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THE ADMINISTRATION'S 10 BEST ARGUMENTS FOR AWAC.

- ① IF CAESAR HAD AN AWAC HE'D HAVE HEARD ROME FALLING SOONER.
- ② IF ROBERT E. LEE HAD AN AWAC HE COULD HAVE WHIPPED ULYSSES S. AND LOU GRANT.
- ③ IF FRANK SINATRA HAD AN AWAC HE'D FLY IT UP YOUR NOSE.
- ④ IF JOHN WAYNE HAD AN AWAC...
- ⑤ IF PAUL REVERE HAD AN AWAC HE'D HAVE BEEN BACK IN BED BY MIDNIGHT.
- ⑥ IF BENJAMIN FRANKLIN HAD AN AWAC HE WOULDN'T HAVE HAD TO FLY A KITE.
- ⑦ IF TOJO HAD AN AWAC WE'D ALL BE DRIVING HONDAS NOW.
- ⑧ IF IRAQ HAD AN AWAC, IRAQ COULD REACT TO AN ATTACK.
- ⑨ IF GOODYEAR HAD AN AWAC INSTEAD OF A BLIMP WE WOULD HAVE BEEN WARNED ABOUT HOWARD COSELL.
- ⑩ IF RICHARD NIXON HAD AN AWAC HE'D BE SELLING THEM USED.

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a look at politics through the eyes of the political cartoonist

WHITE HOUSE NEWS SUMMARY SPECIAL EDITION
VOLUME 2, ISSUE 13, OCTOBER 23, 1981



THEM:
 YES, MENACHEM!
 NO, MENACHEM!
 COMING, MENACHEM!
 OF COURSE, MENACHEM!
 AT ONCE, MENACHEM!
 EASY, MENACHEM!
 YES, SIR, MENACHEM!



FOR YOU, WE'D
FREEZE IN THE
DARK, MENACHEM!

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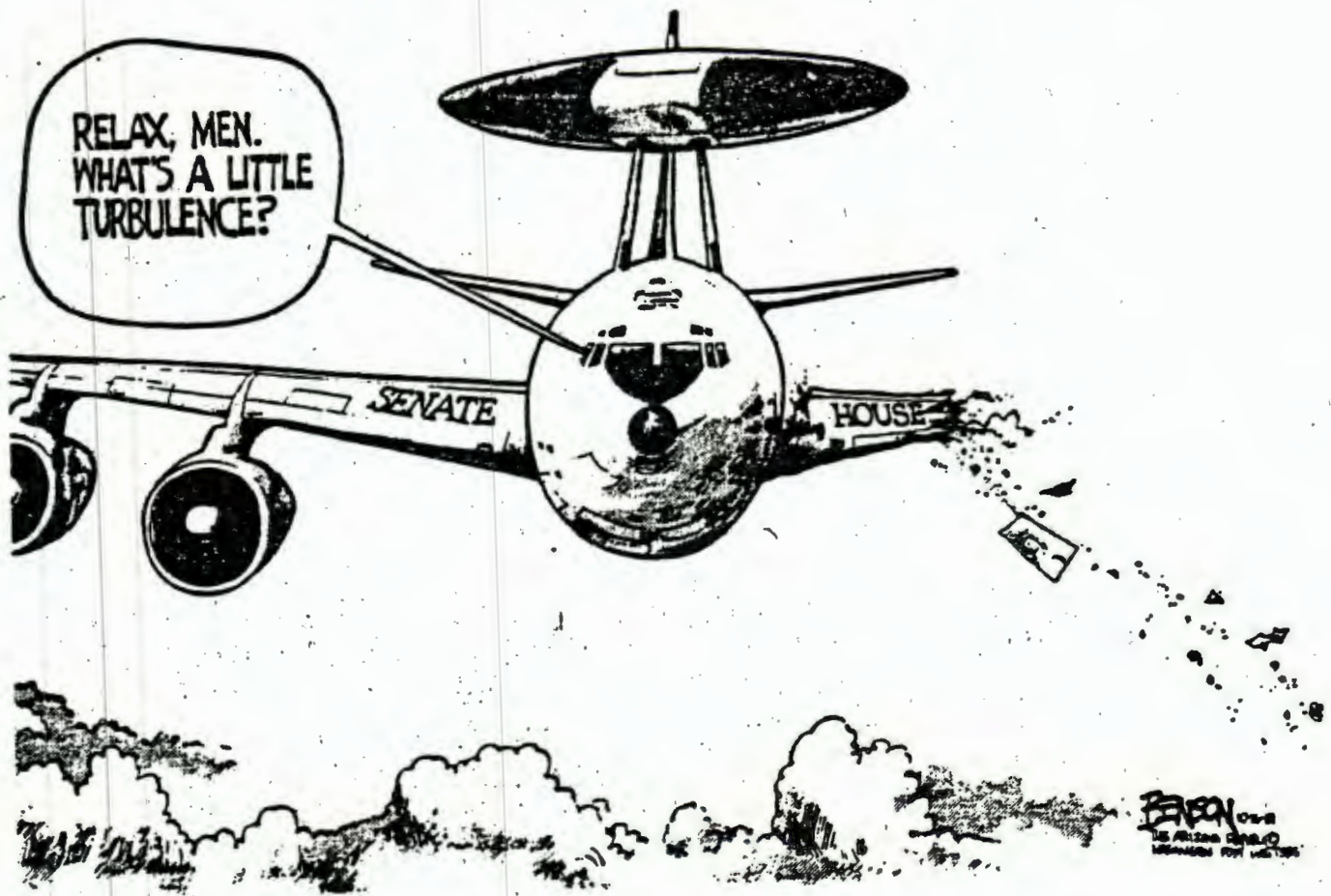
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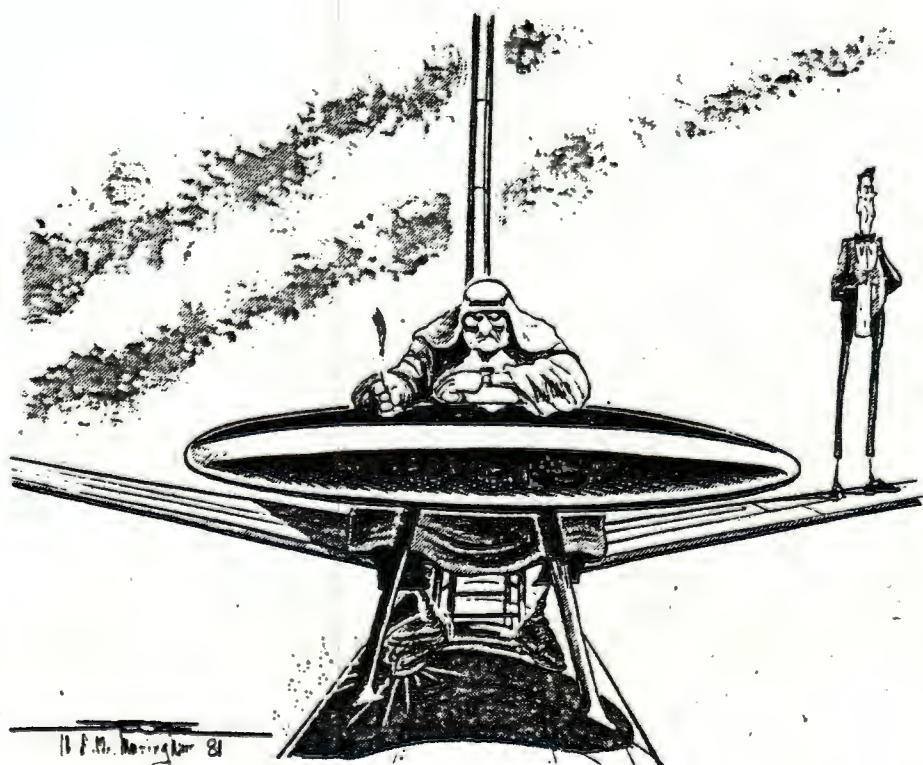
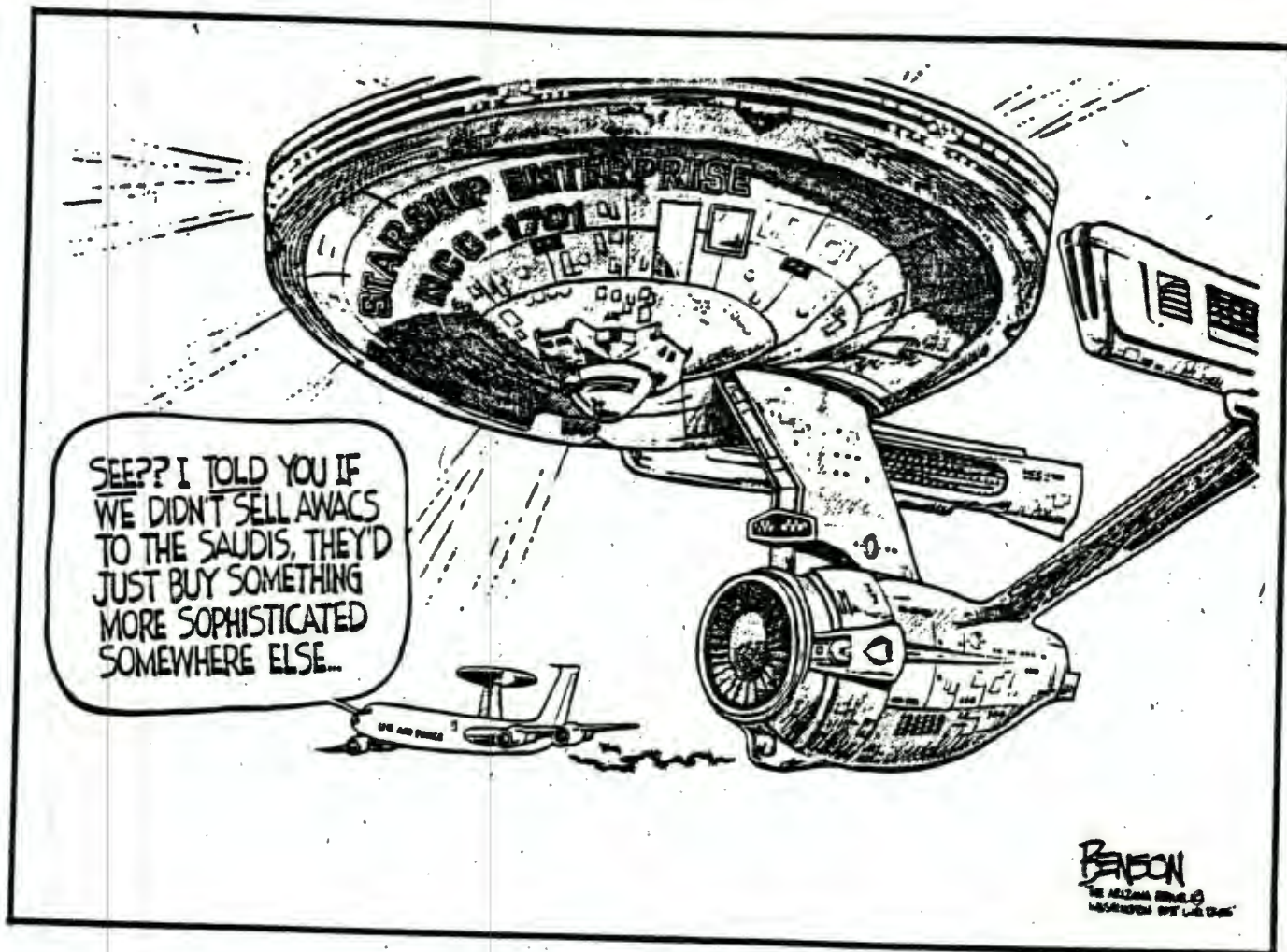
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IS ALL GONNA FLY,
MR. PRESIDENT?



