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Personal - Brian Lamb/C-Span

Health & Happiness to you all at C-Span in 1992----and thanks for your wonderful coverage of "Road to the White House"--- Of the two hour debate by the Democratic candidates on WMUR-Manchester, the CNN coverage amounted to the same three minutes every half hour--- Since I'm against capitol punishment, I imparticularly noted Clinton's statement that he was in favor of it because after all, "this is the most violent country in the world" (!) and I also note that MOONBEAM BROWN'S accurate claims of control of our Government being in the hands of an elite - an oligarchy - with greed as the only goal is never recited by the newspapers---

In my more careful review of the press and TV, I don't think it is in any way unfair to charge that the NY Times is showing great reluctance to feature women and minorities--- and is more and more manipulating "news" to gain conclusions from the reader that are false--- Much is buried, and often you can guess that a story will not be printed at all--or followed up on--- Today is Martin Luther King's Holiday--- While there is no front page mention of it in the Times---(the box which gives us the Holiday schedule for Post Office, Government offices, etc was printed on page B-4!)---there was an editorial:--- Strangely in the first paragraph they tell of unnamed officials, in unknown 'somewhere' who were quick to belittle Doctor King as a 'lothario, a plagiarist, and of a consorter with Communists'---- They then use double speak:- 'the criticisms is not that they are petty or nasty---It's that they are irrelevant' If these accusations were to be mentioned to the public, they should be explained--- but toby was not the day to repeat 'belittling' coments--- Perhaps the NY Times had some help with their editorial from someone of two minds about the holiday---? Jesse Helms or Dannemayer come to mind---! By the way I am a caucasian woman ---mother of two college-aged children---making sure they get political educdions-!

Also in the B Section, on page 7, you can find out that President Bush took Halcion "a day or so before he fainted at a dinner in Japan-- Although attributed to an attack of stomach flu, critics of the pill said the episode could also have been an effect of Halcion--- (Upjohn added fainting to the side effects listed on the Halcion package insert in 1990, after the FDA had received 37 reports of fainting associated with the drug---)"

Also note---the front page headline identifies only "Maker of Sleeping Pill" --- not "UPJOHN" in headline---

The issue of the overthrow of our Government in 1963 -- as discussed in Oliver Stone's "JFK" and many best-sellers must be considered just that issue---and no other---! I've asked my Senators and Representative to move to have all documents released no matter which Government agency may have control of them---- Additionally, John Newman has written a new book---"JFK and Viet Nam" and hope we might see him on C-Span---though I understand that when what "used to be" PBS took to heavy reporting on VN, Nixon slashed their budget and destroyed them---thus the hegathons, and amnesia in Government over taxpayer support for Public Service Broadcasting--!

Also, thanks for America and the Courts--- Have been very interested as a former smoker in the Liggett case---and the Tribe defense--- Friends of mine have now begun to die of cancer of the lungs---Imagine all former smokers will be susceptible--- The taxpayer subsidy of tobacco companies---by our Government in their liason with big business and socialism for the rich---took place though the companies hid the facts of addiction, and cancer--- and our public health services denied the truth to Americans---! There should be wide-ranging suits by citizens---! Congratulations to the Taiwanese Government for protecting their citizens when they - like many elsewhere - could have taken payoffs and let the cancer-sticks come on thru!

Had we at any time had a Government of the people, by the people and for the people, this would not have been the behavior of Government-! We are governed now, as then, by immoral men---!

Thanks C-Span----

PS: Please tell us where are the women who used to act as hosts---?

Are they with C-Span still in other assignments---?

Have they met some unspeakable fate---?

Speak---!!!!

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Maker of Sleeping Pill Hid Data On Side Effects, Researchers Say

1 Night's Sleep With Halcion

"made me crazy, but no one knew it was because of the sleeping pill. It had depressive and then pre-psychotic effects." After six months, a doctor took him off the drug. "And 10 days later, I was fine, I was me again," Mr. Nichols said.

Even some who tested Halcion say they were taken aback by the

Some say an insomnia pill made them crazy.

drug's actions. Dr. Joseph Mendels, a Halcion researcher who is medical director of the Philadelphia Medical Institute, said he took his first and only tablet of Halcion on a stifling summer night in Washington. He wanted to get a good night's sleep before an important meeting in the morning, he said.

"The next thing I knew it was early afternoon the following day," Dr. Mendels said. "I found myself at the train station in Washington. I apparently got up, shaved and got dressed and went to the meeting. But I have no knowledge of doing any of those things," he said.

