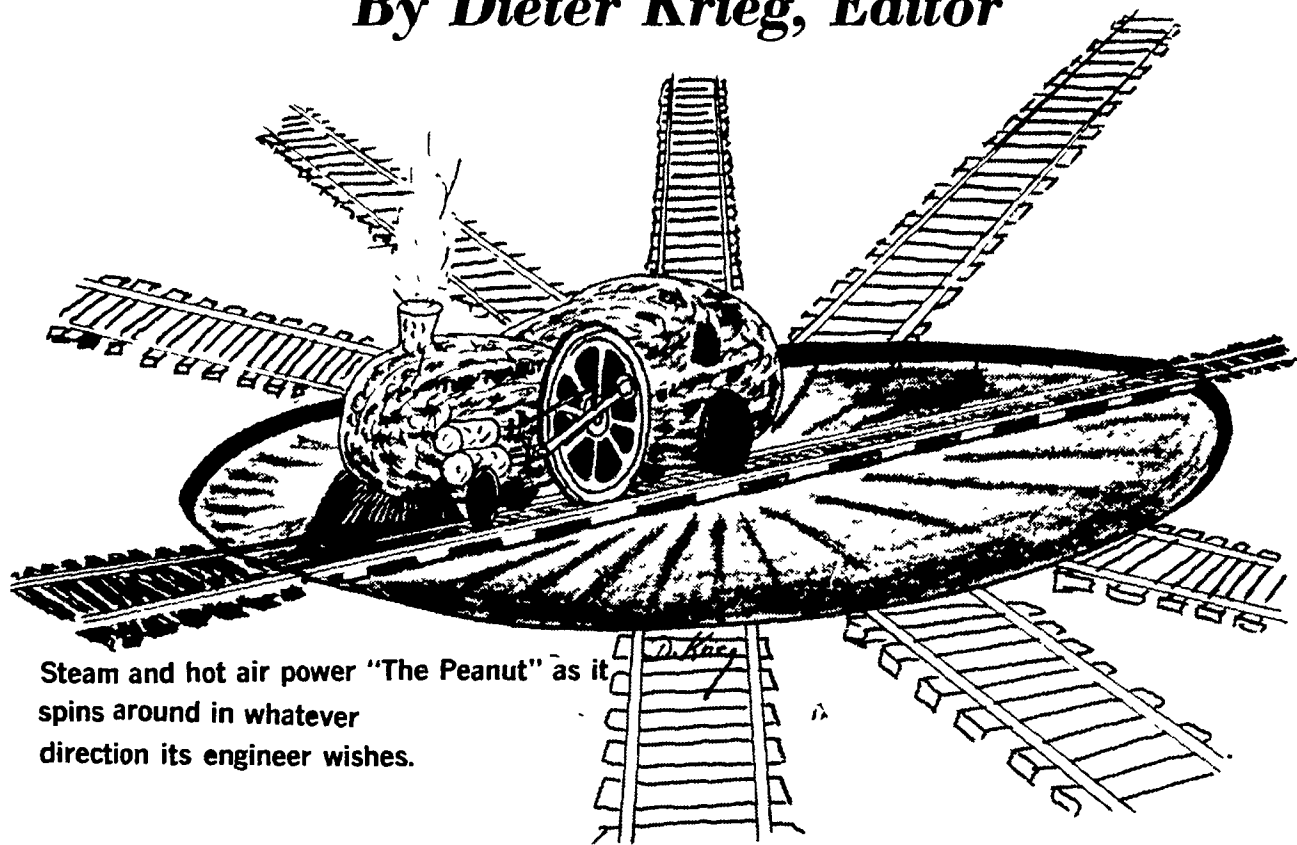


EDITORIAL COMMENTS

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Steam and hot air power "The Peanut" as it spins around in whatever direction its engineer wishes.

Revolving political machine

"I would like to have complete authorization to reorganize the executive branch of government, giving me as much authority as possible." — Jimmy Carter

The remarkable thing about Jimmy Carter is that he continues to be able to talk out of both sides of his mouth, with much of the electorate allowing him to do so.

The former Georgia governor is apparently exceptionally shrewd — perhaps reasoning that many Americans' assessment of politics is so shallow that he can get away with his double-talk. When you get right down to it, it's a behavior pattern which insults both the public and the system.

Like a locomotive on a turning platform, Carter is perfectly willing to spin his views around in whatever direction he pleases. Mostly, however, he tends to swing to the left or liberal position.

The Democratic presidential candidate has become widely known during the past several months, and no one can deny that one of the traits he's known for is his "fuzziness on the issues." Carter has been trying to hide his vagueness behind that big smile,

undoubtedly his best known trademark.

If the real Jimmy Carter has actually emerged by this time, then what we have, basically, is a candidate who embraces liberal, socialistic policies. But when confronted with an audience which might not accept this line of thinking, Carter carefully tailors his talk to suit voters at the other end of the political spectrum. That tactic was highly evident at the Democratic National Convention when he gave his acceptance speech. With one breath he'd make statements which would appeal to conservative Republicans. And with the next he'd expand on his "position" a bit and come close to contradicting himself. Quite often that is exactly what he has done.

One example of his boldness in saying one thing today and another tomorrow is his remark about there being too much power concentrated in Washington. We've all heard that from him many times. Yet, note this direct

quote from the man who likes to engulf himself in the honest and practical image of the farmer:

"I would like to have complete authorization to reorganize the executive branch of government, giving me as much authority as possible."