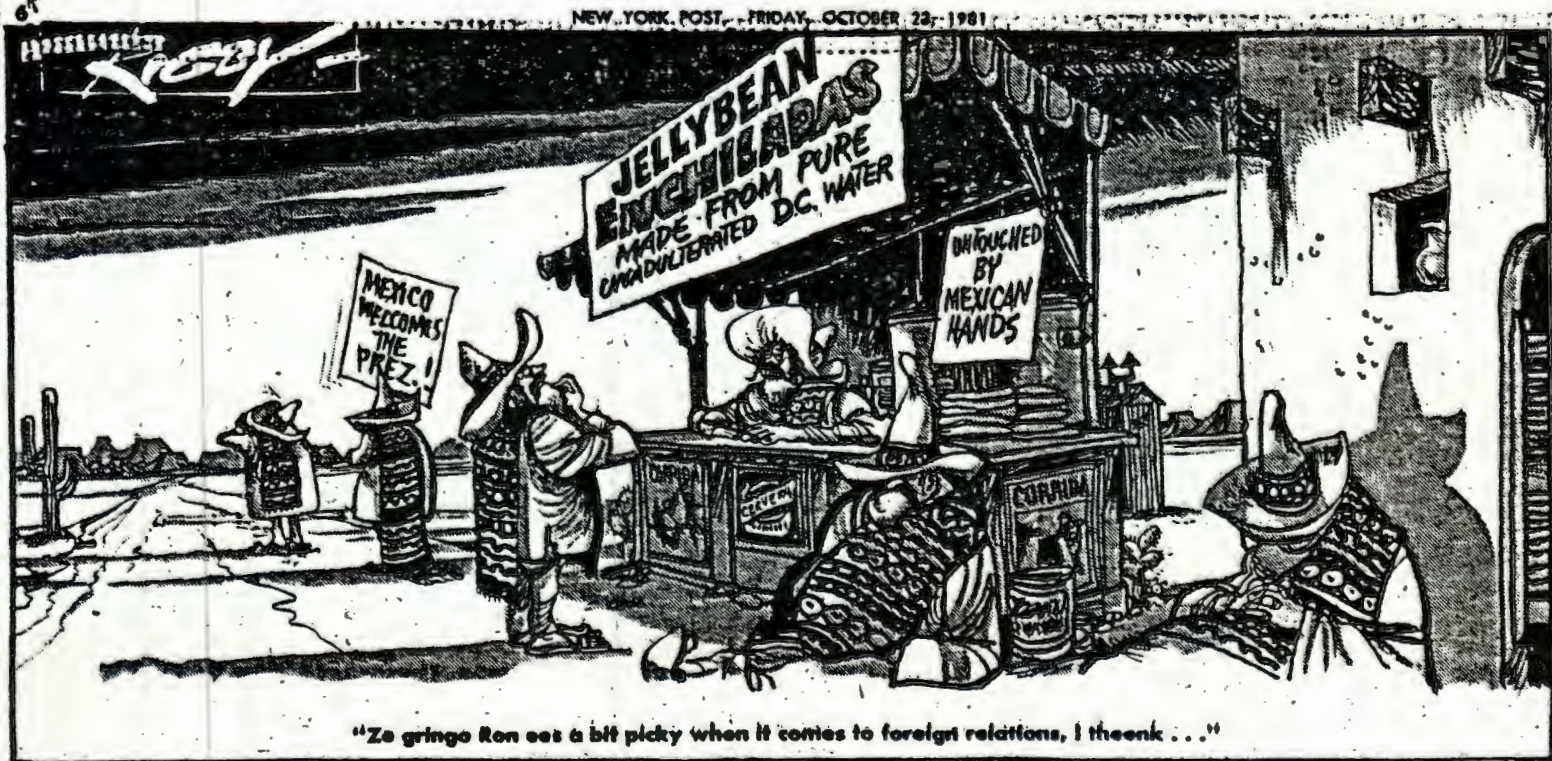




THE CONGRESS COMES TO THE PROMISES... THE REAL PROMISE



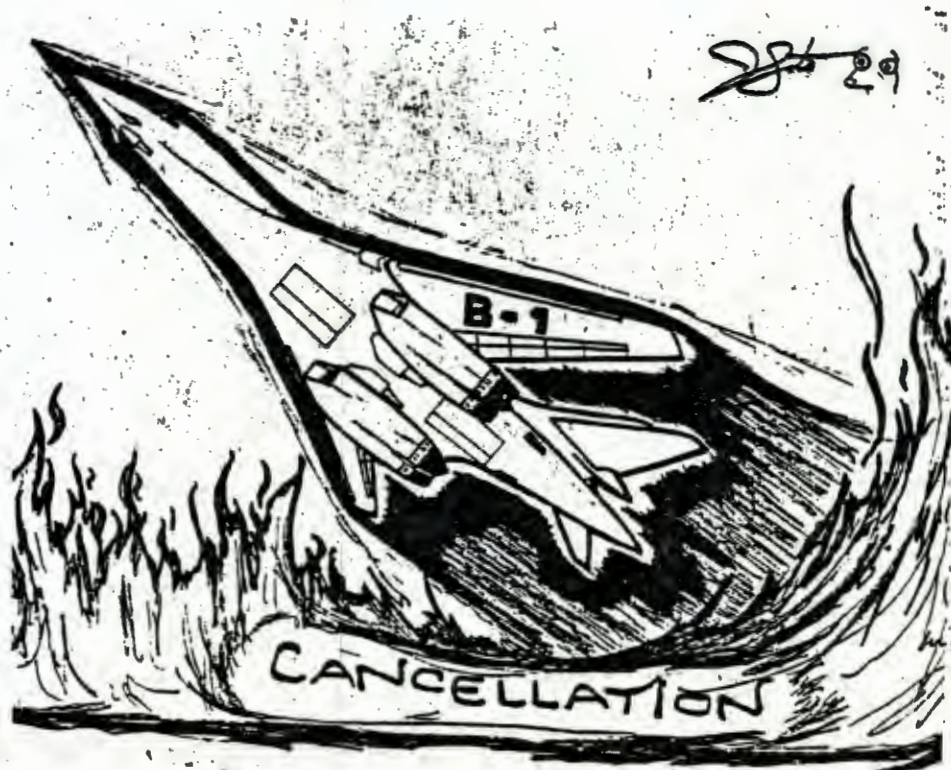
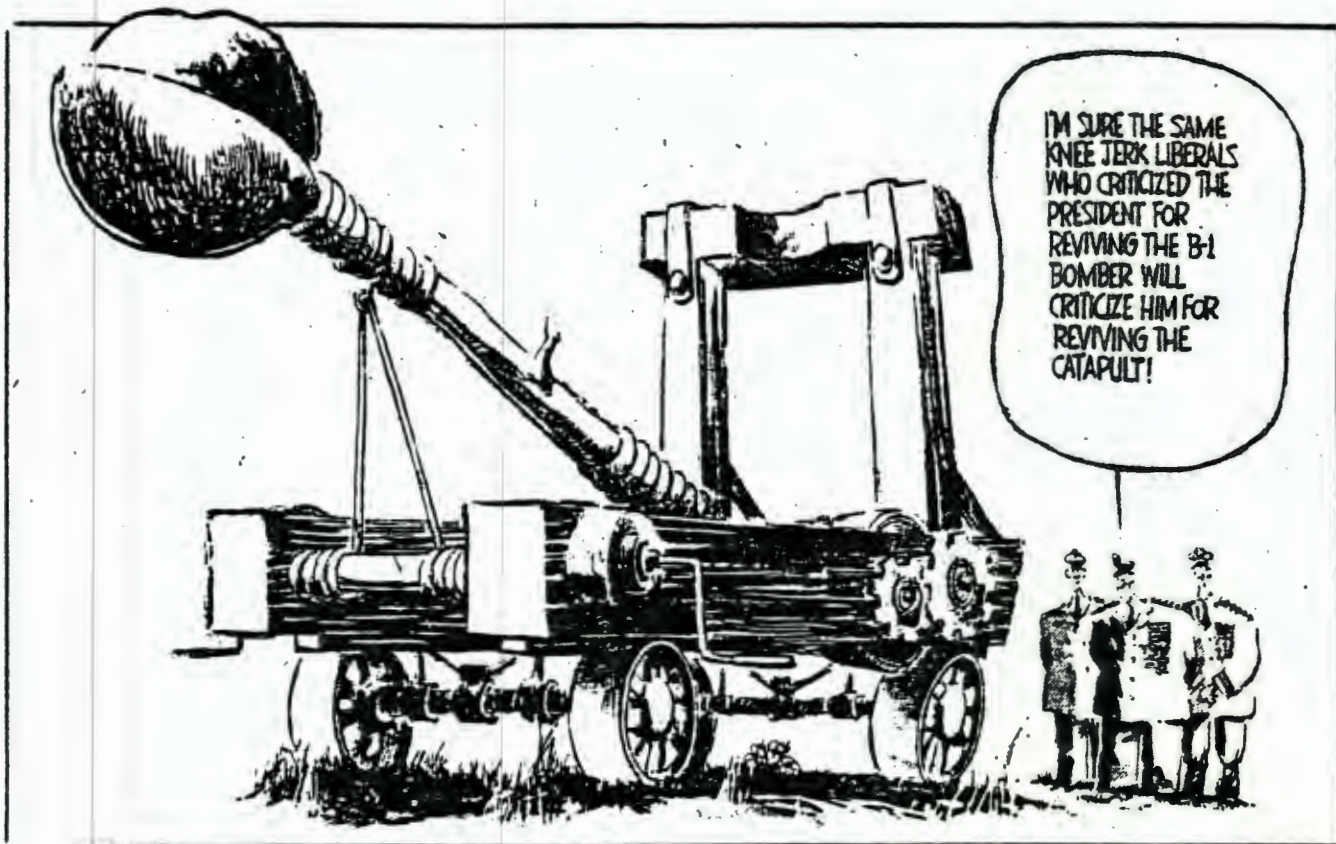
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