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Time's a' wasting, so get it while it's hot

By Jim Williams

Listen. A few weeks ago I ended a column with a plea to conserve gasoline so we can all enjoy motoring a little longer.

Today, for your consideration, the opposite view. Born of fatigue, suckled on helplessness, matured into despair. If you enjoy cars or driving at all, listen: get it while you can. There is not much time left.

If you think the thing that's going to end it all is a simple shortage of petroleum, or that you don't have to worry because you wear Earth Shoes and ride a bicycle, think again. And read.

France, you can read, has passed a mandatory seat-belt use law, the fifteenth country to do so. Gendarmes scrutinize parking lots and toll booths to ticket criminals who don't buckle up.

Similar law

Our own government is going to get a similar law. First, it threatens an "education campaign;" then, if the recalcitrant masses still don't know what's good for them, a belt law; and, failing all else, a law requiring the expensive, often ineffective and sometimes very dangerous air bag system.

Never mind that the current situation approximates the ideal democracy, in which each vote is binding on only the individual voter. Those (including me) who approve of belts wear them; those who don't may not. But now our "representatives" have decided, and we will do as they say —or else. This is not conjecture. It is going to happen, by 1979 at the latest.

Something that may not happen for a while is the "ethical car" of Gil Carmichael, who wants to be Mississippi's governor.

"Ethical cars" would be ghastly, joyless little stones with a top speed of 65 miles an hour, but they would be the only cars the government would allow under Carmichael's plan.

The end

"It is quite proper for society," he says, "through its state and federal government, to limit us" in our choice. It sounds fine—until you begin to wonder if "society" is actually some Olympian, omniscient arbiter of rectitude, and not you, me and all that other ragtag collection of irresponsible droolers lumped together by the phrase "We, the people. . . ."

It has happened before, and it is happening again—in the face of crisis, the people forego all too readily the harsh demands that liberty makes of maturity, in return for the stifling safety of paternal rule.

You can hear it like an overtone in the voices of the young intellectuals who praise China: "They have enough to eat and enough to do, and a fair and orderly society, and these are the only things that really count."

These will be the architects of our lives. There will be jobs, housing, medical care, pleasures from the "approved" list. The restraints will gall at first, but everyone will see it's all for the best.

Pulling it out

Is this kind of life worth living for? Maybe it would be better to go like Jochen Rindt and Mark Donohue—to choose, knowing the consequences.

But I keep remembering the words of a French philosopher who once was asked if he would be willing to die for his beliefs.

"Of course not," he replied. "I could be wrong."

And if we all work at it, I may be wrong yet. Sure, let's save gas—but also let's save the things that will make it worth the effort.

B-Week will buzz with company talk

The College of Business Administration (CBA) is having its answer to the College of Engineering's "E-Week" on Tuesday and Wednesday, in the form of the first annual B-Week, according to Bill Jackson, a member of the CBA Student Advisory Board.

The program will bring together about 25 companies, including IBM, U.S. Steel Corp., and Union Pacific Railroad, to discuss business ethics, company images and recruitment procedures, said Jackson, a junior business major from San Diego.

The representatives also will discuss career opportunities, what a college graduate should be looking for in a business and what a business expects of a college graduate, he said.

Booths will be set up in the Nebraska Union where company representatives will be available to answer individual questions.

B-Week is not just for business majors, Jackson said, adding that all students, sooner or later, will have to get a job and "these will be the people you'll be talking to."

"B-Week" is being organized by the CBA Student Advisory Board.

calendar

Weather

Monday: Considerably cloudy and cooler. Highs in the mid to upper 40s.

Tuesday: Much colder with a chance of snow late in the day. Highs in the mid 30s to mid 40s. Lows from 10 to 20.

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Monday

8 a.m.—Japanese Agricultural Training Program—Nebraska Center for Continuing Education (NCCE), 33rd and Holdrege streets.

8 a.m.—Intermediate School of Banking—NCCE.

9 a.m.—Nebraska Association of County Extension Boards—NCCE.

3:30 p.m.—Yell Squal Tryout Meeting—Coliseum.

3:30 p.m.—Union Program Council Talks and Topics—Nebraska Union.

6 p.m.—Areas of Excellence Conference Dinner—NCCE.

6:45 p.m.—Student Veteran Organization—Union.

7 p.m.—America Conference —NCCE.

7 p.m.—The Glass and The Gun, (Detective Fiction) —NCCE.

7 p.m.—Assertiveness Training—NCCE.

Tuesday

8 a.m.—Japanese Agricultural Training Program—NCCE.

8 a.m.—Intermediate School of Banking—NCCE.

4 p.m.—All University Fund —Union.

6:30 p.m.—Career Exploration for Women—NCCE.

7 p.m.—Life Planning Conference—NCCE.

7 p.m.—UNL at Work—NCCE.

7 p.m.—ASUN Government Liasion Committee—Union.

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