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TIMBREL, musical group from Concordia College, Moorhead, Minnesota are pictured, (left to right), Laurel Larson, Wade Dutton, leader, Sue Holmquist, Paul Kelm, Kathy Romsdahl, Kip Mickelson, Nancy Monke, Barry Williamson.

Computerized Congress

Washington—Congress, an 18th century institution confronted with 20th century problems, is turning with increasing frequency to computers to help it cope with a burgeoning work load.

From the electronic voting machines on the House floor to the computerized mailing operations of the Senate to the instant information systems of the Library of Congress, computers are reshaping the way business is done in Capitol Hill.

But Congress' interest in computers goes beyond its work load. The machines have enormous potential to help members get re-elected.

Members are using computers to answer mail from constituents and, more significantly, to write unsolicited letters to voters throughout their districts and states.

'Targeted' Mail
 The computers permit members to "target" letters to specific groups of voters. One mail expert hired by a senator devised a system for targeting letters to airline pilots on what the senator was doing for aviation and to policemen on what he was doing for law enforcement.

The political impact of such computerized mailings is so great that the self-styled citizens lobby, Common Cause, has challenged its legality in court.

The lawsuit is directed at Congress' free-mailing privilege, but computers are a key ingredient of the complaint. Common Cause charges that the free congressional mail, particularly when targeted by computers, gives an incumbent an unfair advantage over a challenger—at taxpayers' expense.

Electronic Revolution
 The computer revolution came late to Congress—beginning only about a decade ago. But the machines have caught on quickly. Last year Congress spent \$25-million on its computer services.

Those responsible for planning the future use of computers in Congress believe that the machines can revolutionize the operations of the legislative branch.

"I can foresee a day when in the office of the future a member is equipped with a telephone, televised hookups to the House floor and other offices and two or three computers and will be able to make instantaneous decisions based on accurate, up-to-date information," says Rep. Charlie Rose (D. N.C.), chairman of the House Computer Policy Group and a leading apostle of computer use in Congress.

Some Capitol Hill offices already have a jump on Rose's vision of the future. Using part of his official funds provided to hire staff workers, Rep. Dave Stockman (R. Mich.) has leased a mini-computer in his office.

The machine now handles about 40 percent of the congressman's mail, assembling pre-written paragraphs to produce "personalized" responses to constituents who write in asking for Stockman's views on a variety of issues.

Printing
 A computerized printing system now being tested will make printed hearings available three weeks after the hearings are held. The process now takes three months. In addition to saving time, the new system will cut Congress' printing costs by about \$10-million a year.

And Rose has been talking with administration officials about linking the executive branch computers with those in Congress so that every time an executive branch agency spent or collected money, issued a regulation or took any other action, it would be noted immediately in the congressional computer.

The result would give Congress an unprecedented ability to monitor and oversee actions of the executive branch.

Rose said that he tried out his idea on officials in the Ford administration last year and "they were fairly horrified." But he says that he will push the idea in the Carter administration, and he predicted that eventually it will become a reality.

Obstacles
 The technology to make a reality of this and dozens of other schemes for using computers in Congress now exists. Most of the plans on the drawing boards can be handled by the computers now installed in the Senate Computer Center, the House Information System or the Library of Congress.

But several human and political obstacles remain to the expanded use of computers in Congress. Among them:

-Charges that the computers, particularly in the Senate, are being used to store political information and to generate mail to voting groups.

-Continued difficulties in training large numbers of congressional aides, mostly non-technical people, in using the machines efficiently.

-Persistent doubts among some members and aides about the wisdom of turning over to machines duties traditionally performed by people.

-The inability of the House and Senate so far to agree on a common structure to oversee the use of congressional computers—a failure that has resulted in quite different computer systems on the two sides of Congress.

Terminals
 But despite these obstacles, the trend toward increased use of computers in Congress is clearly established and not likely to be reversed. Nearly all senators' offices and about half of the House members' offices are equipped with computer terminals.

