rep. Sam Rayburn scowled at a Congressional discussion of contraception, until talk turned to Southern blacks. He leapt to his feet, beaming: "Now you're really talking, when you're getting birth control to them!"

Reagan's zeal to legislate sexual conduct, however, is unprecedented. Under Jimmy Carter, Pat Harris used the office of Secretary of Health and Human Services to encourage teenage contraceptive use. Now Reagan has followed up his appointment of a dentist to head the Department of Energy with a staunch pro-life, anti-contraception Republican, Senator Richard Schweiker to fill Harris' shoes. Schweiker has promised to oppose the distribution of contraceptives to low-income, unmarried teenagers and to fight sex education in the schools. He now has control over the \$162 million Office of Family Planning, which serves four million women each year.

Then, from Minneapolis, Reagan plucked 45-year-old anti-abortion activist Marjory Mecklenburg to head the federal Office of Adolescent Pregnancy Program. Ironically, that office was created in 1978 by Sen. Ted Kennedy, nemesis of "pro-life" forces. Mecklenburg, a former president of the Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life, says teenagers should abstain from sex rather than use contraceptives.

Rosemarie Johnson is an anti-abortion iconoclast, a former vice-president of MCCL, and an old friend of Marjory Mecklenburg. She recalls Marge founding MCCL with her South Minneapolis neighbor Alice Hartle. "She really spread her wings. Marge was a home-maker and a doctor's wife. But the pro-life movement gave her political savvy and lobbying experience. She didn't give up." While even advocates of abortion on request speak of Mecklenburg with grudging respect, her past is splintered with battles over MCCL policy. When Mecklenburg worked with Eunice Shriver Kennedy on teenage pregnancy programs, anti-abortion colleagues criticized her for associating with a Kennedy relative. In 1972, Mecklenburg took full responsibility for a "serious error" during her tenure as head of the Minnesota State Problem Pregnancy Committee. Two members



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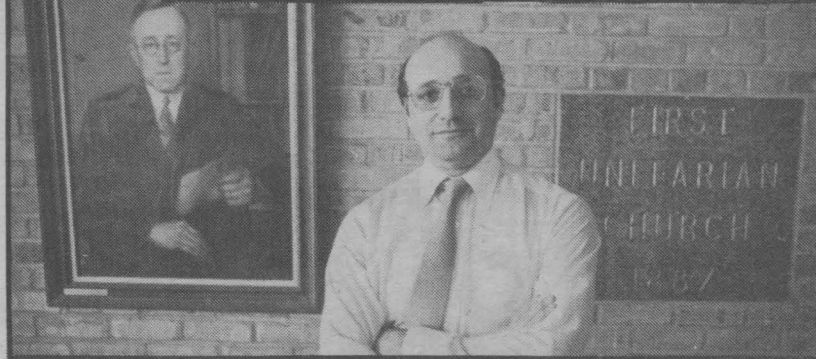


Photo: Larry Roepke

Pro-Decency lobbyist Sandra Singer (top) and Minister Koren Arisian (below): Howling virgins vs. sexual freedom

THE SEX POLICE:

THE NEW RIGHT PADLOCKS THE BEDROOM DOOR

resigned when Marjory distributed, against committee guidelines, booklets of testimony mixed with anti-abortion statements. And when Mecklenburg supported Minn. Rep. Richard Nolan's vote on an amendment to allow abortion in cases of rape or incest, MCCL co-founder Hartle labeled her a traitor.

Recalls Johnson, "The problem with Right to Life is The Purity Test. If you vote wrong once, you're going to get a bad score. Hartle played hard-ball." Mecklenburg quickly rose to prominence with American Citizens Concerned for Life, despite her more liberal attitudes towards birth control. When her gynecologist-husband Dr. Fred Mecklenburg testified in 1979 against a bill stripping Planned Parenthood of family planning funds, current MCCL director David O'Steen listed him in a pamphlet as a pro-abortionist. Dr. Mecklenburg, who had delivered a 15-year-old mother's baby that very day, was upset that MCCL could not "see the difference between family planning and abortion."

Along with Schweiker and Mecklenburg, President Reagan's third-leg in the reproductive triumvirate is Dr. Everett Koop, nominee for U.S. Surgeon General. Because

pediatric surgeon Koop is almost 65, and the age limit for serving is 64 1/2, anti-abortionist Sen. Jesse Helms (North Carolina) attempted this month to repeal the age limit via an amendment on a credit card bill. An outraged Sen. Henry Waxman demanded at hearings this month, "Why should a private bill for Dr. Koop be handled in such a surreptitious manner? What does the Administration have to hide from us about Dr. Koop?"

Plenty, Henry. For starters, there is Koop's exhaustive anti-abortion film, "Whatever Happened to the Human Race," shown throughout Minnesota in 1980. In response to the 1973 Supreme Court decision on abortion, the 17-hour-long movie shows nine black-robed judges beating elderly people in wheel chairs with hammers, to the tune of Cole Porter's "Anything Goes."

At a Philadelphia showing of his film, Koop declared his philosophy: "The anti-family trends in our society are tremendous. The number of families where both parents work increases annually to the added stress of family life, and particularly to children. The Women's Lib movement, gay pride movement, single parenthood, the break-

The New Right: Waging War on Women

The New Right champions women's traditional role. Keep your pregnancy. Keep your child. Stay home and raise your children. And how will the new administration support you? They'll tell you not to rely on the government for anything.

