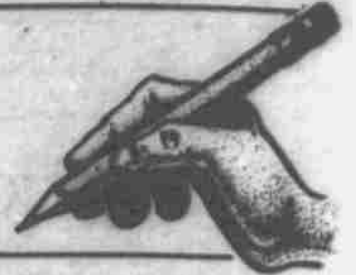


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Let's put values into foreign policy

By L. Kent Wolgamott

After his current excursion and the upcoming election the prince of U.S. foreign policy, Henry Kissinger, will be dethroned and sent shuttling back to the hallowed confines of Harvard to write his memoirs and the era of detente will come to an end. Kissinger, as architect of the policy of the Nixon-Ford administration, uses an ancient approach to diplomacy to deal with great power confrontation—the balance of power policy practiced at the Congress of Vienna in 1814.

Replacing the European actors of the 19th century with today's major actors, Kissinger follows the style of his hier, Metternich.

He satisfies all the parties part of the time and none of the parties all of the time in order to maintain peace.

In Vietnam and the Middle East the style brought a shaky peace. But, Kissinger is failing in Africa—in part due to his ego and desire to put his name on policy—but mostly because of his ignorance of the Third World—the developing nations. His failure to recognize the power and problems of these nations is causing the difficulty he is having trying to solve economic and social problems rather than security questions.

The United States is faced with having to deal with the new international problems, the answer to which will determine the future of this nation in a greater degree than most people recognize.

What then is to be policy after Kissinger?

Vietnam did much to affect the attitude of the American people toward foreign policy, bringing many people to advocate a policy of isolationism and bitterness, not even considerable in today's world, a nationalistic

policy embodied by Ronald Reagan in his stand on the issue. Operating more on emotion than fact, this policy advances the philosophy of keeping the world safe for democracy, the policy of the Cold War, a policy which has already proved useless and dangerous.

But the nationalists are no more wrong than the pragmatists who advocate total control of foreign policy by the experts, basing such action on whatever course is most beneficial at the time. The realist school removes all values from the policy process, taking into consideration only empirical factors, leaving the country with no influence where "moral" questions are concerned.

My suggestion for U.S. policy in the future is to bring values back into the decision-making process.

Values such as equality for all people, individual freedom and due legal process would provide some basis for policy. The U.S. then could draw up a coherent guideline to be used in foreign affairs rather than using the current crisis-reaction method.

The U.S., since World War II, has taken unto itself the position of a world leader, yet it has failed to have an understandable, coherent policy. We profess to be in favor of universal human rights yet we support the most repressive regimes in the world—those in Chile and Iran. We claim to be for world peace, yet we continue to be the arms supplier for much of the world, often supplying arms to both sides in a struggle. We publicly support the United Nations and its attempts at world cooperation but we are in violation of the only binding decision ever made by the Security Council, the violation being the Byrd Amendment allowing the U.S. to import chrome from U.N.

sanctioned Rhodesia.

The record of the U.S. in cooperation with the developing nations is not much better. Until recently we have ignored their demands, contributing to their plight only in the form of a condescending method of foreign aid, which incidentally is one of the lowest percentage-wise of all countries giving foreign aid.

The aid that has been given is often used to further U.S. political aims and not for the good of the receiving nation.

U.S. nationalism and national interest have played the supreme role in the negotiating position of this country at

grownups game



diplomatic conferences and in the U.N.

We do have a chance to choose which direction policy will take in the future. Jimmy Carter has run his campaign based on a moral point of view similar to that which I believe would make a good basis for the policy of the U.S. The men who are advising him are experts in foreign affairs and present a much more positive approach to policy than is being taken. The next few years are going to be crucial for the system of world order and we need some concrete, coherent foreign policy. Jimmy Carter will be able to provide that.

Fizzled explosives foil hijack attempt

By Arthur Hoppe

Chipmunk Troop Number 143 of the Campfire Girls of America was under arrest today on charges of kidnaping, extortion, air-piracy and felonious conspiracy to litter.

The 22 members of the Passaic, S.D., troop surrendered themselves, their 143 hostages and the 747 jumbo jet they hi-jacked to police and FBI agents at Anaheim international Airport.

The harrowing saga began 48 hours earlier over Bismark, Kansas, when ringleader Annette (Bitsy) Parsley, 14, leaped into the aisle, a grenade in each hand, shouting, "Up the Chipmunks!"

Seizing the public address system, she attempted to reassure the other passengers. "Don't worry," she said. "If we have to blow up the plane, it won't be for just one worthy cause but for a whole mess of worthy causes."