By Thomas P. Southwick
 Congressional Quarterly

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The Washington Report

Last week Congress considered \$7 billion foreign aid appropriation, as well as the annual contributions the United States makes to the United Nations. While the American taxpayer continues to pay the bulk of the U.N. budget, the United Nations is turning more and more away from its original purpose and is becoming a forum for small, fanatical countries that want a worldwide audience while they propagandize. While these countries use the United Nations for angry outbursts, serious negotiations for peace go on between individual nations as they always have.

The United Nations is ruled by a majority rule. Seventeen of the countries in the U.N. are run by dictatorships, while 15 more have one-party states, and many other members have no genuine interest in human rights in their own countries. With that type of make-up, what chance does the United Nations have to run reasonable programs that strive to encourage human rights?

That is why I opposed a typically hopeless expenditure included in the recent United Nations appropriation request. Three million dollars was requested for the United Nations Decade for Women's World Plan of Action, an equal rights, human rights program. Of course I support human rights and women's rights, but it has become increasingly clear that the United Nations has neither wanted to or been able to do anything about human rights. If there is any doubt about this, consider what is happening in Cambodia, Uganda, the Soviet Union, and Viet Nam.

The United Nations, and President Carter, continue to pay lip service to real human rights. Despite the President's recent announcement that foreign aid appropriations will be given only to countries that respect human rights, that edict seems to apply only to countries that are friendly to the United States. In our foreign aid appropriations, we continue to send money and aid to Communist-dominated countries that have absolutely no respect for human rights or dignity. The only kind of equality in those countries is that everyone is equally miserable — except the party leaders.

President Carter has asked for more money for foreign aid than did either of his two predecessors. He wants money to build dams in Africa, yet just a few weeks ago he wanted to cut out several important water projects in the Western United States. The total cost of water projects in the United States was roughly \$289 million. Through the International Development Association President Carter requested much more than that for a series of water projects in several foreign countries. Included was \$145 million for construction of a dam and drainage canal in India; \$84 million for damming the Magat River in the Philippines; and a total of \$250 million for irrigation and hydro-electric projects in Rumania. The American people are asked to abandon important water projects in our own country so our government can build a hydro-electric plant in Communist Rumania.

Among the other projects the United States wants to fund through the United Nations are programs that could eventually subvert two foreign governments — South Africa and Rhodesia. Andy Young, U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, seems to think that Communist Cuban forces in Angola have a calming effect on the country, yet he says that white rule in Rhodesia and South Africa is detrimental. The United Nations is spending \$100 million for the South Africa Special Requirements Fund — which was formed to have money available when the current government relinquishes control of the country. It looks like the United States is using money to encourage the overthrow of those governments! I don't believe that those are appropriate uses of federal funds.

The foreign aid bill also gives some \$2 billion for multi-lateral International Financial Institutions. Those organizations control the funds, which means that Congress no longer has control over how American tax dollars are spent and who will receive them.

More and more, the United States is assuming a larger share of the financial burden in the International Development Association, which, in addition to the water projects mentioned above, provides funding for the World Bank Group. The oil-rich OPEC countries are contributing pitifully small amounts to foreign aid, while the Soviet Union, Communist China, and a number of Eastern European nations aren't contributing anything.

The list goes on and on, but I think I have illustrated my point. As long as we have so many problems here at home, I think it is high time that we took a long, careful look at some of the projects we are funding overseas. We should work to solve our own problems first — and start easing the incredible burden weighing down American taxpayers — before we rush in and try to solve other countries' problems for them.

Congressman Steve Symms

SEEDS FROM THE SOWER
 By Michael A. Guido, Metter, Georgia

"I wish I knew how to pray," confessed a visitor. And he sighed, "I wish I could believe that prayer works as you say it does."

A king knew how to pray, and he knew that prayer works. He reviewed his past and wrote in Psalm 10:17, "Lord, Thou hast heard the desire of the humble." Then he surveyed the future and added, "Thou wilt cause Thine ear to hear."

If sailors, hearing the SOS in a storm on the raging seas, can speed to the exact position of a distressed ship and rescue the perishing, surely our all-powerful and all-knowing Lord can hear and will answer the cry for help that comes from the shipwrecks on the sea of life.

The Lord who created the heavens and the earth, who regulates the universe by the mighty power of His command, who healed every kind of sickness, who died to clear our record of all sin, who stepped alive out of the tomb, who is always thinking about us, told us to have faith and pray in His name.