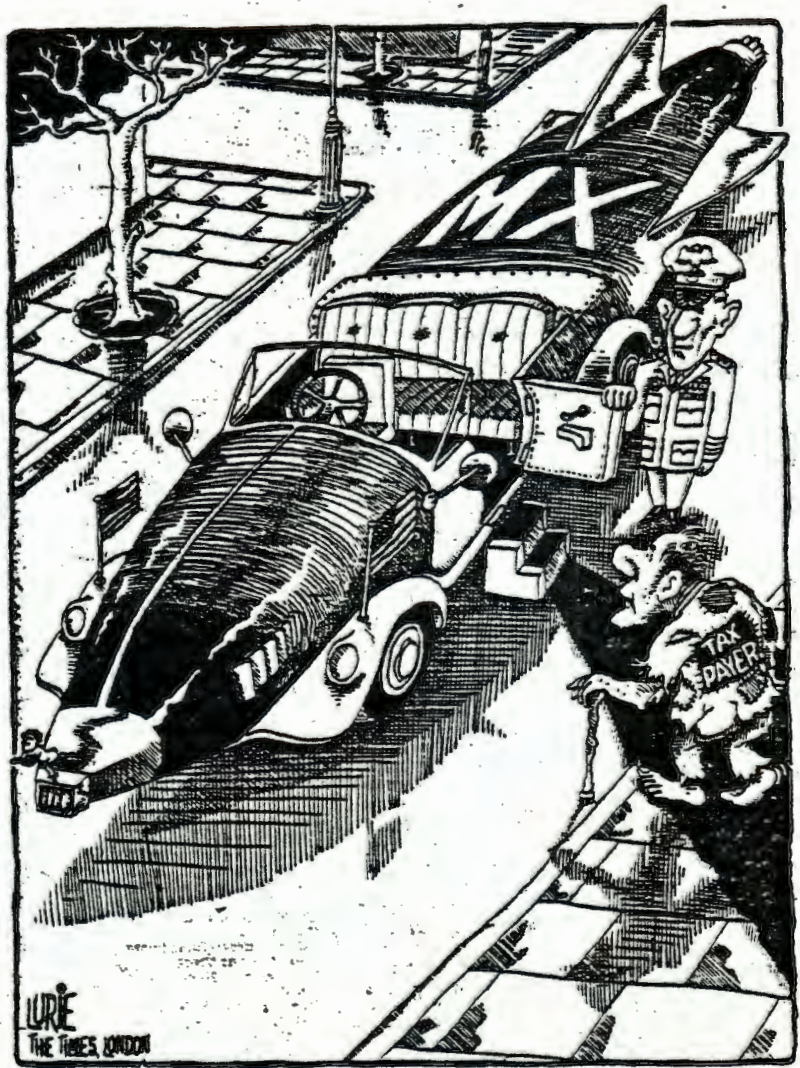




"If it's a California wine you wish, Mr. Larry will assist you."



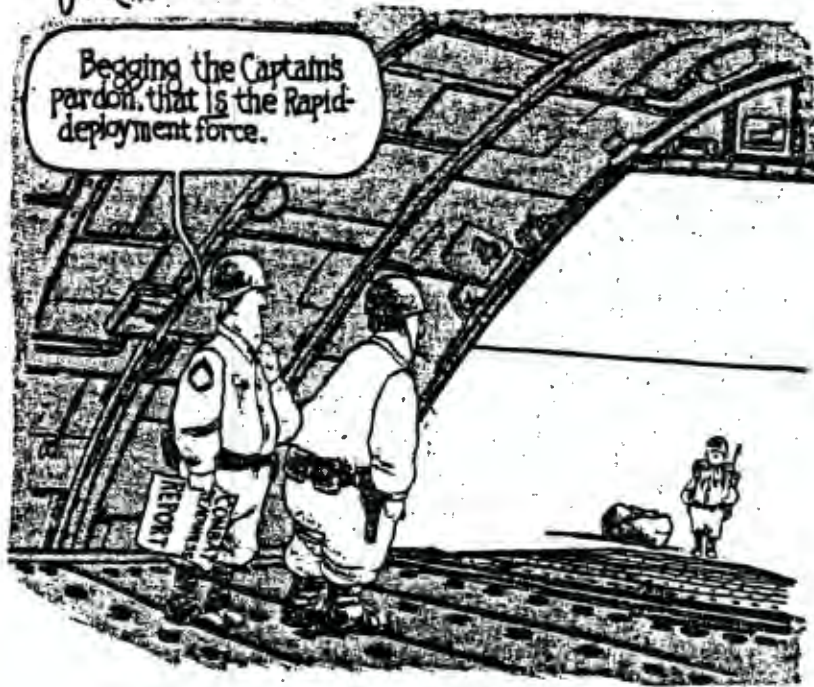
"LIKE A PHOENIX"



Reaganomics:
making it work...

