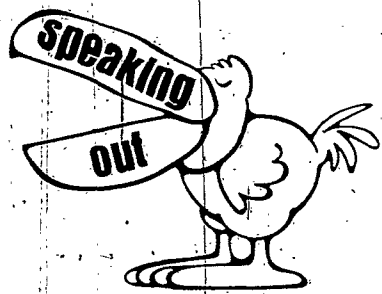


# Rap Around Rap Around Rap Around Rap Around



by JIM REDMOND  
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As more and more area young people become aware of the high cost of living, of college and other luxuries, they will find prices high and money low.

Before the problem can be understood, the causes must be known. Presently our economy is being both racked by inflation and drained by recession.

Inflation is caused by wages and prices being out of phase with each other. High prices, according to the law of supply and demand, are resultant of a low supply and a high demand. We have recently experienced shortages in such important commodities as meat, oil and sugar. Now to compensate for the high prices, wages go up. To compensate for the high wages, prices go up once again. This continuous circle is inflation.

Recession is caused when money is in short supply. Because of a fear of an inflated future, people generally aren't spending what money they have. Instead, they are making do with what they have. This austerity causes a low demand for goods and services; hence, layoffs. Layoffs cause more fear and even lower demand; hence even more layoffs.

In short then, two vicious circles are causing the trouble in our economy. Inflation is spiraling upward and recession is plummeting.

In his recent State of the Union Address, President Ford proposed a plan of action to deal with this problem.

Ford wants to put \$16 billion into the economy to stimulate spending by both consumers and corporations. This he feels, would generate more business activity. Of the total \$16 billion, \$12 billion will be put in the consumer's pockets through tax rebates; the remaining \$4 billion will be put into the business sector to encourage expansion through construction and purchasing.

Secondly, Ford plans to raise the price of all petroleum products including gasoline and heating oil. This will induce consumers to use less and thus cut the amount of oil imported by this country.

There may be two major side-effects to this action. First there would be a second major tax reduction in 1975 because of the revenues collected from the gas tax. Second, this plan will add to the nation's already high rate of inflation.

Ford's plan can be likened to trying to put out a forest fire with a squirt gun.

The problem is that the President is only dealing with the recession and not the inflation. Under the Ford plan, the average family will pay \$345 more in direct energy costs, 7 to 8 cents a gallon more for heating oil, 10 cents more a gallon for gasoline, up to 20% more for electricity. The average family will still be the loser.

The idea that higher prices mean less consumption is false. The rich will still buy all they want while the ones forced to use less will be those who are already hard-pressed for money.

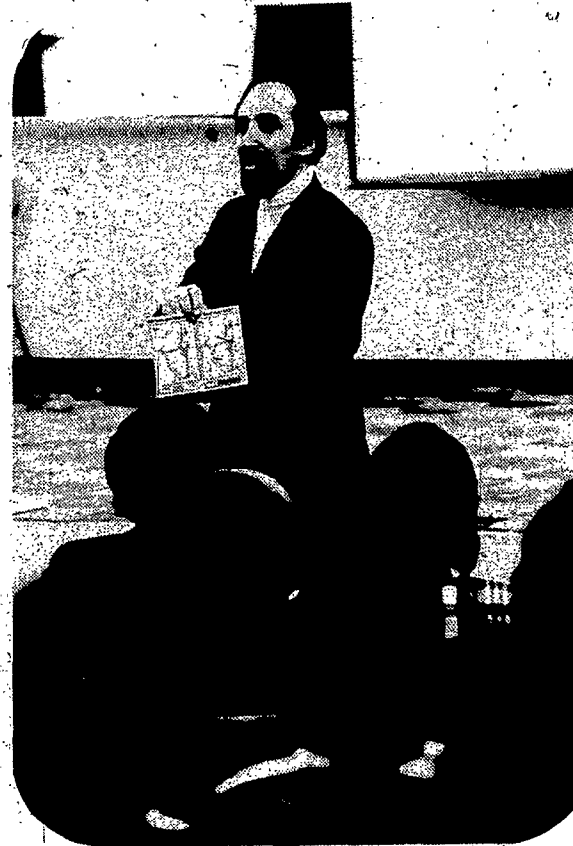
Instead of robbing Peter to pay Paul, Ford should deal with the problems at hand in a direct manner. Possibly this could have come in the form of a four-point proposal: 1. the tax rebate that was already proposed; 2. a wage and price freeze that has no exceptions; 3. creation of a federal job corps to do various odd jobs in return for the unemployment checks; 4. a moderated gas rationing plan where everyone is able to buy gasoline at a price they can afford.