That prayer of faith may be as simple as a baby's cry, but when it is asked in the name of Jesus it is the mightiest force in the world. Try it - often.

Social Scene

Mrs. Virginia Rookstool returned July 4 from Nebraska after attending her sister's funeral, Mrs. Ridder, who passed away, June 23, 1977. Mrs. Rookstool also visited with friends and relatives from Calloway, Nebraska.

Ethel Mary Rhodes and her son John Beckham went to Lake Tahoe, June 27 - July 2

Dr. Jack Jones, was a guest speaker, July 3 at the Pentecostal Church of Jesus Christ. He, a former teacher at Northwest Nazarene College conducted services both morning and evening.

Mrs. Jack Jones also shared with the congregation by singing and playing the guitar. Many felt Mrs. Jones' blessings, as well as Dr. Jones'.

The Jones' joined the congregation after the morning service, for their monthly potluck dinner in the Fellowship Hall.

The Rev. and Mrs. Dan Stinnet and family of Phoenix Arizona visited her aunt, Mrs. Myrtle Kurtz Saturday afternoon. They are former residents of Meridian.

Pastor Schmidt called on Mrs. Myrtle Kurtz on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Van DeWater and son Kent of Caldwell and cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Kieth Rundle of Axtell, Marshall County, Kansas visited Mrs. Dale Witt Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Dale Witt went to Caldwell Wednesday and was an overnight guest of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Van DeWater and son Kent, returning home Thursday evening.

Community Calendar

Friday, July 8 - Alcoholic Anonymous, Nyssa Methodist Church, North 3rd. and Emison, 8 p.m. For information, call 372-3318 or 372-2526.

Nyssa Golden Age Rummage Sale, Old Western Hotel, All afternoon.

Saturday, July 9 - United Methodist Church Rummage Sale, Church Basement 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Nyssa Golden Age Rummage Sale, Old Western Hotel, All Afternoon.

Tuesday, July 12 - United Methodist Church Rummage Sale, Church Basement, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

PTA Executive Comm. meeting, 7:30 Peggy Vander Oord's home.

Wednesday, July 13 - Nyssa Senior Citizens, 116 Ehrgood Avenue, Legion Hall, potluck 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, July 16 - There will be a picnic by the Malheur County Farm Bureau at the Vale Park, 6 p.m. Bring salad or vegetable and dessert with own table service. Meat - pit barbecue and drinks furnished.

OBITUARIES

Harry F. Leuck

Harry F. Leuck passed away, Thursday evening, June 30, 1977 of a heart attack at his home in Fremont, California.

He was born in Nebraska, December 25, 1904 and moved to Nyssa in the spring of 1911 with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Leuck, two sisters and one brother.

He left Nyssa in the early 1920's to ride the ranges in the cattle country around Burns and Paisley. In 1926 he joined the Marine Corps and served with the Fourth Div. Marines in Nicaragua and China. After four years in the Marines, he re-enlisted in the U.S. Navy as a Third Class Radioman, where he remained for twenty-six more years and retired as a Lieutenant Commander in Aviation Electronics. He served on various ships including the U.S.S. Langley and U.S.S. Minneapolis. He also served in Aviation Test at Anacosta, D.C., and at air bases in Honolulu, Greenland, Key West, Florida and others. He served during the second World War and the Korean War. After retirement from the Navy he worked as an Aviation Electronics Technician in several parts of the U.S. until full retirement in 1969.

He is survived by his wife Mary of Fremont; four brothers, Charles of Canyon City, Oregon, Norville of Boise, Idaho, Hubert of Nyssa and Robert of Chula Vista, California; two sisters, Katherine Vetsch of Boise, Idaho and Luella Hewson of Clatskanie, Oregon; four sons, Frank, Harry, Nicholas and Joseph; five daughters, Katherine, Thelma, Betty, Ruth and Wilhelmina; and nineteen grandchildren.

Harry was a member of the Catholic Church. A rosary was said in Fremont, California Sunday evening and interment was at Punch Bowl, Honolulu, Hawaii.