JOHN R. FOSTER

Begging the Captain's
pardon, that is the Rapid-
deployment force.



READY TO GET UNDER WAY, SIR...
JUST WAITING FOR A COUPLE
HUNDRED THOUSAND MORE LIKE
SMITH, HERE TO ENLIST..

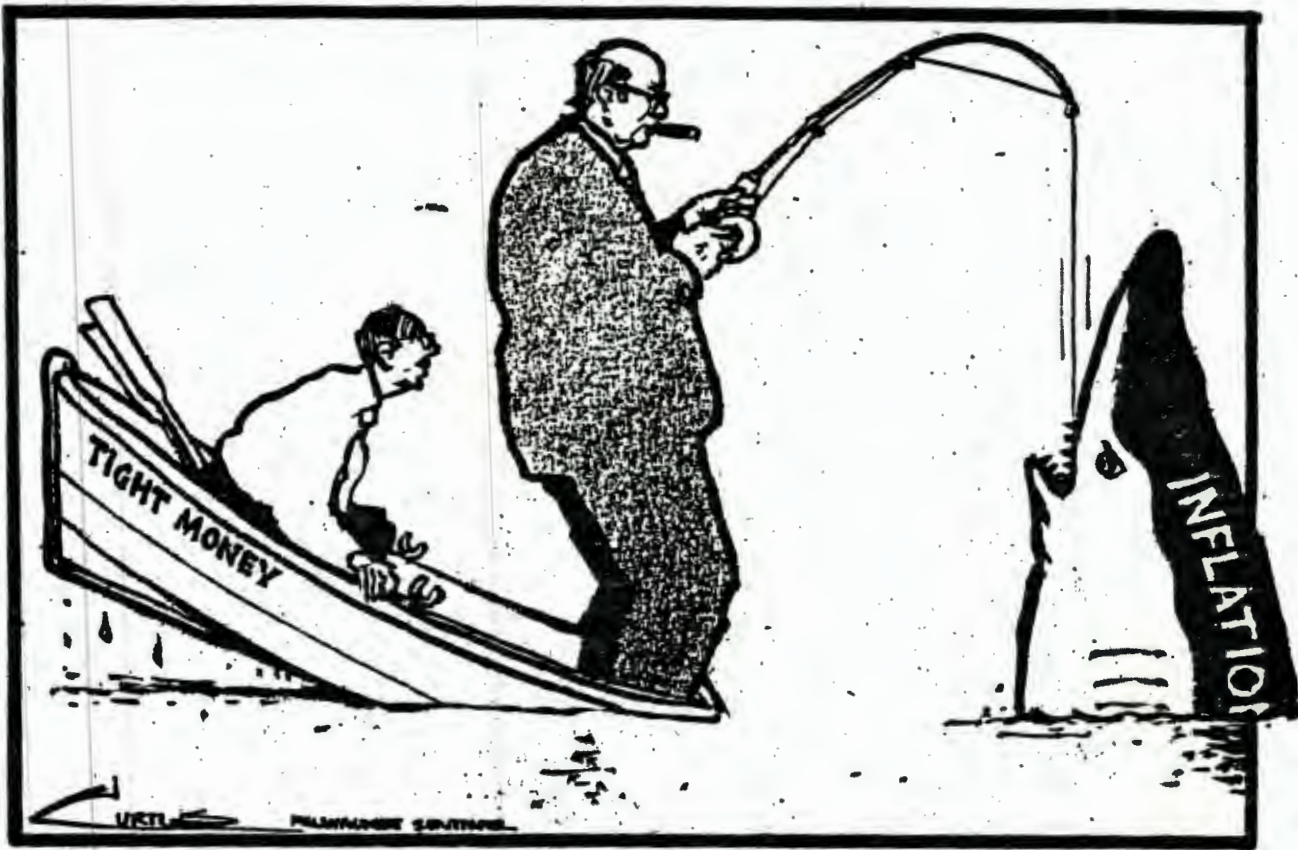


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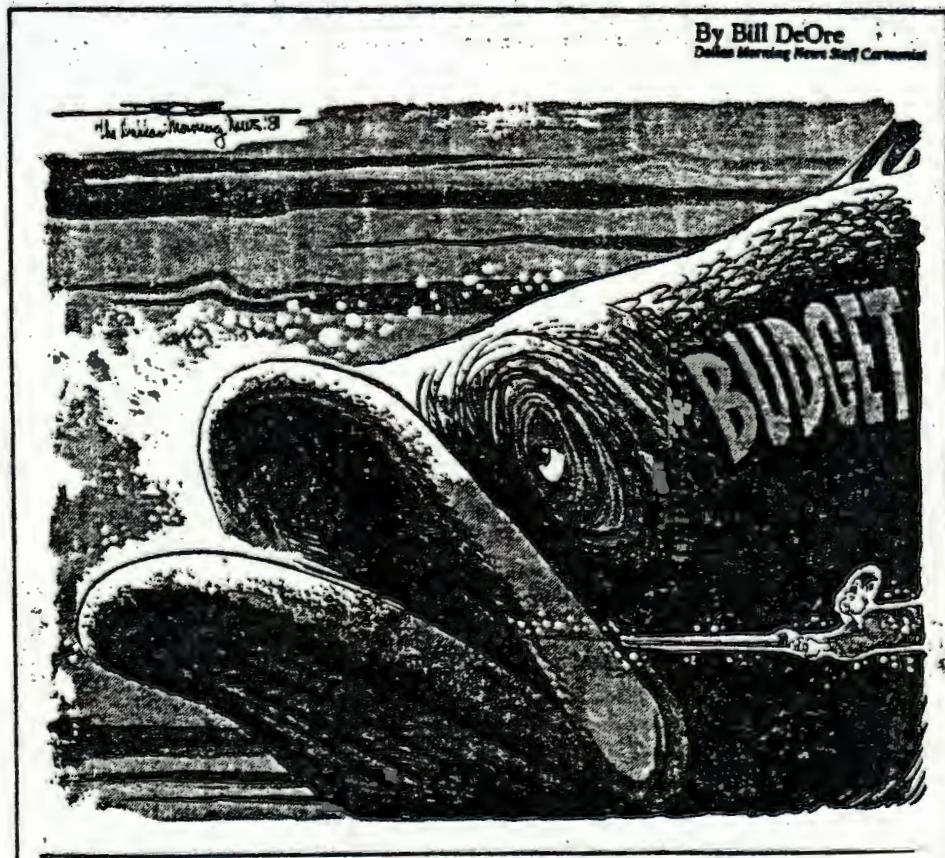


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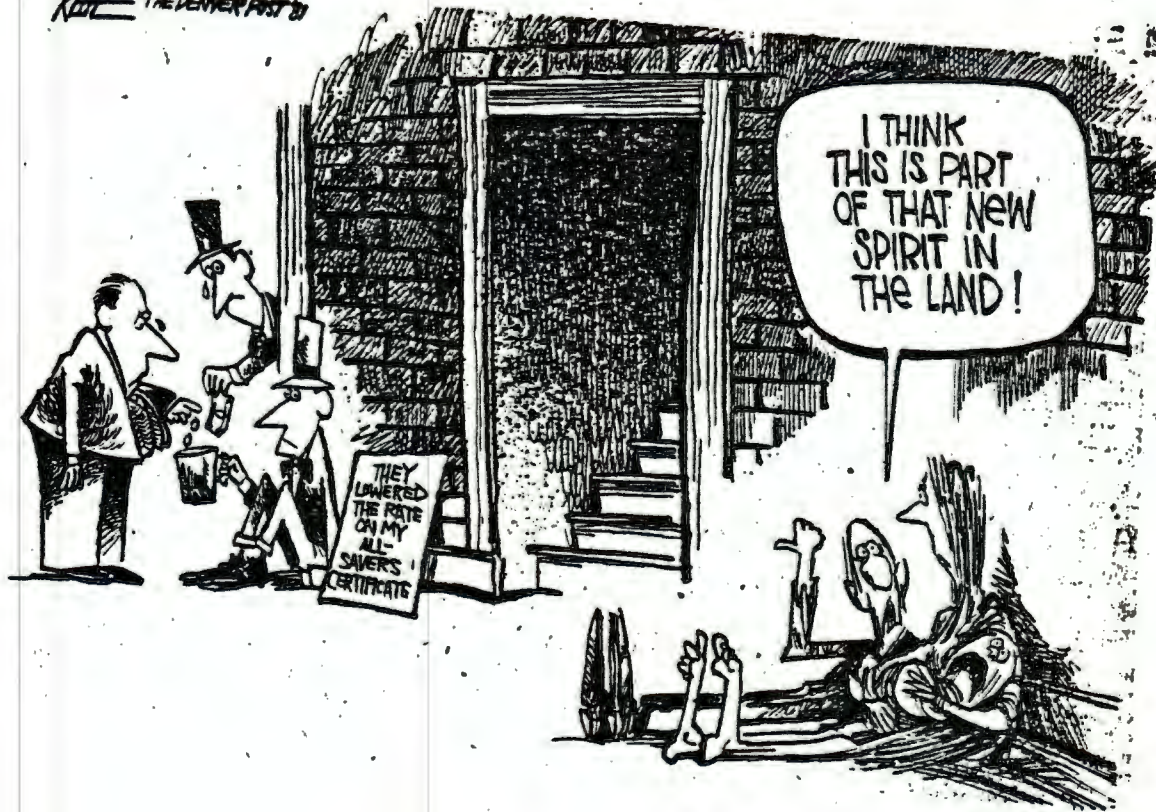
"Don't give him any slack, Mr. Volcker!"