There are other side effects associated with the drug. President Bush took a Halcion tablet a day or so before he fainted at a dinner in Japan. Although his fainting was attributed to an attack of stomach flu, critics of the pill said the episode could also have been an effect of Halcion.

Upjohn added fainting to the side effects listed on the Halcion package insert in 1990, after the F.D.A. had received 37 reports of fainting associated with the drug.

But most people who take Halcion do did not suffer adverse effects and some leading sleep researchers, like Dr. William Dement of Stanford University, said they had not noticed distressing side effects when they tested the drug or prescribed it to patients.



United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees said today that she expects 370,000 Cambodian refugees to be returning to their war-ravaged homeland in March or April.

The commissioner, Sadako Oishi, said the United Nations wanted to see as many of the refugees as possible housed in border camps in Thailand and

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weekend, freeing the hostages without injury and arresting the suspects.

In Gravesend, Brooklyn, the police received a phone call about 7:40 A.M. yesterday from Gloria Gurspan, 38 years old, reporting that her husband, Theodore, 40, was under the influence of drugs and alcohol and that he was threatening her with a shotgun, said Capt. Joseph Valente, duty captain for the Brooklyn South command. The man later fired a blast at his apartment door toward officers who were in the hallway. After Mrs. Gurspan managed to flee the apartment, the police entered to find her husband in a stupor and arrested him on a charge of attempted murder.

About 9 P.M. Saturday in Wakefield, the Bronx, two men abducted a man in front of his house, tied him with his own shoelaces to an abandoned car, and ransacked his house for money, threatening his wife and two young children.

The police were able to convince the two suspects to surrender without hurting the hostages. They arrested Leroy Roberts, 20, of 3893 Barnes Avenue, the Bronx, and Vereton McKenzie, 20, of 244 South 5th Avenue, Mount Vernon, N.Y. The two were charged with second-degree kidnapping, first-degree robbery and first-degree burglary.

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A March Evening in Alabama

Thinking back to a soft spring evening in Alabama many years ago, he realized why critics of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. seem so ignorant. For years, officials somewhere have been quick to belittle Dr. King as a lothario, a plagiarist, someone who consorted with people of Communist proclivities, and therefore undeserving of a national holiday.

The problem with the criticisms is not that they are petty or nasty. It's that they are irrelevant. For as Americans today take note of the murdered leader, they also recognize the millions who marched behind him, and do so still.

The particular occasion in Alabama came during the 1965 protest march from Selma to Montgomery. It took five days to cover those 54 miles. In that time, the nation's consciousness moved much further. Working unaccustomed night hours, Congress passed the Voting Rights Act that now daily revitalizes democracy.

The marchers were mostly Alabama blacks but they also included Northern nuns, students, rabbis, even a one-legged Michigan man on crutches. Many marchers were, despite the protection of Federal troops, frightened. With good cause.

They had entered Lowndes County, where black sharecroppers were so poor that they patched their cabins with old license plates. Lowndes County, where 3,000 whites so intimidated 12,000 blacks that not one black was registered to vote. That climate of fear is what made that warm evening memorable.

As the marchers pitched their tents in the straw and mud, the man looked up to a stirring

twilight scene. From all directions, over the rolling green hills, in twos and threes, came hundreds of poor black sharecroppers, many holding little children by the hand, to form an audience around the rough stage of a flatbed truck. "Dr. King is coming!" someone said. And then, with the last rays of light, he did.

The man didn't remember much of what Dr. King said. He had been distracted. A young woman next to him was struggling to hold up two children at once, so he lifted the little boy to his own shoulders. The boy was soon engrossed, with the man's straight brown hair.

Then it was over. All those hundreds trailed off, in all directions, into the darkness of Lowndes County. Why had they come, risking harsh retribution? Why had the young mother come? "I want them to see we have a strong leader!" She gestured to the children. "I want them to know they saw Martin Luther King!"

The modest episode demonstrated both sides of this holiday: the Baptist minister who through one hard year after another led the march and provoked the country's conscience; and all those who marched, striving to achieve their rightful place. America celebrates both today.

