

editorial

S. Korea stands at political crossroads

When South Korea's leading opposition figure Kim Dae Jung returns home on Feb. 8 after two years of political exile in the United States, it is likely that thousands of his supporters will be waiting at the airport to greet him — if there's no government intervention. The key issue for many people, including top-ranking members of the U.S. State Department, is what kind of action the South Korean government will take when Kim returns.

There is good reason to wonder what will happen to Kim. He has long been one of South Korea's most outspoken opposition leaders. In 1971, he nearly defeated Park Chung Hee in a presidential race that gave him 46 percent of the official count. After the election, fearing for his life, Kim fled to Japan. In 1973, he was kidnapped by Korean agents, forcibly brought back to Korea and jailed.

Following Park's assassination in 1979, Kim was free again and preparing to run for the presidency, but the election never took place. A military coup, led by the current South Korean president, Chun Doo Hwan, took control of the government and jailed hundreds of opposition leaders. Kim was sentenced to 20 years for sedition. Following his arrest, the government massacred hundreds of unarmed civilians during protests in the city of Kwangju, an opposition stronghold. The massacre shocked the world and led to protests against the United States for supporting the Chun dictatorship following the coup.

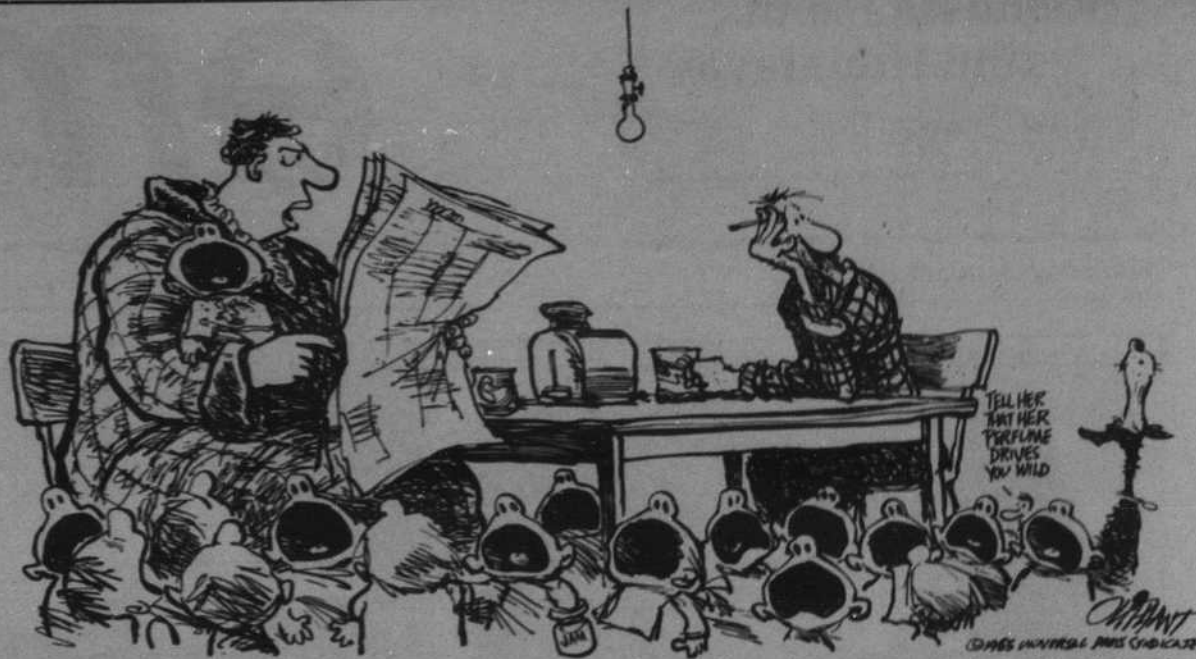
South Korea is now at a political crossroads. President Ronald Reagan, who requested Kim's release from prison in 1982 in order for him to receive medical treatment in the United States, has steadfastly declared that South Korea has returned to democracy. But Kim insists that democracy will never return to his homeland until the democratic opposition can openly participate in the political process.

If the Chun dictatorship jails Kim upon his return and renews its crackdown on opposition forces, then South Korea will be thrust into another period of political violence and government-sponsored repression. How Chun handles Kim's return will also have a direct impact on U.S. foreign policy. In 1980, the U.S. government was caught in the awkward position of backing a military coup that led to the mass killing of unarmed civilians in Kwangju. If Chun returns to strong-arm military tactics to deal with the opposition led by Kim, then Reagan will be forced to make some careful decisions.

Learn about the impact before spraying begins

In just a few months, Eugene will become the target of a large scale insecticide spraying campaign to rid Lane County of the current gypsy moth infestation. The moths have already done widespread damage to forests and tree farms in the area.