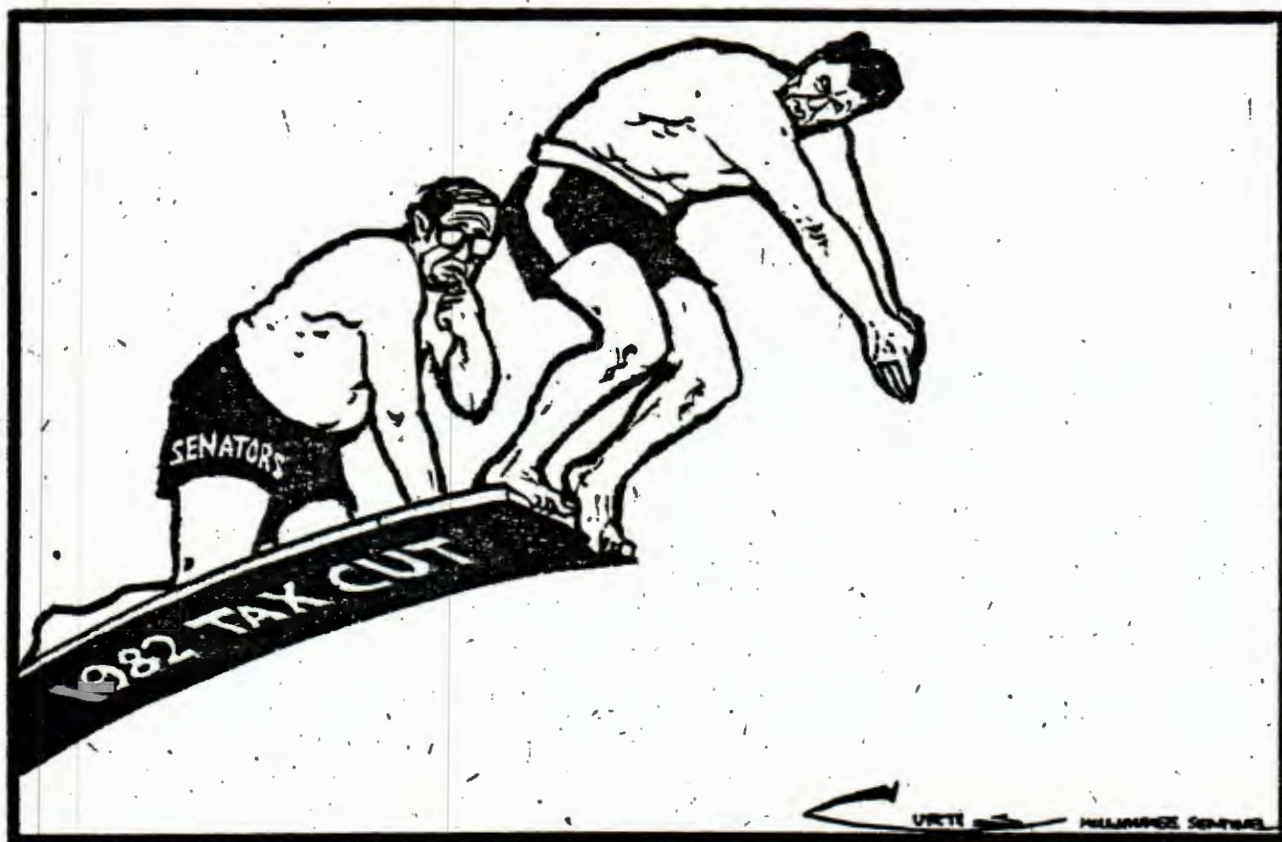
"SUPPLY-SIDE ECONOMICS? NAH, IT'S ALL WET!"

KEE THE DENVER POST



Kee Sallan Plumeron
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"On the other hand . . ."

SUPPLY-SIDE PIE:

eat
ingredients
conservatively



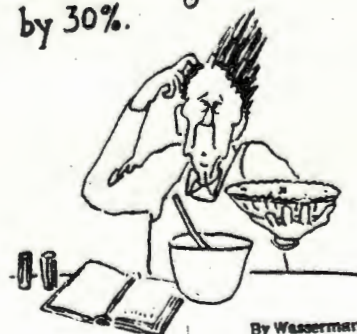
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after trimming
with sharp knife.



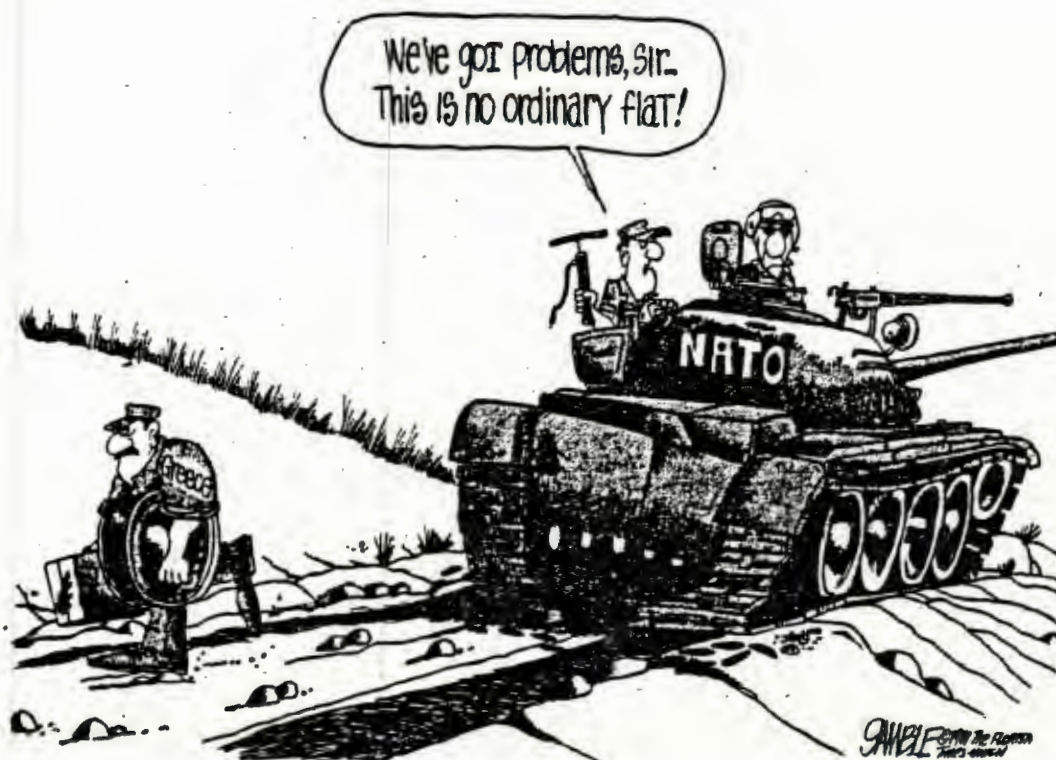
Handle upper crust
very gently.



*For larger pie,
reduce dough
by 30%.





