

Opinion

Giving up on ideas

If any program has been effective in creating widespread interest in the study of international affairs... and of fostering international exchange of students and educational and cultural leaders between this country and scores of nations overseas...

Now the Reagan administration proposes to cut those programs not merely by the 12 percent imposed on all agencies, but to slash them by more than 50 percent, terminating educational exchange programs with 61 of the 130 nations which they are now maintained, including nearly all Third World nations...

The Soviet Union currently offers 24,000 educational grants to Africans annually, roughly 12 times the U.S. total, 4,700 to Latin Americans, roughly triple the number awarded by the United States...

Fat federal pensions

Top-level federal employees are retiring in droves, the beneficiaries of an illogical pension system of gratification which rewards retiring with oversized pensions which cost taxpayers \$45 billion a year...

The problem is already so pressing to be ignored. As recently as 1977, only 568 senior federal employees, 13 percent of those who were eligible to retire, elected to do so. By last year, however, the numbers had increased to 3,137, or 51.8 percent of those eligible...

The obligation to retired workers, as well as to those eligible but still on the federal payroll, has reached \$450 billion, up \$86 billion in the last year, and equal to two-thirds of the entire 1961 federal budget...

The basic problem is that Uncle Sam has given his employees a lavish pension system in a few private industries could afford. Federal employees contribute to their retirement system all at the same rate as privately employed persons pay into the Social Security System...

Top-level bureaucrats who earn \$50,112 a year that look forward to retirement on \$40,000 a year, augmented by guaranteed cost of living increases. So open-handed has Congress been, that some 100,000 federal pensions are now receiving more in retirement than they did when they were working...

Guest column

Nixon and the Reaganites

Not being as suspicious as Amos I, I am not so sure that the relationship between the Reaganites and the disgraced Richard Nixon... President Reagan intends to elevate Nixon to the status of an honored leader once again.

Letters

To The Carlisle Mercury: Recently the Dumpsters located at the end of Walnut Grove Road were removed but I feel that it was for the best.

Some people in Nicholas County are nearly contented haven't got enough news to have a good thing when they see one. The Dumpsters were placed through the county to help the people who live in the area.

Anybody having information about the auction and conditions to any of these dumpsters should notify the proper authorities only.



Agree or not

Legislators should strive for a balance of power and call Brown's hand

By S.C. Van Curen: Kentuckians get some encouraging news from John V. Brown Jr. in his speech to lawmakers at the legislative conference at Nicholas Dam Village.

The governor issued an invitation to the lawmakers to make problem solving during the legislative session a top priority by pledging his cooperation and offering further assurance when he said he is not "seeking any power."

The governor's stance is somewhat at variance with that assumed in the opinion of legislators during his first session in 1960. Then he said the legislature could be independent and let them elect their own leadership as he did this time.

The variance comes in the interpretation of the legislators who assumed last session that the governor was not going to take responsibility for the legislation and let the lawmakers take all of the credit or blame since the governor didn't try to steer all legislation.

Down Memory Lane

Morning Glory post office closed

Thursday, December 14, 1961: Mrs. Vivian Scott has retired as a dress and produce buyer for Scott Produce Company, one of Carlisle's oldest businesses...

Thursday, December 14, 1961: Miss Vivian Mae Bally, eight, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Rayler, Route 1, is very ill at the Johnson Memorial Hospital suffering with influenza in one eye...

MARRIED - Alma Stone and Mitchell Cox, Dec. 8, 8 man. Pauline Bustin, Carlisle, and Humphrey Stuart of Aberdeen, Tenn., on Friday.

PIRE of undetermined origin destroyed a barn and contents on the farm of Mrs. Lee B. Osborne, Carpenter Pike, Friday night.

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Heartbreak of phthisis... or torture of tetter can be cured

I haven't had the phthisis in years, but if I get it again I'll know how to cure it. I've got a sure way. I'll give you a sure way. I'll give you a sure way. I'll give you a sure way. I'll give you a sure way.

RUSS METZ

To cure the bumps, hold "hang" on the laws. To cure the bumps, hold "hang" on the laws. To cure the bumps, hold "hang" on the laws. To cure the bumps, hold "hang" on the laws.

An editor's random thoughts...

After laboriously flipping out a telegram over the telephone this week we said: "Sign it, Carlisle Mercury."

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When Brother Menden got his American Mercury magazine for the first time, he was so pleased with it that he wrote me a letter asking me to publish a very true story of a small town drab, we had hopes that the name would be leached out of him from his knowledge and that he'd do other place to breakfast, so that folk would.

Nixon and the Reaganites

Washington area really Nixon men. Our secretary of state, was with Nixon in the White House in those days. Weinberger, our secretary of state, was with Nixon in the White House in those days.

This man is another important piece of the puzzle. He is a Nixon man. He is a Nixon man. He is a Nixon man. He is a Nixon man.

By James C. Smith: Folks seem to be talking a lot lately about the "middle-life crisis." You know, that strange affliction that turns grown men into lunicos on the 40th birthday.

The Idle Rambler

Janie could stop slugging on lemons before she comes to work, but they see you every day. You have to change clothes.

They tell me that early varieties of the gold standard used to predict that someday the floating dollar would be so worthless that people would lack to papering their walls with it.

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