One of the best-kept secrets of the 1981 budget is that President Reagan plans to cut away nearly every social service program upon which primarily women depend. Pregnant and nursing mothers will lose coupons to buy milk. Low-income women trying to work will lose child care. Elderly women dependent on Medicaid to pay nursing home costs will find they are the first victims of "budget austerity."

Governor Quie, even before his recent revelations of a tax shortfall, took a fiscal axe to similar social programs. His Omnibus Welfare Bill (H.F. 677, S.F. 618) would give the Commissioner of Public Welfare total discretion to cut welfare benefits and programs. Child care for low-income women would be swallowed in a block grant given to counties with no strings attached. Shelters for battered women would lose up to 60 percent of funding. Nursing homes would lose funds and services.

"Our culture isn't set up for people with kids," says Janet Troje, a soft-spoken single mother of two children. "It's like society says—'you had 'em—good luck! Now you're going to pay through the nose.'"

Women pay for raising children with poverty. In the United States, four-fifths of the people who live in poverty are women and their children. Approximately 50 percent of woman-headed families with children are poor. And the poor depend on government services.

Janet Troje didn't expect to need welfare.

Her mother was a homemaker. Her father had a good job. Janet married her childhood sweetheart during her senior year at St. Catherine College and immediately got pregnant. When her marriage collapsed seven years later, Janet had no skills to support herself and her children. "I was much more of the old school. I had never been on my own. I had never even balanced a checkbook. I had never had to support myself. During the marriage I didn't know what my husband made. It didn't concern me so long as there was enough to buy groceries. I had no idea when I left how much we had gone into debt."

Suddenly alone with a five-year-old daughter and a two-year-old son, Janet briefly supported her family on Aid for Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) and food stamps. When her ex-husband began child support, it didn't cover expenses. Janet took federally insured student loans and used the CETA program to pay for technical drafting school. When she was laid off her first job, Janet relied on the Working Opportunities for Women (WOW) displaced homemakers program to help find work.

"I was real intimidated about finding another job," she said. "I had no skills to speak of in finding work and very little confidence. They [WOW] were kind of a launching pad. The program evolved from self-assessment to job search skills; real practical ways of finding employment."

With the interview, resume and follow-up skills learned at WOW, Janet found a technical drawing job at the University of Minnesota. Hardly the lap of luxury, but with a \$600 per month job and child support, says Janet, she and her children "are living decently again."

Time warp. What if Reagan's and Quie's budgets had been acted into law? Reagan plans to cut AFDC benefits, child-care programs (by 25 percent) and remove deductions for child-care and work-related expenses for women who hold jobs to reduce their dependence on welfare. If a family receiving AFDC receives less than \$10 a month or earns over a certain amount (\$513 a month in Hennepin County for a family with three kids) all AFDC benefits, including medical care would terminate. Since many Minnesota AFDC recipients work, 37.5 percent of these families will lose some or all of their benefits. *Ninety-seven percent of Minnesota's AFDC recipients are women and their children.* Reagan also plans to institute "workfare," requiring every woman whose children are over three years old to put in 20 hours a week in dead-end jobs—for example, picking up litter. This program, which failed to save money in California, would give women no pay for this work. It would be an obligation to earn the right to raise one's own children.

Governor Quie has proposed several cuts in AFDC. Most important, he would limit AFDC expenditures to a 4 percent increase per year, regardless of inflation. If money ran short, the Commissioner of Public Welfare would have total discretion to cut benefits, eligibility or programs.

Many single-parent families, like Janet's, rely on food stamps. Reagan plans to cut 18.5 percent out of this budget. Janet used federal loans and CETA to get practical education to

move out of poverty. Reagan will cut student loans by \$9.2 billion, vocational education by 20 percent and both CETA jobs and CETA training funds.

In Minnesota, one of the displaced homemaker programs which provides job counseling to homemakers "displaced" by divorce or death of a husband, depends entirely on CETA money. Its source of funds dried up this year. The other four programs have CETA money passed through the Governor's Discretionary Fund. When the CETA money (37 percent of total budgets) was cut this year, Quie did not make up the deficit through state funding. Displaced homemakers was the only program in the Department of Economic Security which failed to receive such make-whole money.

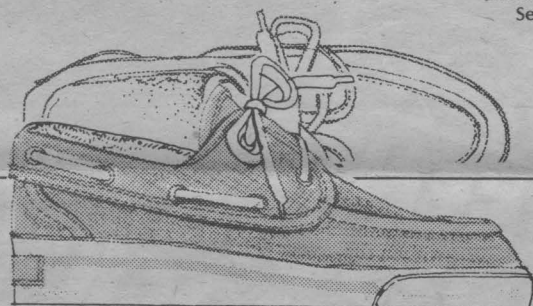
Quie's Omnibus Welfare Bill had more bad news for homemakers. General Assistance (GA) would be limited to people who are certified "unemployable." Though a woman who has stayed home to take care of her family may have no marketable skills she would not qualify for GA. Even if she did qualify for GA, Quie proposed to cut medical care for such recipients. Unless there was an emergency "immediate life-threatening condition," not "merely" a broken hip or a miscarriage, the state would not necessarily pay medical costs.

Diane Wartchow never expected to need government help to raise her children. She laughs and brushes her curly hair off her

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