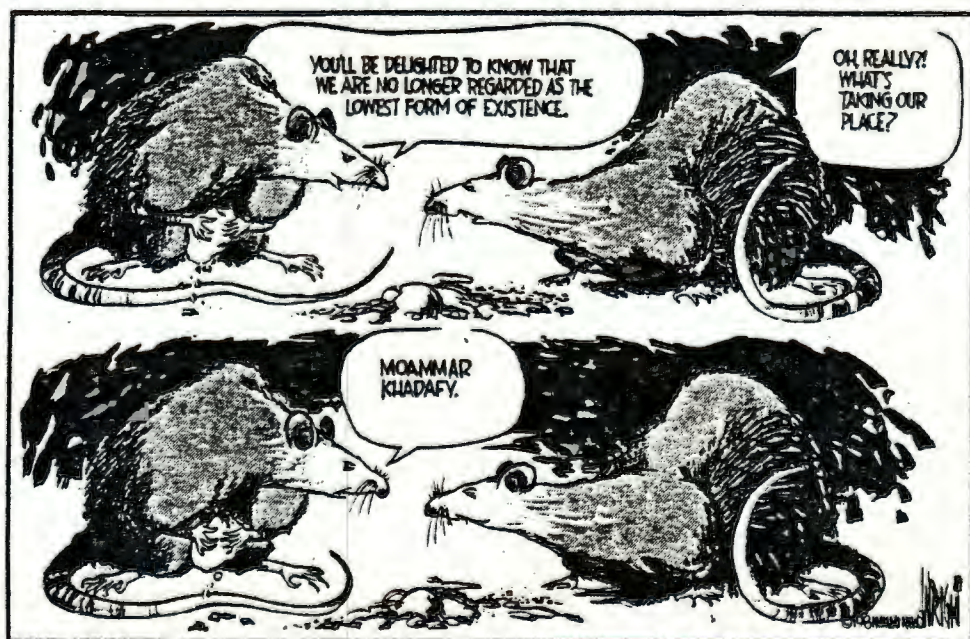


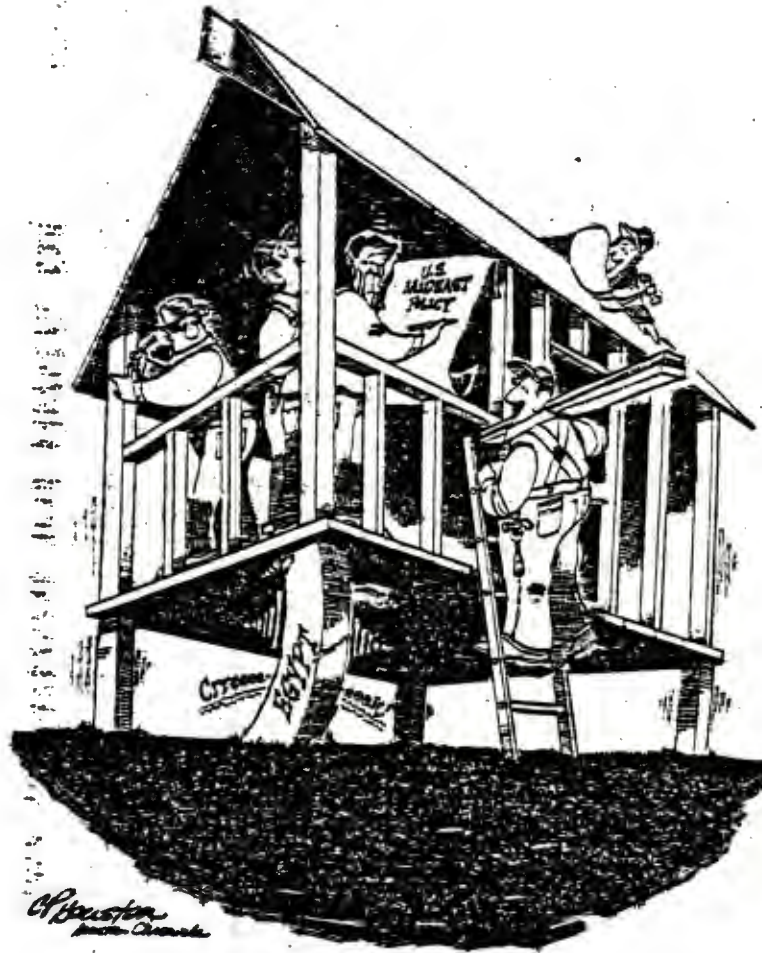


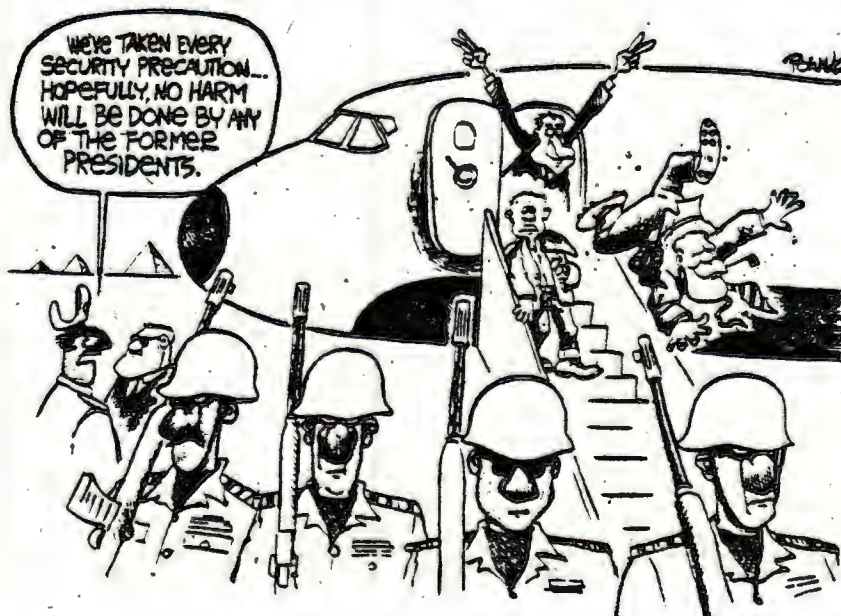
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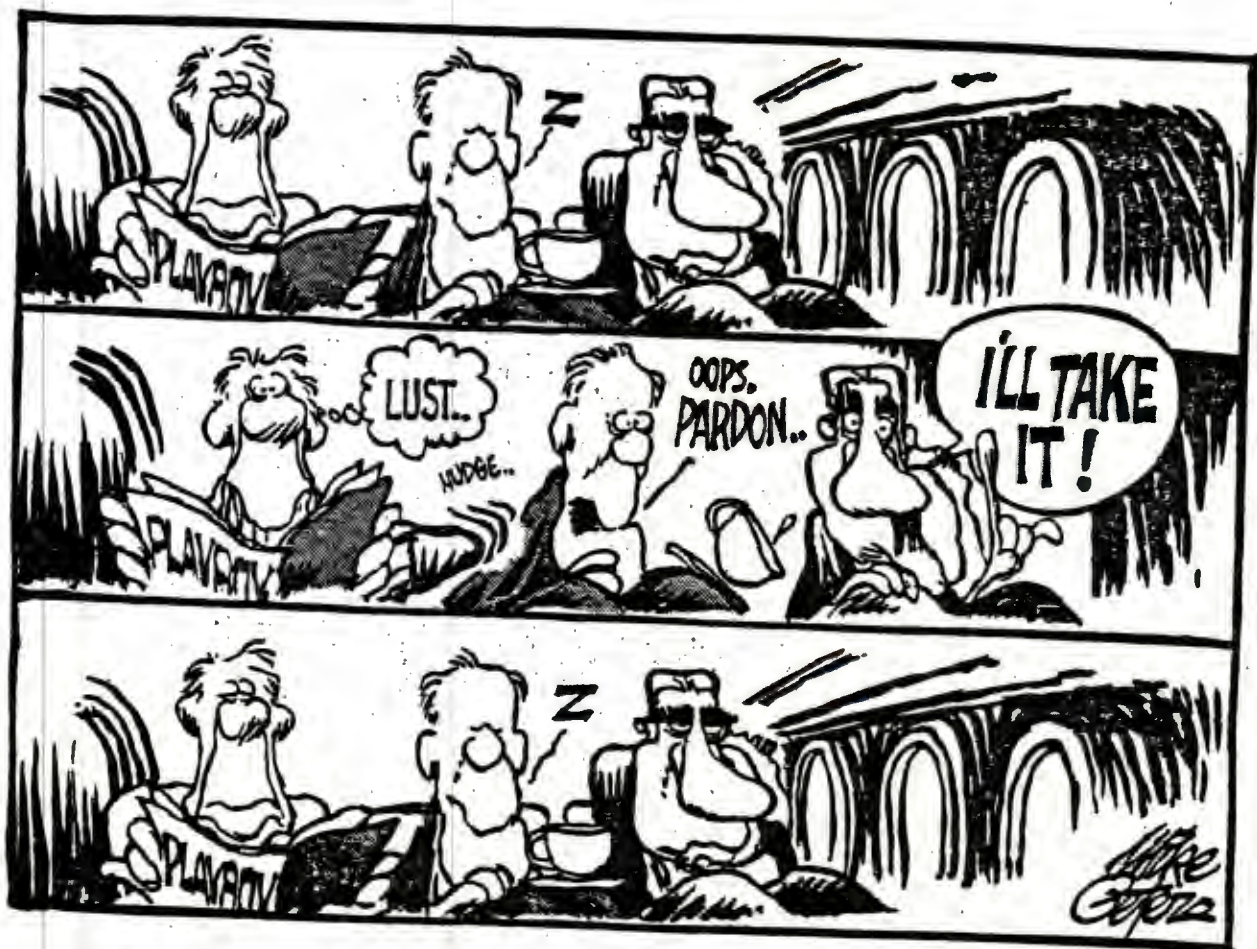


By Bill DeOre
Dallas Morning News Staff Cartoonist









GIMBLE GIMBLE GIMBLE GIMBLE





"I GIVE IT A 20... IT'S SOUNDS GOOD, BUT IT'S HARD TO DANCE TO..."