The problem, however, is how to control the moth infestation. Current proposals include a plan to spray 224,000 acres of Lane County with three insecticides. While one of the insecticides (B.T.) is considered relatively harmless, the other two (Dimilin and Orthene) have been linked with possible harm to both environment and humans. There is a lot to be concerned about in the proposed spray program. For example, is there adequate protection for local streams and lakes? What possible effect could the spraying have on humans? These are issues not to be taken lightly. We encourage members of the community to attend the question and answer session on the spray program to be held today at 7:30 p.m. in the Jefferson-Magnet Arts Community School, 1650 W. 22nd Ave.



'ANN LANDERS SAYS HERE THAT MOST WOMEN WOULD RATHER SETTLE FOR A CUDDLE, THAN COMPLETE THE ACT — WADDA YA SAY TO THAT, ANIMAL??'

letters

Reversal

Timothy Smith's commentary on abortion (ODE, Jan. 28) showed his command of Latin. But *Ipso facto tutti-frutti* (translate: big words are no substitute for truth). For Christians to compare a woman's choice to abort her fetus to the Nazi extermination of six million Jewish human beings is an insult to the victims of that horror. This is also reversal. The intolerance of some Christians for those with other views contributed to the Holocaust in Germany. And the Nazi's treatment of "Aryan" women parallels the views of today's anti-abortionists: Nazis outlawed abortion and forced women to become breeding stock for Hitler's army. Teresa McNew's letter (ODE, Jan. 28) contains exactly this argument for sustaining America's army.

Build me a society in which women have the spiritual freedom to create their own sense of morality and the political power to enact their views. One in which a woman's income is 100 percent (not 59 percent) that of a man, and in which un- or under-employed adults and children are accorded a dignified right to food and shelter. Show me a world in which safe, convenient and 100 percent effective birth-control is available and is given to adolescents without embarrassment or ambivalence. And, Timothy, transform the consciousness of our fellow men so that adolescent boys do not pressure their girlfriends into sex, and so that adult men do not pressure or rape women.

Only in such a world could two men presume to discuss the morality of what a woman does with her body, and even then the choice must be hers.

Jack Straton
Physics

Sorrowful

Abortion is a sorrowful reality that is sometimes the best course of action. Better a child not be born than born unwanted by its parents, or to be sold off to people neither parent or child would choose, or into a corrupt deadly world where psychopathic, bloodthirsty killers rule nations, who would bring down the torture and death of war upon their tiny, innocent heads.

Better than condemning them to the nightmare evils of a planet dying from cancer and such, induced by human-produced environmental poison. Better a soul travel on, than to come and take the bread from one already here, or fall prey to famine.

Abortion is evil. May we find better ways. Sometimes it is the lesser evil.

If you don't want a child, don't get pregnant. You cannot put too much emphasis on that effort. You will not find abortion an easy or pleasant alternative. Some anti-abortion people may practice terrorism.

Better to work for peace and love for life.

Tommy Walen
Eugene

Misunderstood

It seems that my proposal for retroactive abortion was misunderstood. Some have gone so far as to say I was being sarcastic and that I was actually arguing against abortion; they are sadly misguided.

Abortion is a beautiful experience. A woman is able to show her control over her body; an example of mind over matter.

I do have one small problem with the abortion experience, though: abortion is sexist. Women have the right to control their bodies, how come men don't have such a right? I don't want to be bald, nor do I want my hair to turn gray, or to die before I'm 300; unfortunately, though, I can't control such things. These all violate my

"right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness," but our authoritarian government discriminates against us minorities (men) by not letting us control them ourselves.

It is our government's job to insure our pursuit of happiness, and therefore they should grant us all the right to control our own bodies. Equality for all.

Brian Moore
English

Diversify

When I moved to Oregon three years ago to attend the University, the state was in the depths of its worst recession. Due to the poor economic conditions, I planned to return to Colorado after graduating. However, with the further development of Willamette Pass ski area and the employment opportunity it has offered, I am planning to remain in Oregon.

Oregon is a beautiful state with year-round recreational opportunities. In few states can one go skiing on Saturday and play golf, bicycle, sail, fish, backpack, or visit the beach on Sunday. With the decline of timber as a basic industry, it is time for Oregon to use its mountains for more than harvesting trees.

Ski areas sell not only skiing, but an outdoor experience. Basic to this experience is the quality of the natural world around the area. People go skiing to enjoy the outdoors and this enjoyment adds to the value that people hold for nature's beauty. Thus, area ski operators have incentive to provide a quality outdoor experience.

Skiing does not impact the environment as greatly as other economic activities. Most activity occurs, except initial development, during winter months when much of the wildlife is not in the area. In Colorado, some of the best deer hunting was on Vail Mountain. It was also the least accessible. Few area operators want people shooting guns on their mountain. It's time for Oregon to diversify, and skiing offers an environmentally safe and economically advantageous supplement to the timber industry.

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