

Washington Report

In the year since the Carter Administration assumed power, a distressing trend of suppression and censorship has been developing. For the fourth time in recent months, the Administration is attempting to suppress information that does not conform with administration policy, and this time the suppression involves the vital issue of national defense.

An October 18 memorandum issued by a top Carter aide is an attempt to suppress independent and critical assessments of the Administration's SALT II proposals. The memorandum requires that all data and analyses supplied to the Congress on strategic forces and programs of the United States and the Soviet Union "are consistent and represent the best judgment of the Executive Branch." To insure that conformity, the memo directs defense and state department officials to obtain approval from the SALT working group any materials and information sent to the Congress.

The Administration memorandum, sent to the Deputy Secretary of State, Deputy Secretary of Defense, director of the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and the director of the Central Intelligence Agency, was signed by David Aaron, deputy assistant to the President for National Security Affairs.

The Administration is trying to stifle independent and objective assessments of the Carter Administration's SALT II proposal and to prevent Congress from considering dissenting viewpoints. By trying to suppress vital information, the Administration is illustrating its lack of confidence in its own SALT II treaty.

Earlier this year, officials in the Carter Administration ordered the destruction of 250,000 scientific pamphlets and brochures about nuclear energy development because they "did not reflect current policy," allegedly threatened to fire a Library of Congress researcher who attempted to release a defense study that did not conform with Carter Administration defense statistics; dismissed an official at the U.S. Geological Survey after he issued a report discrediting Administration data on energy supplies in this country; and suppressed an environmental impact study favorable to development of nuclear breeder reactors.

These incidents repeatedly emphasize the Carter Administration's suspicion of positions that differ from its own and they show a severe threat to freedom in America. Freedom of information and freedom of the press must be protected from such abuses if the United States is to remain free.

By Steve Symms

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PTSA Lists 15 Needs In Community-School

Ten dedicated people met with Superintendent Ken Kramer for the December PTSA meeting last Thursday night. We understand there were some who came and could not get in because the door was locked. For this, we do apologize.

This very productive group came up with a list of 15 needs or problems of this community as it is related to the school system. Three were chosen for top priority:

1. A clothes closet, clothes to be collected, stored and passed out as the need is brought to the PTSA's attention by a teacher or whomever. Details remain to be worked out and we do appeal for wholehearted support. "We can't spell success without U."

2. The Athletic Program. It was felt that there were many problems within the athletic program. Such as, too few uniforms, and too few students allowed to participate, etc. This would probably be dealt with at a meeting.

3. School lunch. One problem is, do we use the commodities, which mean more starchy foods or more fresh foods which mean higher costs. We will probably deal with this one by holding a noon PTSA meeting. The parents will eat lunch in the Cafeteria with the students and teachers.

The other items listed and discussed are in no particular order of precedence: drivers education course; educational requirements, which could possibly be dealt with in the parent-teacher conference; scheduling of events, both in the school and the community. A few years ago there was an unwritten rule that Wednesday was church night and the first and second Thursday was PTA; theft and vandalism; absenteeism, which it was felt the school and board could deal with most adequately; child neglect and abuse; availa-

bility of alcohol and drugs; teenage pregnancy (not necessarily out of wedlock); sex education; and other needs; volunteers in the school; and leadership training, this one was discarded not because it wasn't a real need but because of the vulnerability of the PTSA at the present time; then of course to support the budget by first attending the budget hearings, having input and output.

The PTSA will not be joining the Christmas concert as previously announced with tea and crumpets but we do urge community attendance. Support the Youth with your presence.

Releases Tax Figures

The Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs paid \$75,672,863 in 1977-78 taxes November 15, on the properties of 95,202 veterans who have Oregon veterans farm and home loans. H. C. Saalfeld, director, reported today. The average veteran's tax payment was \$795, which was nearly four percent above last year's average tax of \$765. Last year's total payment was \$64,646,892 on 84,506 properties.

In Malheur County, the tax on 721 properties this year was \$527,819.61. The average tax here was \$732.00 against the statewide average of \$795.

Saalfeld said the borrower pays one-twelfth of his taxes monthly to the State Department of Veterans' Affairs along with his loan payment. The Department in turn pays the tax collector, and does it by November 15, to earn the veteran a three percent discount. The discount this year saved the veterans \$2,340,397.



THESE FIVE ARE just a part of Miss Mary Frahm's second grade class who visited Miss Mary Omberg's Biology class. The kids saw many animals of which this raccoon was one.

Boys petting the raccoon are (left to right) Brian Pierce, Juan Jose Rodriguez, Tanito Garza, Domingo Sanchez and Ramiro Salinas.

Many Changes In Tax Laws

With many changes in the tax laws, it's important for Oregonians to begin getting their records together now, advises Ralph Short, Internal Revenue Service Director for Oregon.

Records are important for taxpayers who itemize deductions, Short said, and suggested that taxpayers find all records pertaining to itemized deductions, and sort them into categories listed on Schedule A of the Form 1040. Records can also alert tax-

payers to deductions or tax credits which they might otherwise overlook.