Happy Anniversary

July 8 - Mr. and Mrs. Andy Froerer.

CHURCH SERVICES

Missionary Baptist Church News

Interim Pastors: Bill Lowrance, Harley Sager.
 Sunday, July 10 - Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.

Church Service, 11 a.m. Morning Message - Pastor Bill Lowrance "Why I Believe the Bible is the Word of God."

Sunday Night Service, Bible Study, 7:30 p.m. Preaching Hour, 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 13 - Bible Study and Prayer Service. Coming Events: Weekend Revival Service, July 22, 23, and 24, with Pastor Bedford Andrews of Wenatche, Washington

Conservative Baptist Church

Sunday, July 10 - Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship, 11 a.m. Evening Services, 7:30 p.m.

Monday, July 11 - Women's Prayer Meeting at Lillyan Zittercob's 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, July 13 - Bible Study and Prayer Meeting, 8 p.m.

Friday, July 8 - Men's Prayer at Bauman's Inc., on Main Street, 7 a.m.

Pastor Don Beattie will be bringing the sermon Sunday Morning. We invite everyone to attend services throughout the week.

If you wish, for your children to attend a good Christian Camp, we invite you to check into our Junior Camp which begins July 10; Junior High Camp begins July 17 and High School Camp begins July 24. Contact Pastor Beattie for information.

United Methodist Church News

The United Methodist Church and the Rev. Jim Monroe welcomes you to all church activities.

Sunday, July 10 - Prayer Service at the church, 9 a.m. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship by Rev. Monroe, 11 a.m. "Jesus, The Revolving Door."

Wednesday, July 13 - Devotions at the church, 10 a.m.

Friday, July 15 - Noon Bible Class

July 11 - 15 - Vacation Bible School

July 16 & 17 - School of Missions, Nampa, Women Society.

August 5 - Ice Cream Social

CARD OF THANKS

To the many Nyssa friends of Jimmie Wimp Black, we want to thank you for your kind thoughts and support. We wish that circumstances would permit us to tell this to each of your personally, but be assured we are grateful and you have given each of us comfort.

Mrs. E. A. Wimp Bertha Williams and Daughters.

Adrian Presbyterian Church News

Sunday, July 10 - Church Services, Sermon "Forgive Us." Scripture: Matthew 6: 5-15, 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School Classes, 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday, July 12 - Education Committee meeting, 1:30 p.m.

St. Bridget's Church News

MASSSES: Saturday evening, 7 p.m. Sunday morning 8 and 11 a.m. Adrian, Sunday 9:30 a.m.

Nazarene Church

Friday, July 8 thru July 10 - Adult Singles Camp at Victory Cove near McCall.

Saturday, July 9 - Special "work-day" at the church in preparation for Anniversary Sunday.

Sunday, July 10 - Morning Prayer at the Church, 7 a.m.

Christian Education Classes, 9:45 a.m. Children's Church, 11 a.m. Morning Worship with message by Pastor Russell 11 a.m.

Evening Gospel hour, 7:30 p.m.

Monday, July 11 thru July 16 - Seventh grade camp, at Victory Cove.

Wednesday, July 13 - Bible Study at the Nursing Home, 4 p.m.

Midweek service of Prayer and Bible Study, 7:30 p.m. Make plans to attend special services on Sunday, July 17, to honor the Fortieth Anniversary of the Nyssa Church.

Christian Church

Saturday, July 9 - Youth Prayer Meeting, 10 p.m.

Sunday, July 10 - Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship, 11 a.m.

No evening services as Duane Friend Crusade will be in Boise at the Capital High School, for the week. Bus will leave the church at 6 p.m.

Monday, July 11 - Women's Workday, 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday, July 12 - Board Meeting, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, July 13 - Youth Group, 8 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer, 8 p.m.

Happy Birthday

July 8 - Nikki Jasper, Max Brittingham, Tim Mecham.

July 10 - Sonia Rodriguez, Virginia Baker.

July 11 - Ralph Werner, Lauren Wright, Shirley Jones

July 12 - Christy Collins, Kelly Garner, Byron Tuttle, Dick Needs.

July 14 - Beatrice Golindo.

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