

opinion/editorial

Peace maintenance draws endorsement for Carter

Even though as many as five presidential candidates' names will appear on ballots in some states, either Jimmy Carter or Ronald Reagan will serve as president for the next four years. Although John Anderson, Ed Clark and Barry Commoner add some interesting ideas, voters are faced with a basic choice between Republican and Democrat.

For reasons cited Friday and earlier, the Daily Nebraskan does not believe Ronald Reagan would be an appropriate leader during the certain crisis times of 1981-84.

Since Carter is the only other real choice, we declare our preference for the incumbent.

Jimmy Carter, on the basis of his last four years' performance, will not be remembered as one of America's great presidents. The Republicans appropriately have pointed out that Carter's own creation—the "misery index," combining inflation rates and unemployment statistics—has doubled since 1976.

Carter probably is right in arguing that the doubling of oil prices made handling the economy a nearly impossible job, but even considering the OPEC price hikes, Carter has been basically inept in that regard.

Carter has not been a total failure as president, despite campaign rhetoric to that effect. He introduced the nation's first energy plan, which was promptly carved to bits by special-interest-backed congressmen.

He has been a friend of education, signing into law vastly more liberal

financial aid guidelines and supporting a separate Department of Education (a strike against him on the Moral Majority scorecard).

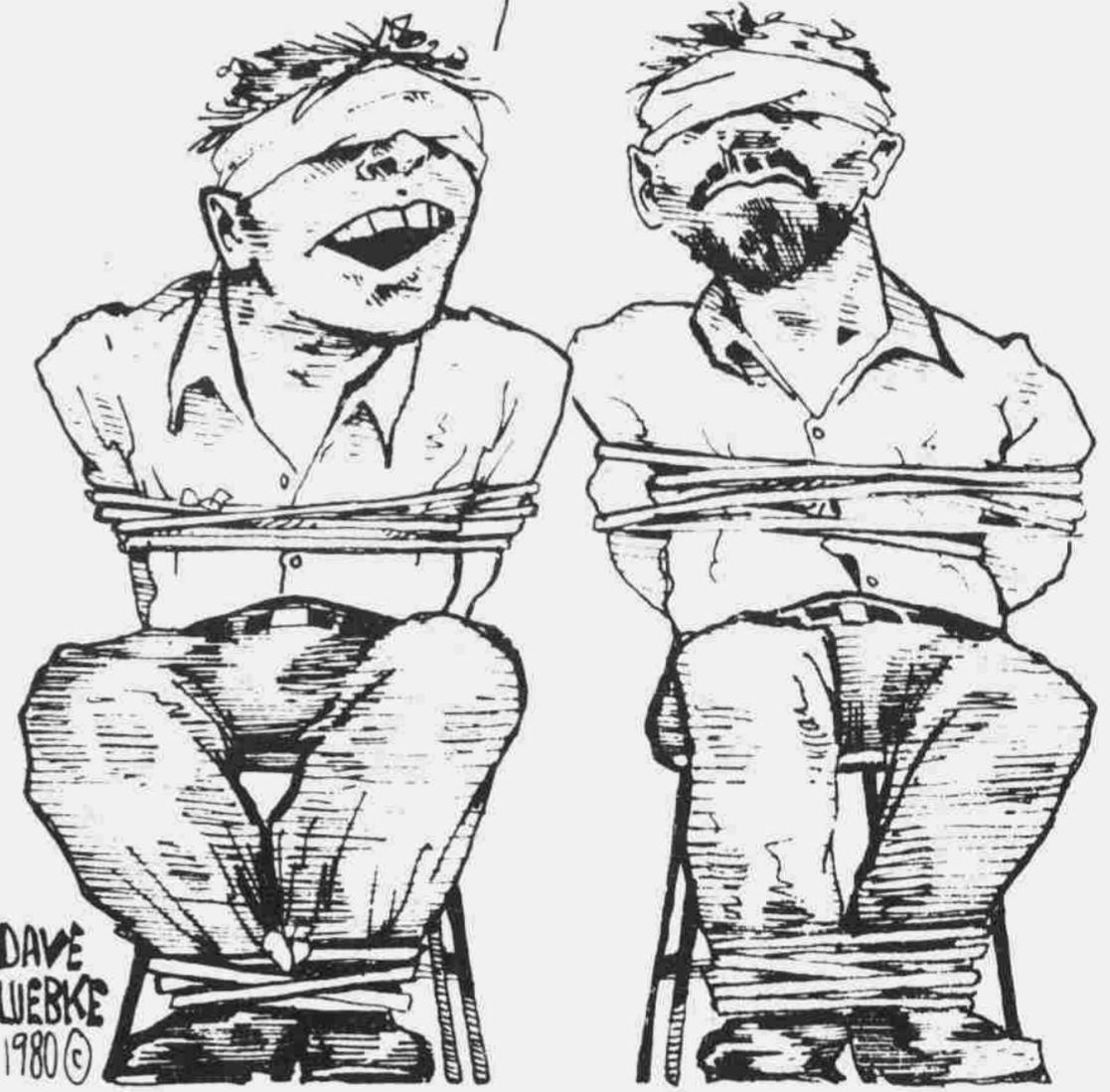
Most importantly, Carter has tried every means within his power to maintain peace for the United States and troubled areas of the world. With the exception of the ill-fated hostage rescue mission, Carter has shown remarkable restraint in dealing with world crises.