Ironically, he criticizes Nixon for having had too much power in the White House.

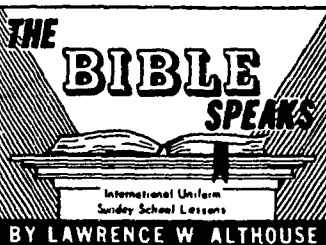
And while referring to President Ford as a latent chief executive in one speech, he'll cut him down in the next as one who uses the veto too much.

Jimmy Carter may not be able to make up his mind on what he wants to say. But I've made up my mind on how I'm going to vote.

To possibly help the undecided make up their minds, Carter offers this advice:

"If I tell a lie, make a misleading statement, avoid a controversial issue, or betray your trust, don't support me."

Don't worry, Jimmy, I won't.



THE YOKE

Lesson for September 19, 1976

Background Scripture: Galatians 4:8 through 5:12.
Devotional Reading: I Corinthians 6:12-20.

I have read that in the first few months following India's independence from Great Britain thousands of people in India attempted to ride the railways without paying. They had assumed that when at last they were granted their freedom, those things that had been owned and operated by the British would be free!

This experience has been repeated in many formerly colonial lands that have gained their independence. In many parts of black Africa, for example, the Swahili word *uhuru* (freedom) seemed to promise a liberty that political independence cannot deliver. When at last they would receive *uhuru*, they assumed, all their problems would vanish. But with *uhuru* they found that they had exchanged one set of problems for another.

Set Free of Freedom
Children also are likely to experience this as they grow toward maturity. They long for that day when there will be no one to tell them what to do, when they can do quite what they please. Yet, as they mature and gain more independence, they find that there is never a time when our freedom is complete. We always live within a system of some restrictions.

A little girl was observed by a neighbor as she circled the block several times with a small overnight bag. "What are you doing?"

NOW IS THE TIME ...



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TO PLAN FALL FERTILIZATION

Alot of farmers are probably wondering whether or not they should fertilize their alfalfa this fall.

Well, you should think about this question like you do your own bank account.

We all like to keep our bank account balanced, and we should do the same to our soil "bank account."

For example, how much alfalfa did you remove this year?...Three tons per acre?...Four tons per acre?

Well, for each ton of alfalfa you removed, you also "withdrew" about ten pounds of phosphate and fifty pounds of potash from your soil "bank account." So if you harvested four tons per acre, you have removed forty pounds of phosphate and two hundred pounds of potash from each acre.

So, to keep your account balanced, you would have to apply about six hundred pounds of 0-10-30 per acre. If

you don't apply these plant nutrients, you'll have reduced your soil "bank account" by the amount removed.

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TO BE SAFETY MINDED

The busy fall season always brings an increase in farm accidents. This is caused by farmers using a lot more equipment and by rushing through one job to get to the next one. I would like to give you a few suggestions to help you prevent your next accident.... First, be sure your equipment is on good working order; also be certain all protective shields are in place before you start the engine. When you feel tired and sleepy, stop for a glass of ice tea or cold water and walk around your equipment several times; you may even spot a loose bolt or belt.

Never allow anyone to ride on the open cab with you, and when traveling on the highway, be sure to use the slow-moving vehicle emblem and flashing lights. The most important factor is to be

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asked the neighbor with a smile. "I'm running away!" snapped the little girl as she hurried along. Minutes later she was back again from the opposite direction and her neighbor called to her: "If you're running away, why do you keep going around the block?" Fixing her with a look of threadbare forbearance, the little girl retorted, "Because I'm not allowed to cross the street!"

Concepts of freedom are often like that: often when we think we are quite free we are still very much in bondage. This was the situation with some congregations in the early church. Despite the liberating message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, they were still in bondage to religious legalism. It was to these people that Paul exclaimed with such passion: "For freedom Christ has set us free, stand fast therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery" (Galatians 5:1).

Submitting Again

The problem with most "yokes" is that we are unable to see them when they are about our necks. We think we are free but in many areas of our lives we may be operating from unconscious compulsions: to eat too much, drink too much, spend too much, play too much, work too much, worry too much, etc. We may be in bondage to our own attitudes, habits, appetites, prejudices and emotions.

To put it still another way, what or who is in the driver's seat in your life? What drives you, what shapes your way of life, what controls what you think, do and say? It may well be that you whom Christ has set free for freedom have simply exchanged one yoke for another.

Farm Calendar

Today, Sept. 18
Pennsylvania Goat Association "Big Weekend" at Lebanon Fairgrounds, 8 a.m.; consignment sale 2 p.m., continues tomorrow.
World Championship Rodeo at the Buck Tractor Pull

Stadium, The Buck, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.
Sunday, Sept. 19
Family Day for the Pennsylvania All-American, Harrisburg, Farm Show Building.
Monday, Sept. 20
All-American Dairy Show

opens in Harrisburg's Farm Show Building. State dairy show held today, also Pa. Junior Dairy Show.
Elizabethtown Marketplace Fair opens.
Tuesday, Sept. 21
Ephrata Fair begins.

Wednesday, Sept. 22
Pennsylvania dairy princess coronation banquet, Penn Harris Motor Inn, Harrisburg, 6:30 p.m.
West Lampeter Fair begins.
Friday, Sept. 24
District Dairy Show
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