

Ford Addresses The Wrong Audience

Recently President Ford spoke at the United Nations about the ramifications of the Arabian countries black-jacking the world. He spoke of the ills which will result -- world-wide depression, hunger and inevitable holocaust. It was a grand speech. It produced an expected reaction from the Arab world. They threatened to cut off supply if we threaten war. This is the way they interpreted Ford's remarks.

Ford's speech was good, but it was delivered to the wrong audience. It should have been delivered to the American oil interests, to the handful of families who control American oil companies and most of the other big businesses stateside. It is they who control the destiny of the world, not the handful of Arabs who are their scapegoats. Let's put things in their proper perspective.

First, it is American oil interests that created the marketing apparatus for the distribution of Arabian oil. These same American companies still own large shares of these oil companies and are directly benefitting from the Arabian price hikes. They are still providing the technical know-how and, to a large extent, the financing needed to make this whole deal swing.

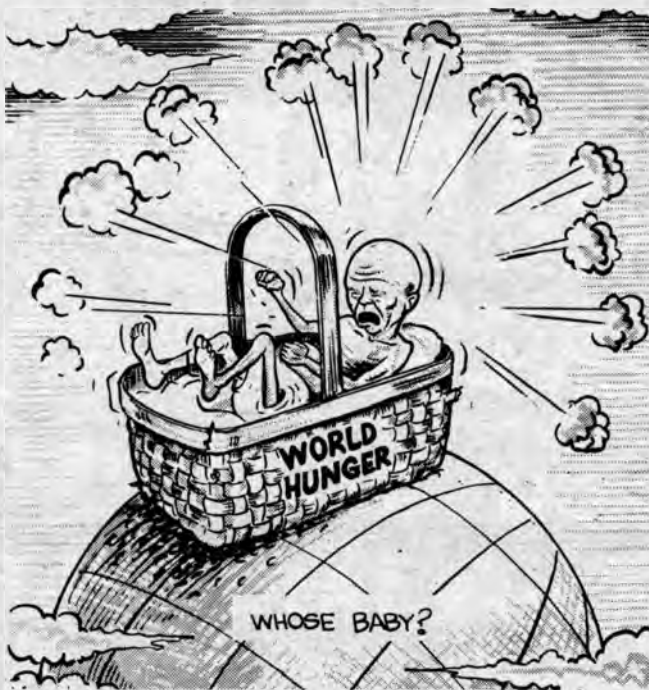
Second, let's look at what has happened here in America during the past year. We are importing 20 per cent of our oil needs from foreign countries. This is not just Arabian oil, but oil from Venezuela and Canada.

The cost of this foreign oil is three times what it was a little over a year ago. At the same time, the retail price of oil we use in our homes and to generate electricity has more than doubled.

This is not right. A three-time rise in 20 per cent of the oil should only lead to a 40 per cent increase in the cost of the product when it is mixed with our domestic oil, if the price of domestic oil had remained stable. It didn't. Our domestic oil companies raised our oil prices, too. The result is, we are paying twice the price we paid last year, and the oil companies are profiting 60 per cent more than they should be.

President Ford must realize this, but he preferred to perpetuate the concept that the Arabs are behind all our ills. President Ford has the power to do something about it. He can demand that the anti-trust laws be imposed to break up big oil companies and once again make them competitive. We doubt he will do this. This is unfortunate, for not only the American public, but for the rest of the world.

His prediction of unrest, hunger and



eventual world war will come true because of a handful of families' greed. He could have done something about it, but for whatever reason he has, he didn't. It's a shame. And why not?

Why Isn't Anyone Laughing??

It's Tuesday. School has been out for almost an hour.

The telephone rings in the firehouse. "There's a house on fire ... 23 Hill Street. Please hurry, I think my brother is in there!" The dispatcher pulls the alarm and simultaneously broadcasts to the volunteer firemen over closed band radio the location and type of fire, and whether anyone might be trapped in the blaze.

Then all hell breaks loose.