'But remember Cinderella ... if you're not ratified by the stroke of midnight, you'll go back to washing clothes and scrubbing floors ...'

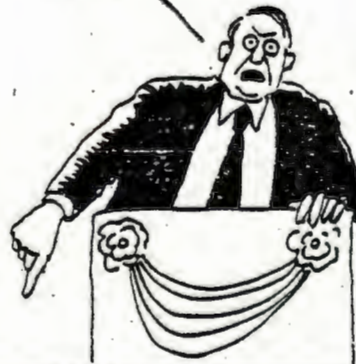


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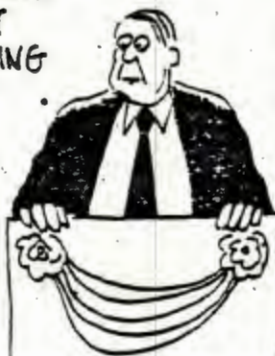
I SUPPORT THE RIGHT TO
AN EQUAL EDUCATION
AND AN EQUAL
OPPORTUNITY...



BUT THE COURTS HAVE
NO BUSINESS TELLING
COMMUNITIES WHAT
TO DO



WHAT DO YOU
GET BY
PROCLAIMING
THE RIGHTS
WITHOUT
ENFORCING
THEM?

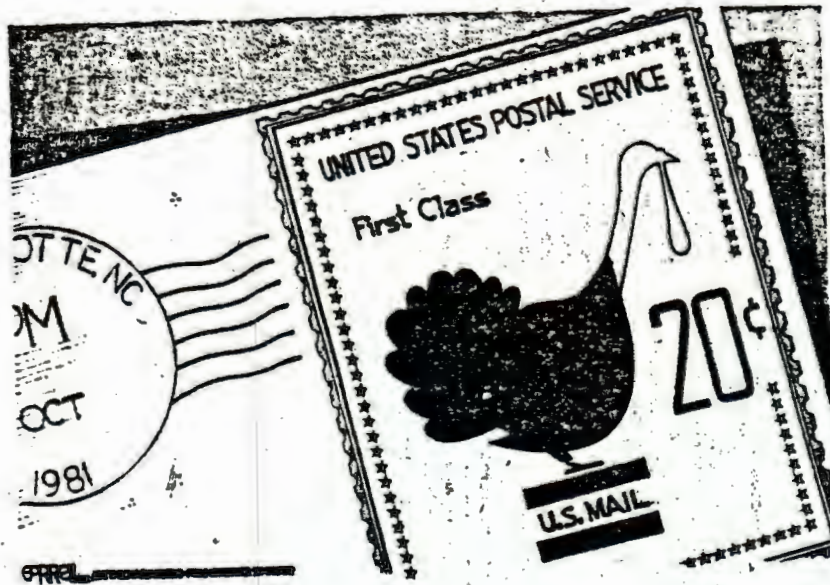


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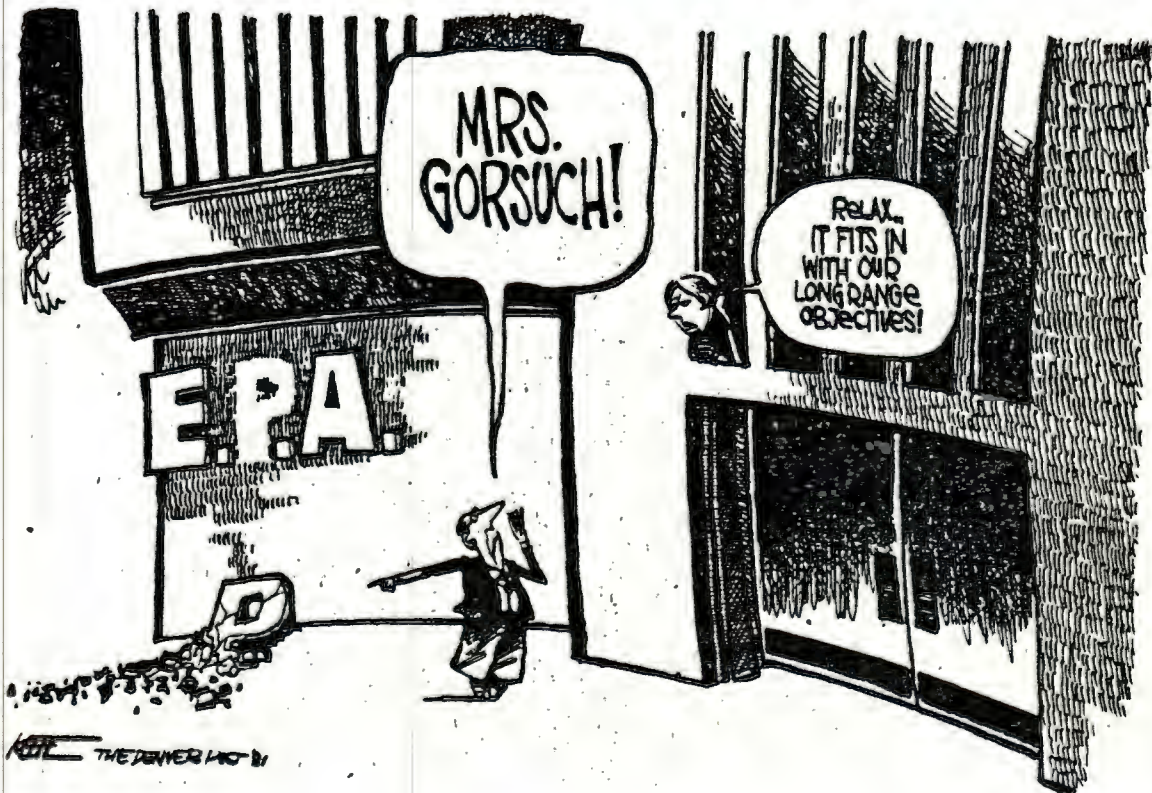
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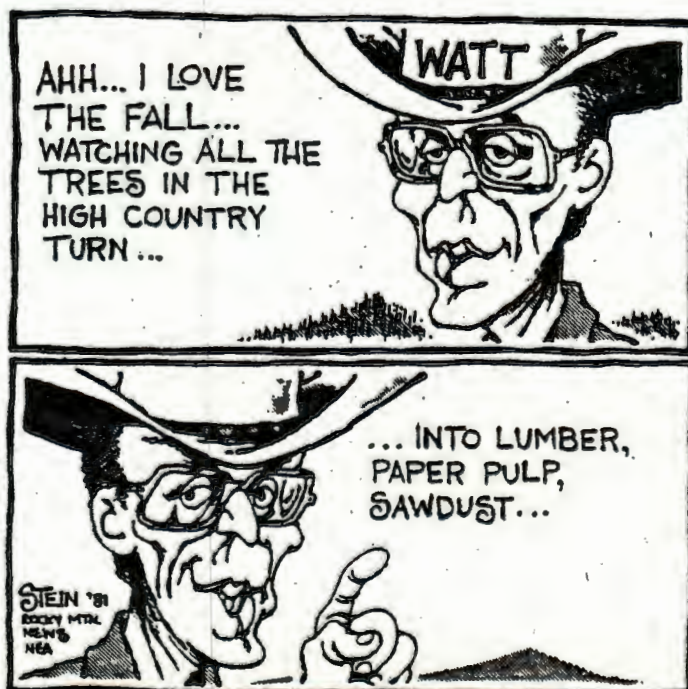
Mike
Gorsuch

James Watt's tour of America ★





"I just thought of something. . . . Do you know how many trees had to be cut down to make enough paper for one million signatures?"





VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, WASHINGTON OFFICE

October 26, 1981

Mr. Morton C. Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President
for Public Liaison
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mort:

Phelps Jones called on Senator Quentin Burdick's office this morning re AWACs.

(As you know, Burdick will see the President, Vice President, and Under Secretary Jim Buckley before the day is over.)

We made the following principal points to Joan Timoney who is handling AWACs for the Senator:

1. while the merits of the case are close, denying the President this bi-partisan initiative would saw him off at the knees;
2. VFW supporting AWACs because we think it is the right thing to do; no "payoff" of any kind for us;
3. we will, of course, inform the 14,000 members of the VFW in North Dakota of how both Senators Burdick and Andrews vote.

Miss Timoney said while the Senator is still "leaning against" AWACs, she will pass along to him this expression of concern from the VFW National Commander before the close of business today.

