

Bipartisan baloney abounds in Ronnie's return to B-grade

Good morning, housewives and other shut-ins. It's time for another chapter of "The Golden Years," that heartwarming daytime serial which asks the question: "Can a retired old B-movie actor find happiness leading the free world to victory over the forces of evil? For another four years?" As we join Ronnie and Nancy at the breakfast table today, he's saying:

Ronnie: Gosh, Nancy, that new toothpaste you bought tastes okay. But I

dal sheet, *The Druse News*, says that Syria's Assad has been singing "Sunni Boy" to the Aya-tollah, who has consequently refused to appear on the label of a Hills Bros. coffee can thereby offending the Shiites, the Maronites, the Israelites, and Quentin Foster-burke, a large Republican contributor in Secaucus, N.J. Whom do you want to head the Bipartisan Presidential Commission on Whatever That's All About?

Ronnie: I'm afraid it

will have to be you, Deaver. We're running out of bipartisans. But report back to me immediately after.

Deaver: After what?

Ronnie: Tuesday, Nov. 6. Oh, the agony of having to constantly made crucial decisions!

Nancy: There, there dear. You just sit back and let me fix you a nice breakfast. Which would you like me to pour on your corn flakes first—the sugar or the milk?

Ronnie: (leaping to his feet) KISS-IN-GER!

Arthur Hoppe

see that it contains stan-nous flouride.

Nancy: Fluoride prevents cavities, dear.

Ronnie: But it doesn't prevent right-wing defections and this is an election year.

Nancy: (sighing) All right, dear. Whom do you want to be in charge of this one?

Ronnie: What about Jim Baker? He's my chief of staff.

Nancy: You can't appoint Jim to head your new Bipartisan Presidential Commission to Determine Whether the President Should Employ Fluoridated Toothpaste. You just appointed him to head your new Bipartisan Presidential Commission on What the President Should Do about the Deficit.

Ronnie: Darn. Where's Alan Greenspan? I know his Bipartisan Presidential Commission is finished telling me what to do about the Statue of Liberty. Or was it whether I should return to the gold standard?

Nancy: No dear, his commission was the one that told you what to do about the Social Security mess. But he's busy now. Don't you remember? You named him last week to your new Bipartisan Presidential Commission to Determine Whether the President should Decline the Gift of an Albanian Soap Dish.

Ronnie: A slippery issue. (rubbing his hands) I think I'm hungry.

Nancy: Your Bipartisan Presidential Commission on that subject thought you might be, but they weren't sure.

Is Brent Scowcroft's commission still hunting for an MX missile site?

Ronnie: No, they found that. Brent did so well, I appointed him to head a new commission. They're hunting for my glasses.

Scowcroft: We've run into a problem, sir. George Bush is under here with his Bipartisan Presidential Commission to Determine How to Get Raspberry Stains out of Taiwanese Linoleum. And there just isn't room for all of us. Whom do you want to leave?

Ronnie: Hmmm. That is a bipartisan presidential problem. As soon as some bipartisan turns up... Wait, here comes my trusty aide, Michael Deaver.

Deaver: Excuse me, sir. But Walid Jumblatt's scan-

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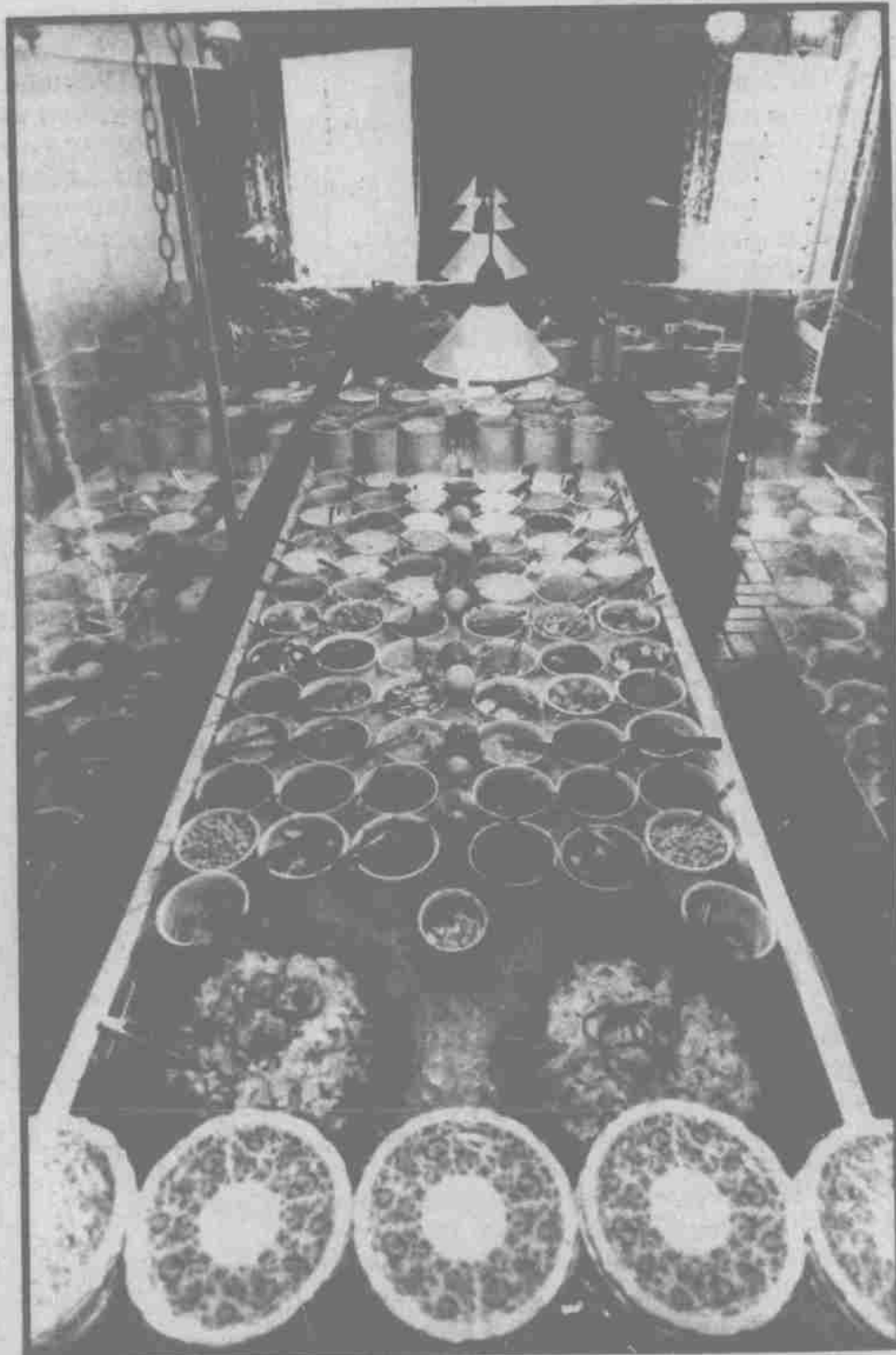
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