Celebrates but not honors. Honor will come only when new leaders, black and white, find the way to raise many struggling children to strong shoulders and help them achieve their rightful place. Then America will have covered the next leg of the march, and will have truly honored the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

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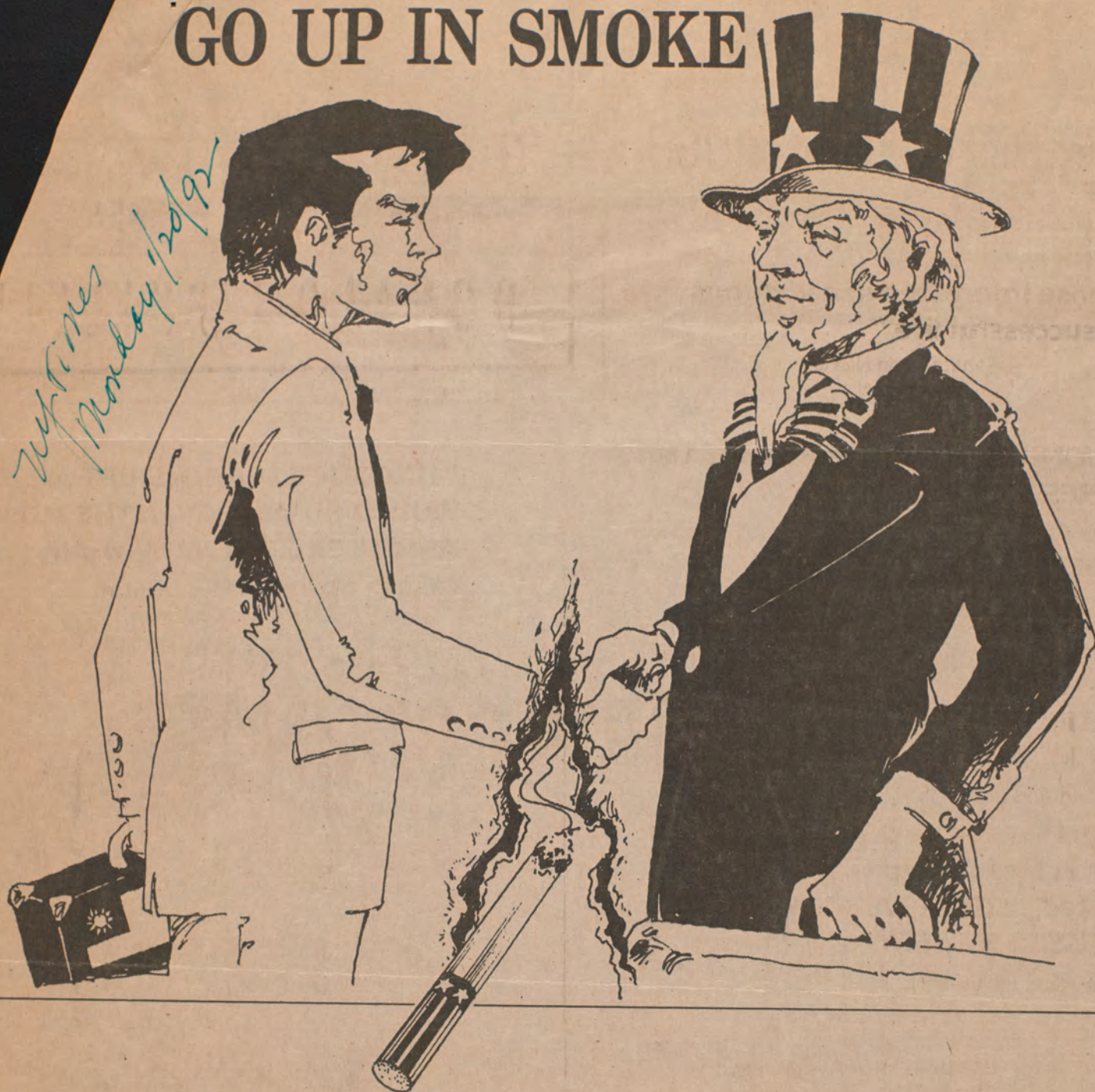
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A Look At The US-R.O.C. Trade Consulting Talk From Our Side

I love America. I've spent most of my life studying the US, from your democratic traditions and Washington and Jefferson, to your latest pop movies and culture.

But one thing bothers me. Why is the US so bent on pushing American cigarettes onto the Taiwan market? I know the facts. Cigarettes can harm the health of smokers and non-smokers alike.

It's not that we don't like American products. We buy your wheat, your beef, your cars — more GM models than anywhere else in the world, in fact. And we're using American materials and technology extensively in places like our six-year development program.

So why does your government persist in trying to open the Taiwan market to American cigarettes? This kind of pressure goes against everything I've learned about democracy and the rights of people and governments. For my sake, and the sake of those around me, please believe us when we say that we don't want American cigarettes.