This plan of four proposals would fight both inflation and recession and not knock out the little guy financially.

I do urge you, if you have an idea or opinion, to let your government know. Don't just talk America, get into action.



Amiel Mokhiber

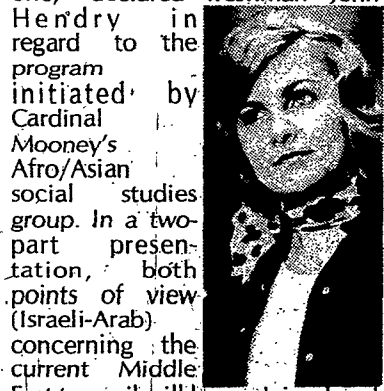


Thomas Shire

## For Mooney: Both Sides Of Mideast Dispute

By JOAN M. SMITH

"It's important to hear both sides of the story . . . not just one," declared freshman John Hendry in regard to the program initiated by Cardinal Mooney's Afro/Asian social studies group. In a two-part presentation, both points of view (Israeli-Arab) concerning the current Middle East turmoil will be explained and discussed by those who are personally acquainted with the situation.



### Open House Scheduled At Mooney

Brother Aubert Harrigan, principal of Cardinal Mooney High School, has extended an invitation to the local community to visit Cardinal Mooney High School during Catholic Education Week, Feb. 2-8. Mooney parents received a flier outlining the events slated for the week-long observance. They also were encouraged to bring friends and neighbors to examine Catholic education in action as it unfolds at Mooney.

Brother Aubert suggested that interested persons call the school office any time from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. to let him know when they plan to visit. This will enable faculty members to be available to entertain guests over coffee. The school phone number is 865-1000.

"The week has been designed to give the local community a glimpse at the inner workings of a Christian educational institution," said Brother Aubert. "We hope to be able to entertain many visitors during the week-long observance."

### St. Agnes Senior In Winner's Circle

Janet Masko, senior at St. Agnes High School was this week's RapAround winner of \$5 from the Winner's Circle. Janet is business editor of the St. Agnes yearbook.

Recently, the class heard representatives from the Arab Information Center explain the Israeli-Arab problem from the Arab viewpoint. Thomas Shire, Amiel Mokhiber, and Ron Karam conducted an informal seminar on the historical, political and cultural causes that have influenced the Middle East conflict.

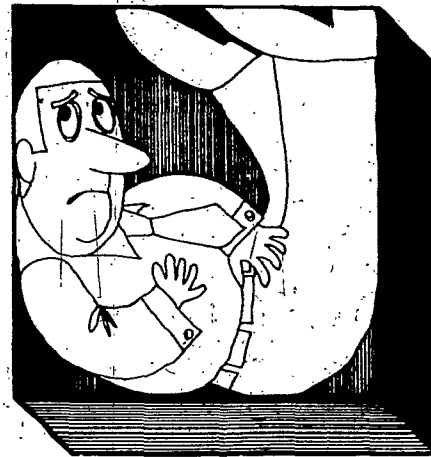
Student questions concerning U.S. military aid to Israel, United Nations policy, and the operation of terrorist groups made for a lively session. A slide presentation depicting the partitioning of Arab lands, and pamphlets declaring their case for "oil and justice" gave the students an insight into Arab emotions, reactions and solutions to the present crisis.

Brother John Davies, CSC,

chairperson of the Social Studies Department, conceived the idea of the point-counterpoint seminars. The implementation of the idea definitely made the students focus on a crisis even though it is occurring half way around the world.

As student Mike Walker claimed, "I feel it (discussion) makes me better aware of the problem."

According to the Arab community's spokesmen their cultural programs are a success. Mokhiber acknowledged, "the young adults are most receptive, and they should hear both sides of the story," — which of course they will when representatives of the Jewish Community speak next on the Israeli perspective.



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