If any records appear to be missing, taxpayers still have time to look for them or request copies of bills or statements from such sources as banks or hospitals.

Taxpayers who wish to make contributions to an Individual Retirement Arrangement (IRA) will need to gather records to help determine their income at the close of the year so they will know how much they may contribute to the plan.

Taxpayers who sold capital assets during the year, such

as stocks or real property, should locate records indicating the date and price of the purchase.

Some areas where the law has changed and where affected taxpayers will require records include moving expenses, sale of a residence by those age 65 or over, and alimony and child support deductions or credits.

Taxpayers with questions about how long to retain records or what types of records are necessary to substantiate deductions should check with their local IRS office.

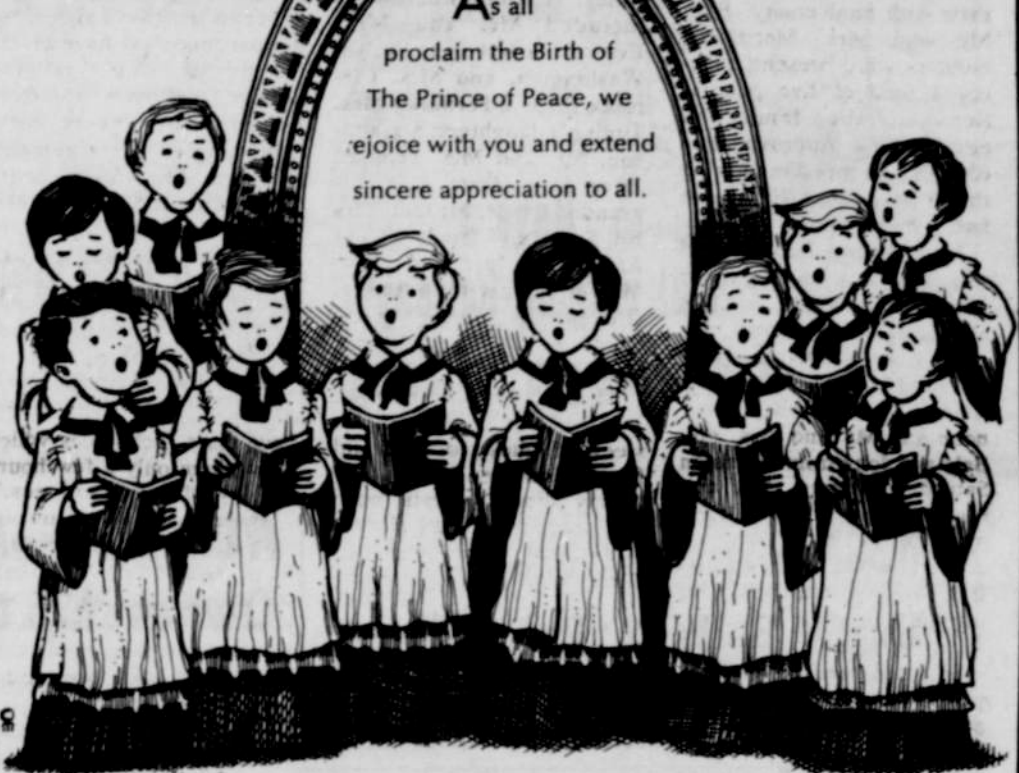
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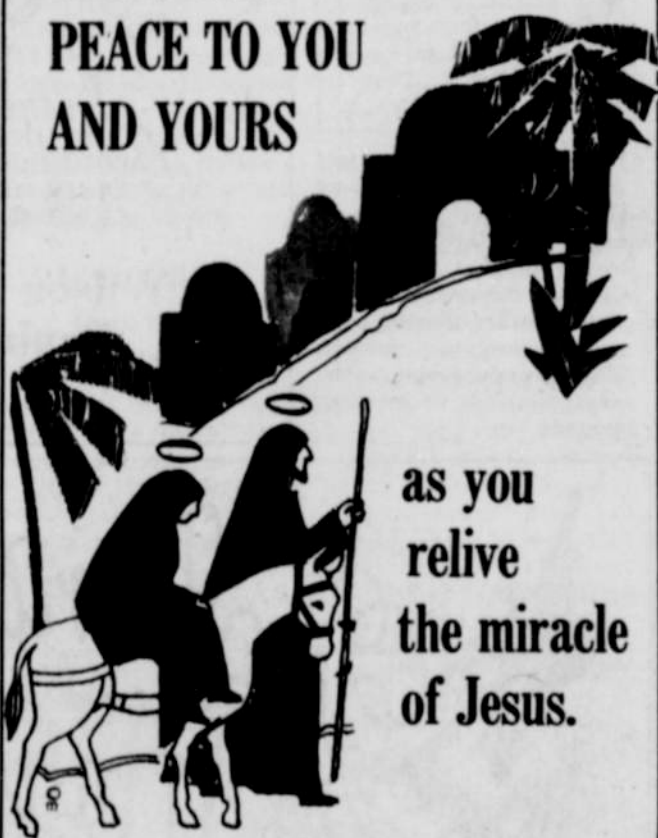
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