Cars with flashing blue lights come racing from all directions. The area around the firehouse is organized chaos. Cars pulling in, trucks with sirens screaming and red lights flashing are racing out. It doesn't matter whether you are young or old, you feel the excitement, the tension.

Hill Street is four miles away. Firemen know seconds count. They push their trucks and cars. They hope other drivers will see their lights, hear the sirens and give way.

The four miles feels like 400. Somebody is trapped in that building, and a minute or even seconds means the difference between getting them out alive or carrying out a corpse.

There it is, number 23. There's no sign of smoke. Get the hoses hooked up. Must get inside, survey the fire, find the victim. The doors are locked! Have to break in. No smoke inside. No fire.

Ha! Ha! False alarm.

Why isn't anyone laughing?

Didn't our little game give everyone a

break in their dreary day? Wasn't it exciting? Didn't the trucks race fast? Yes, they did. The volunteers raced there just as fast as they could, just as fast as if there really had been a fire.

In fact, during the past few weeks here in Suffolk County, there have been several incidents of volunteer firemen being seriously injured while responding to a false alarm. Maybe drivers did not give way as they are supposed to. Maybe firemen took chances they normally wouldn't. Maybe people became confused. Whatever the reason, there are volunteer firemen lying in hospital beds who should not be there.

Turning in a false alarm is a crime, one that should be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. It is serious enough in the city, where you have a paid fire department, but here in Suffolk, where the departments are made up of an all-volunteer force, it is unthinkable.

Our departments are made up of men from every walk of life who give unselfishly of themselves to protect their neighbors. Being a fireman may be exciting, but it is not fun and games. Hundreds of hours of training are needed to be a good fireman.

The chances they take at times are suicidal. Somebody has to do it and they have volunteered their services. Every time the siren blows, they lay their lives on the line. Fires happen and they accept the risk willingly.


We do not need false alarms. We should not tolerate them.

Parents, impress upon your children the seriousness of this situation. Your children should realize the consequences of turning in a false alarm ... not only what will happen to them in the eyes of the law, but the jeopardy they place the firemen in. Talk to them, explain it to them and let's hope there will be no more false alarms. And why not?

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EDITORIAL

Suffolk Life Endorsements

Following this editorial are our endorsements in this year's election races. The answers we came up with were not easily reached. The conclusions we came to took hundreds of man hours of work. They are the consensus of our news staff which is comprised of both liberal and conservative viewpoints. Before any candidate was interviewed, we researched the various issues and gathered all information available on each office-seeker.

In face-to-face interviews with the candidates, we were seeking not only the

answers to our questions but what the real candidate was like: Was he real? What is his true philosophy? Did he really want to represent and work for the people, or was he just on an ego trip?

In some races the better candidate was easy to spot; in others, it was very difficult. Sometimes the problem was all candidates in the particular race were good and in others they shared glaring weaknesses.

We believe the conclusions we have come to are the best men for the offices they seek. We hope these people will put

their constituents' needs and desires above those of their parties and special interests.

We hope after you have read our endorsements you will go back over the last two weeks' copies of Suffolk Life and examine what the candidates said they believe in. Match their positions to yours and then independently make up your own mind as to who you will support November 5. Most importantly, be sure to exercise your important franchise by voting. And why not?

New York Governor



Hugh Carey
(D)

In this year's gubernatorial election, the voters have one basic question to ask themselves. Do we want more of the same, or do we want a change? Malcolm Wilson, Nelson Rockefeller's hand-picked successor, is nothing more than an extension of Nelson Rockefeller, and all that he stood for.

He was part of the administration that caused the state budget to rise from \$1 billion to over \$9 billion. He has been part of the administration that has given people the sales tax, has raised the state income and corporate taxes to the highest in the nation. He is part of the administration that ruined the economic climate and drove businesses out of New York.

He is part of the administration that created an atmosphere of permissiveness that has made New York streets unsafe, and has produced an aura of crime and corruption. A vote for Malcolm Wilson will be a vote to continue the same policy that has brought New York State to this point in history.