Followed by her confederates, Bitsy stormed into the cockpit and ordered Captain Alvin Halberstram, 51, to

innocent bystander

"Take us to Disneyland." Once the plane was on the ground at Anaheim, the FBI shot out the tires and the interminable negotiations began.

Bitsy explained initially that the reason the Chipmunks had hijacked the 747 was that they couldn't decide on a single worthy cause for their troop project. "Then we decided that terrorists always hijack planes for what they think are worthy causes," she said, "so why not do that?"

Among the Chipmunks' "non-negotiable demands" were:

—Twenty-two chocolate milkshakes and full-page ads in every Passaic newspaper publicizing the upcoming Father-Daughter Cake Sale, Weenie Roast & No-Host Cocktail Benefit.

—That authorities free "The George Washington Junior High Six" (six young men who had been grounded by their parents for a variety of offenses).

—A solemn pledge by all grownups everywhere to vote, recycle aluminum cans, give blood and "never be mean to each other or anyone else ever again."

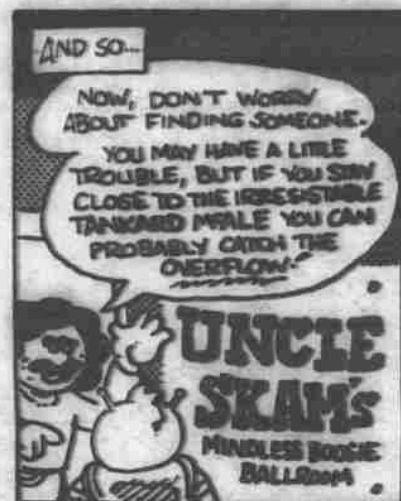
The negotiations dragged on. At last officials were able to inform Bitsy that every single one of her demands had been met—except for the last. "The President feels that being nice is a wonderful idea," Bitsy was assured, "but it will take time to collect all the pledges."

"Stalling, eh?" cried Bitsy. "Well, I'll show you we mean business!" And, with that, she pulled the pin on her hand grenade.

When the grenade failed to go off, Bitsy and her young cohort surrendered without a struggle—their whole project ruined.

"One thing's for sure," said the gallant little do-gooder as she was led away, "you can't promote worthy causes with defective explosives."

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Wants new cartoonist

The majority of the students who read the Daily Nebraskan from front to back (and the few who read it from back to front) are hit full in the gut and pocketbook by news of the rising cost and falling quality of education, resignations, student apathy, and the last NU Board of Regents meeting. About the only bright spots in the paper are the personals in the want ads and the comic strip; but also, no young and lonely hearts have been advertising for companionship, and Orion has been the biggest dissappointment since the Republican Convention.

We are not reactionaries screaming for the return of Ralph Crabtree and the "good old days"; we simply don't want the quality of our beloved Daily Nebraskan to go down the sink with everything else. Would you please hire another cartoonist?

Mike Adams
Doug Engh
Greg Howard

Abortion, Hitler compared

After reading the editorial in Wednesday's Daily Nebraskan I felt compelled to reply. I am one of the few people who actually care about life and the abortion issue.

In the article, the author equated abortion with war and rightly so, but why isn't abortion fought as was the war? Why is there so little attempt to rectify the atrocity of the practice of abortion? Is there really any difference between the genocide of the Jews by Hitler and the genocide of little people? I'd refer to abortion as convenience. It suddenly seems that abortion is no longer killing. It has become the "right of a woman over her own body". I would question whether the woman was exercising her "rights" responsibly when she conceived. May I be so bold as to equate this with the rights of a criminal? Will our tax dollars be used to bail him out?

I believe it would be far more profitable and wise to concentrate our efforts on the preservation of all life and fulfilling the "life, liberty and justice" promise for

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all living in this country. Let's not concern ourselves with equating life with money and convenience.

Thank you for allowing this view to be expressed.
T. Houlihan
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Art meaningless

It is nice to see the green grass and trees and other natural flora the university has so painstakingly tried to establish on the campus. It is pleasing that one can sit under an old pine and see rolling greens and smell flowers and perhaps even glimpse and occasional rabbit. And one of the oldest and nicest locations on campus USED to be the area behind Sheldon, between Westbrook and Ferguson.

Maybe my asthetic values are all screwed around, but I find the sculptures recently put there meaningless, unbelievably ugly in those surroundings, and grossly out of taste. These monstrosities greatly reduce the relaxing atmosphere. They simply do not fit. Let "art" have its place. But not at the expense of the natural beauty that is so very hard to find in these times, in this place. I know there are many who would like to see these sculptures and other assorted items of "art" removed and the area once again restored to resemble its old landscape.

Beauty IS in the eye of the beholder and perhaps mine eyes DO grow weary, but...

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