She had earlier told Senator Burdick of Art Fellwock's September 23rd and October 6th public statements. Thought there was "good possibility" that the Senator might wind up supporting the President.

Cordially,

COOPER T. HOLT
Executive Director





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Better for America to keep the friendship of *both* Israel and Saudi Arabia. Better for them. And better for us.



MYLIO S. KRAJA

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
THE AMERICAN LEGION
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Deliver to each Member of the U. S. Senate
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THE AMERICAN LEGION STRONGLY URGES YOUR SUPPORT OF THE PROPOSED SALE OF AWACS TO SAUDI ARABIA FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS: AWACS ARE NON OFFENSIVE RADAR PLANES POSING NO THREAT TO ISREAL, AWACS EQUIPMENT TO BE SOLD HAS NO INTELLIGENCE GATHERING CAPABILITY COMPARABLE TO SIMILAR FRENCH OR BRITISH EQUIPMENT, AND IT IS IN THE U.S. NATIONAL INTEREST TO SECURE SAUDI OIL FIELDS AGAINST POSSIBLE ATTACK.

WE BELIEVE THE PRESIDENT SHOULD BE FREE TO EXERCISE HIS CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY IN THE MAKING OF FOREIGN POLICY.

JACK W. FLYNT
NATIONAL COMMANDER
THE AMERICAN LEGION



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES

NATIONAL SECURITY AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Office of Director

October 19, 1981

Mr. Morton C. Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President
for Public Liaison
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Morton:

Brief update on our AWACs effort stemming from the October 6th meeting in the Family Theater:

Below groups tell me they will support:

1. VFW (of course)
2. American Legion (Finally!)
3. Air Force Association
4. National Association of Uniformed Services
5. Non-Commissioned Officers Association
6. Marine Corps League
7. Marine Corps Reserve Officers' Association
8. Reserve Officers Association
9. Military Order of World Wars
10. AMVETS
11. American Security Council
12. Association of Naval Aviators, Inc.

Possibles:

1. Association of the U. S. Army (now meeting at Sheraton Washington)
2. Legion of Valor (DSC & MOH winners)
(Maj. Jim Doughtie, 421 Bel Pre Road, Rockville, Maryland 20853
Recommend a Blackwell call here.)

The balance of the attendees either turned me down or are still waffling.

Organizations for AWACs will sign a common message to each Senator, message attached, and this common message will be the subject of a "Dear Colleague" by Baker or Tower drawing attention to support for President.



TO: EACH MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE
97TH CONGRESS

SUBJECT: THE AWACs SALE

We, the undersigned leaders of non-governmental organizations, urge each United States Senator to cast an affirmative vote when the AWACs "package" sale comes before the full Senate.

We are convinced for differing, yet compelling, reasons that this sale is in the wide national security interests of the United States.

We note that, if the Senate turns down the President's proposal, the Saudis will purchase an airborne radar package elsewhere. We further note that such an "elsewhere" purchase would diminish both our long term security and economic interests. We would be effectively "side-lined," watching events over which we had no control.

Finally, we note the ungrudging bipartisan support for the AWACs sale by all three living ex-Presidents, all six living ex-Secretaries of Defense, all five living ex-Presidential National Security advisors, two former Secretaries of State, and all three living former Chairmen of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Few votes you will ever cast as a U. S. Senator will be so irreversibly significant.

We call upon you to cast a vote supporting the President of the United States.

Sincerely,

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Sent 10/15 to:

EHD
Wendy Borchardt
Wayne Valis
Jack Burgers
Col. Lilac
James Buckley

Clipping sent to

American Legion
National Association of Uniformed Services
Non-Commissioned Officers Assoc.
Veterans of Foreign Wars
Marine Corps League
Reserve Officers Assoc.
AMVETS
American Security Council

COUNCIL FOR NATIONAL POLICY

October 12, 1981

Honorable Morton Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Morton:

It was a pleasure to attend the fine briefing which you arranged at the White House on the proposed sale of AWACS to Saudi Arabia.

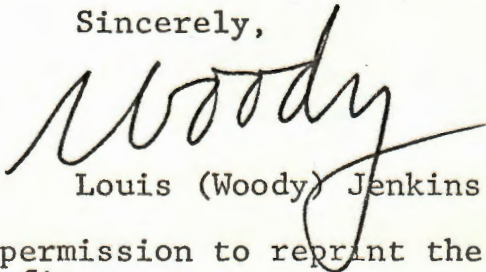
The presentation was quite convincing, and I moved from the "undecided" camp to the "for" side.

As a result, I have written the enclosed column, which will appear in 40 newspapers this week in Louisiana, Arkansas, Mississippi and Alabama. It reaches about 1 million readers.

If I may be of further assistance, please let me know.

With appreciation and kindest regards, I remain

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Woody", with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Louis (Woody) Jenkins

P. S. You have my permission to reprint the enclosed article as you see fit.



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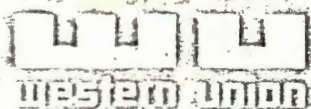
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WE, THE UNDERSIGNED LEADERS OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS, URGE EACH UNITED STATES SENATOR TO VOTE IN FAVOR OF THE AWACS 'PACKAGE' SALE.

WE ARE CONVINCED FOR DIFFERING, YET COMPELLING, REASONS THAT THIS SALE IS IN THE WIDE NATIONAL SECURITY INTERESTS OF THE UNITED STATES.

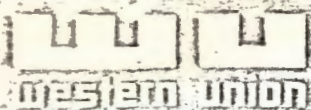
WE NOTE THAT, IF THE SENATE TURNS DOWN THE PRESIDENT'S PROPOSAL, THE SAUDIS WILL PURCHASE AN AIRBORNE RADAR PACKAGE ELSEWHERE. WE FURTHER NOTE THAT SUCH AN 'ELSEWHERE' PURCHASE WOULD DIMINISH BOTH OUR LONG TERM SECURITY AND ECONOMIC INTERESTS. WE WOULD BE EFFECTIVELY 'SIDE-LINED,' WATCHING EVENTS OVER WHICH WE HAD NO CONTROL.

FINALLY, WE NOTE THE UNGRUDGING BIPARTISAN SUPPORT FOR THE AWACS SALE BY ALL THREE LIVING EX-PRESIDENTS, ALL SIX LIVING EX-SECRETARIES OF DEFENSE, ALL FIVE LIVING EX-PRESIDENTIAL NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISORS, TWO FORMER SECRETARIES OF STATE, AND ALL THREE LIVING FORMER CHAIRMEN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF.

FEW VOTES YOU WILL EVER CAST AS A U.S. SENATOR WILL BE SO IRREVERSIBLY SIGNIFICANT.

WE CALL UPON YOU TO CAST A VOTE SUPPORTING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 30, 1981

Dear Cooper:

I want to personally add my thanks to those of the President, which I understand are en route to you.

Your efforts in behalf of the AWACS sale were a key element in convincing a majority of the Senate to support this decision of the President.

In addition to an obviously effective lobbying presence, you provided very useful information which helped direct the President's actions as he worked with undecided Senators.

Again, let me thank you for the excellent V.F.W. effort on behalf of the President.

Cordially,



Morton C. Blackwell
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Mr. Cooper Holt
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 30, 1981

Dear James:

We only spoke once about the AWACS sale, but I heard echoes of that conversation at a very critical time.

On the day that Senator Jepsen announced his decision to support the President on the AWACS sale, my wife and I had dinner with Senator and Mrs. Jepsen. Dee Jepsen mentioned repeatedly the strong and useful advice which you gave to the Senator through her as an important factor in his decision. Your most persuasive point was that one can be a very strong friend of Israel (as you and the Jepsens and I are), and still conclude that it is in the best interest of Israel, on some occasions, to disagree with a policy decision of the Israeli government.

I am convinced that the forces of freedom throughout the world would have been severely weakened if the President had lost this battle in the Senate. Senator Jepsen's decision was the central reason why we won. Thus, your unsung role in this matter may have been a key to influencing major world events.

Cordially,



Morton C. Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 30, 1981

Dear General Roberts:

I know that the President is going to thank you personally for your magnificent assistance in obtaining our badly needed victory on AWACS. But I want to add my sincere thanks as well.

There is absolutely no doubt in my mind that the leadership of the ROA in this battle was critical to our success. Your leadership brought over to us the support of virtually the entire range of politically effective veterans and service related organizations.

Too often such efforts go unsung. I want you to know that many here at the White House are singing ourselves hoarse in praise of your achievements.

You know how to get things done. Your work with ROA Iowans close to Senator Jepsen and Senator Grassley was unquestionably a key element in their decisions. The decision of these two fine Iowa Senators was clearly what broke the back of the opposition.

A defeat for the President in this matter would have damaged the forces of freedom around the world. In years to come, we may look back on your success in this effort as a key factor in influencing world events.

Cordially,



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