A vote for Hugh Carey will be a vote for change. It will be a vote to realign state priorities in the direction of human needs instead of roads and monuments. Carey has offered an imaginative plan to return the state government to representing the people. His plan for his first 100 days in office is oriented around people matters.

Carey is pledged to reform state government -- to eliminating no-show jobs -- to re-organizing and making people-oriented the various commissions and authorities that affect our everyday lives. He will breathe new life into the state and lead it again in a direction of greatness.

Suffolk Life believes that New York State desperately needs a change, and the best way to accomplish this change is an overwhelming vote for Carey. We offer him our endorsement, and encourage you to consider what you have had under Nelson Rockefeller and Malcolm Wilson's regime, and what you can have under Carey.

Suffolk Life endorses Hugh Carey for Governor.

Section One of Two Sections

U.S. Senate



Barbara Keating
(C)

The voters of New York State have two choices in the Senatorial race. They can elect one of two candidates with liberal philosophies or one with a conservative viewpoint. On the one side of the ledger are Jacob Javits, a Republican, and Ramsey Clark, a Democrat. They are the same and alike as far as political philosophies go. Both believe in big government; both believe that the government can do better for the individual than the individual can do for himself.

Javits has been part and parcel of the administration that brought us Watergate and part of the government that has been the direct cause of spiralling inflation. He is part of the system that has reduced the middle class to virtually being slaves of government, while protecting the wealth of the rich and encouraging the poor to remain poor.

Clark has the stage presence of a second-coming of Lincoln. But, he is a counterfeit. A recent immigrant to the state, he is only using New York State for his own political ambitions. Clark, we feel, disqualified himself from ever serving in political office by going to Hanoi during the Viet Nam War and fraternizing with their leadership while our men were getting killed fighting.

Whether you agree with the Viet Nam War or not, we ask you to put yourself or your son in the place of those in a foxhole, fighting for their lives, while a man who wants to be your Senator was having tea with the enemy. His involvement with the enemy served no constructive purpose except to give publicity to Clark, and Jane Fonda, his traveling companion.

We have the choice of supporting Javits, part of the Nixon-Rockefeller gang, or supporting Clark, part of the Lyndon Johnson oil interest mob. Neither one is a very appealing choice.

Thank God there is a third candidate in this race -- Barbara Keating. She is the widow of Marine Major Daniel Keating who was killed at Hue in Vietnam. She believes the only way the American system of government is going to survive is for

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Suffolk County District Attorney



Henry O'Brien
(D)

Suffolk Life is proud to endorse Henry O'Brien for District Attorney in Suffolk County. He is honest: he has morals, ethics and integrity. He is a leader of men and a mover of people. He is committed to no man -- no party, but is dedicated to restoring honesty and ethics to government. O'Brien's background as an officer in the Air Force, as an Assistant District Attorney, and as a Special Prosecutor under Maurice Nadjari has exposed him to every facet of this high office.

He is well aware of the problems that face Suffolk, both from criminal elements and from the official corruptors who have permeated our everyday way of life. He has definite plans for re-organizing and motivating the county District Attorney's office. He will make it productive for each citizen, protecting his rights and investigating and prosecuting those who have chosen to violate them.

His Republican opponent, Henry G. Wenzel III, is a very nice man, but part of the establishment. With Wenzel one feels he is almost talking to their grandfather.

It is unfortunate that after six months of serving as the appointed District Attorney he still does not seem to grasp the full scope of the D.A.'s office.

His idea of leadership is strange. He brags about spending the first three weeks of office locating gas for his detectives' cars. It is unbelievable that a chief administrator would have to spend his valuable time in such a capacity, unless that is what he feels comfortable doing.

In our interview with him, he said that he felt that there was little official corruption in Suffolk County. What corruption there had been has been ferreted out, and everything is okay. When we inquired about organized crime, he was hazy on its strength and indecisive in how he would cope with it. A rather weak answer from somebody who is aspiring to be the people's District Attorney of Suffolk County.

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