We want to be friends with you, but how can we 'shake on it' when there's a lit cigarette in your hand?



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shake-up of his Ottawa office, the appointment of a new staff, an ebullient former ad-man named Hugh Segal, who grounded in the party's grass, as reinforced this expectation. Segal a bluff, witty man who himself a "Red Tory" — roughly ment to a moderate Republican in nited States — has a résumé ing electoral success: He helped er Premier of Ontario, Bill Da- in three straight election vic- in that province. In a recent ew, Mr. Segal, who is 41 years oke of helping the country get a ose of the Prime Minister's soul hat he genuinely believes in" as ay to build support.

Naming New Advisers

rying to brush up his image, Mr. oney has tapped other new es of advice: younger Conserva- oyalists, a former Foreign Service r and a former top Montreal jour- . He is making these unorthodox es when even the most ardent and nistic Tories are hard put to find ons for optimism.

recent cartoon in The Globe & Mail onto showed a monk at a mir- monitoring center reading a head- saying "New Chief of Staff Hopes estore Mulroney's Popularity" and urning a fellow monk to "Keep an on this one."

ardly a day goes by without some s of layoffs as the country staggers ugh one of the deepest recessions s history. More than 10 percent of ational work force remains unem- ed. An economic recovery, which ed the middle of 1991, has stalled, rding to latest government statis- largely reflecting conditions in the ed States. About 80 percent of Can- s exports and 1.5 million Canadian depend on the American market. e Government has also had little ess in reaching a national consen- on the constitutional changes need- o keep French-speaking Quebec vating itself out of Canada.

Image of Disarray

st month an influential Quebec or, Claude Castonguay, abruptly ned as co-leader of a Parliament mittee examining constitutional osals. He gave ill health as the on, but his departure reinforced a c impression of governmental dis- y. Adding to this sense of flounder- s widely reported in-fighting be- n the Constitutional Affairs Minis- Joe Clark, a former Canadian e Minister, and other top advisers r. Mulroney.

r. Mulroney, who is 52, does have advantage of time, at least 18 hs, before he has to face the elec- e. He is counting on the economy ng up well before then, presum- putting voters in a better frame of . His hopes could be well founded. est rates have sharply fallen, as in United States, and inflation is run- at an annual rate of less than 2 ent. Sensing better times ahead, Toronto Stock Exchange has been ying a bull market, along with ks in New York.

nd there is some optimism among ational experts. The Paris-based nization for Economic Coopera- and Development projects that ada will lead the industrial world in th this year and next and will eve the second-lowest inflation after Japan.

t. Mulroney is counting on credible ess in resolving the constitutional s. One of the points he makes is the ge between the constitutional is- and the economy. Should the coun- eak up, many economists believe, economic consequences would be for all of Canada, and Quebec d end up the big loser.

Bombs in Northern Ireland

ELFAST, Northern Ireland, Jan. 19 0 — Firebombs damaged five es in Northern Ireland last night a concussion bomb was thrown at ish troops on routine patrol here, police said today. No casualties e reported. No one immediately ed responsibility for the attacks, elfast and in Portadown.

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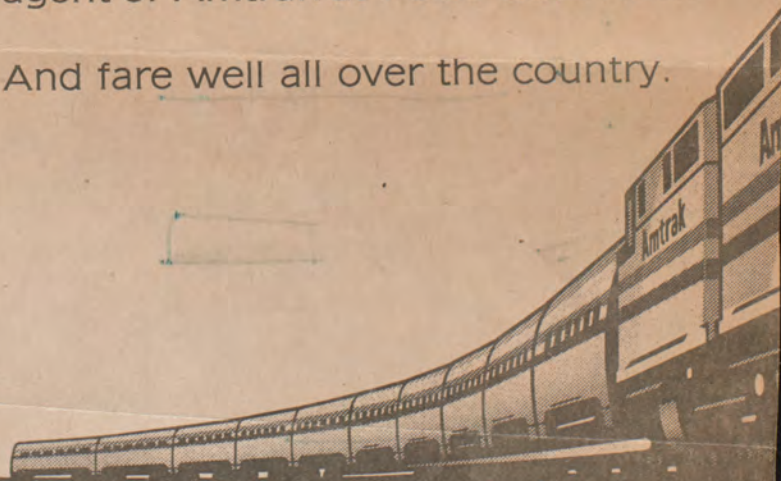
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