Although Carter had trouble developing a credible and knowledgeable foreign policy voice, he now has Edmund Muskie, a capable statesman. We think Muskie is far better suited to play the role as secretary of state than is Henry Kissinger or anyone else Reagan would pick. Kissinger, in the view of many, is responsible not only for near-genocide in Cambodia, but for the image many countries have of the United States as untrustworthy.

It is fairly obvious that Jimmy Carter has become a better president during his term, and has become more able to work with Congress, which has been his biggest weakness.

We believe, given the choice between a man committed to viewing the world through Norman Rockwell's glasses and a man demonstrably committed to peace and calm action, that Carter should be re-elected. We believe Carter's experience in very difficult times will render him better able to achieve more success in foreign policy and economic management.

BOY! I SURE HOPE
ITS TRUE THIS TIME...
THIS BLINDFOLD IS
REALLY STARTING
TO ITCH!!



Bigwig bucks reported lost

It was a cold Thursday in Detroit. I was doing my job, working the night shift at 22nd Precinct Headquarters when this guy walks in. I wonder what he's doing here, you know; he looks pretty well off. He has on a three-piece suit, gray, of course, and he's hauling around this briefcase.

three months ago, but you know how it is; drop a few grand here, a hundred thou there, and pretty soon it adds up."

"Of course." I'm wondering how much of this I should put on the report. "Could you be a little more specific?"

"No."

"Oh, great." I want to help the guy, you know; it's my job. But if he's not going to meet me halfway, forget it. "Maybe you will want to offer a reward or something?"

"Oh no, I haven't got any money."

"A man who had \$490 million dollars three months ago can't offer a reward today?"

"You don't seem to understand the situation," says the guy. He's right, I don't. "I borrowed this money from the federal government, and now it's gone. I need more."

I figured if I talked real slow, maybe he'd understand me. "Mr. Iya . . . Mr. Eycoc. . . uh, let me call you Lee. Anyway Lee, this is a police station, not a loan office. I just don't know what I can do to help you out."

"You could buy my car!" says the guy all of the sudden.

I hate to see a guy reduced to this. Here he's been riding high on half a billion dollars and now all of the sudden he's got to sell his car. I try to humor him.

"Nice car," I say.

"It the new Chrysler K Car," he says, suddenly getting real animated. I begin to worry that maybe he's got a slide presentation in his briefcase or something.

"What's the 'K' stand for?"

"Beats me. But if you'll buy this car, you can spend as much time as you want to finding out."

Enough is enough; I decided I have to get rid of this guy.

"I'd like to help you out," I say, "but I just bought a new Toyota a couple of months ago. Say, maybe you could get a good deal on a trade in."

The guy didn't say anything, just turned around and left. Must have been something I said.

I look out the front window of the precinct house and I see he's got his car parked out front, one of those new "K Cars" that all of the big actors are doing the commercials about.

The guy comes up to my desk, but he's real slow about it, tentative, like he doesn't want anybody to know he's here.

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"I'd like to report a loss of some money," he says.

Routine work, I think. I get out my notepad to get the details. "Name," I ask the guy.

"Lee Iacocca."

"Spell that."

"It's spelled like it sounds," he says. Already I don't like him.

"Occupation."

"I am President of Chrysler Corporation."

This throws me for a loop. I'm not used to bigwigs just coming into my office. I decided to try to be a little more polite.

"Do you have any idea approximately how much money you lost?"

"Four hundred and ninety-million dollars."

Wise guy, I think. He's trying to play a little prank on me, coming in here and doing all this. Maybe he's with "Candid Camer," I don't know; but I do know that nobody loses \$490 million.

"Alright pal, where did you mislay the money?"

"Oh, it's not mislaid," pipes up the guy. "it's just plain lost. Mislaid makes it sound like I could find it and get it back."

"OK," I say, getting a little impatient. "where did you lose the money?"

"Various places," he says. "I had it all

letters to the editor

In response to Douglas Novak's letter condemning poor, black, pre-teenaged women, other feminists, Beth Headrick, etc., I have a few things to say.

First, I find it amusing that he and his Christian ilk are so threatened by what is essentially a liberal position on the part of recent editorialists regarding abortion. As a radical feminist committed to eradicating the sexism, racism, ageism, classism and heterosexism of the society we have Novak and other men to thank for creating. I am

offended by his concept for black, young and poor women as revealed by his snide use of the adjective "over-sexed." This adjective has been used to stereotype oppressed groups for centuries along with other adjectives like "lazy," "stupid," etc.

Evidence of his sexism is further demonstrated when he "wonders" if Beth Headrick confers with Satan for "new ideas and angles." How little you understand of feminism, Novak, if you think a feminist would consult with and take advice from a male (malefic) symbol perpetuated within a male-dominated and sexist ideology.

I am neither a humanist nor a liberal. I want more for myself and other womyn than the right to an abortion if some man rapes us, abandons us, or whatever. I want autonomy for womyn that includes freedom from male domination and the fathers' ideologies that cripple all of us and keep some womyn espousing make ideas out of self-hatred and the need for approval.

Second, it is easy to lose oneself in religion and imagine that one is part of something larger than oneself, that everything has a reason, and that one is living a good life. It is harder to refuse to be lost to oneself, to struggle against the inequities of life, to try to correct the oppressions created and maintained within that political agenda of patriarchy called Christianity.

Third, I, too, believe life is precious—the lives of those womyn who have suffered without choices, the lives of countless blacks, Chicanos, Native Americans, etc., who have been systematically denied access to, and excluded from mainstream society (except to token positions designed to obscure the "isms" of patriarchy).

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