

An absence of direction from White House

Newsman blasts Carter as 'inept' leader

By MARY GNIEWEK

Award-winning NBC news correspondent Richard Valeriani blasted President Jimmy Carter's foreign policy before an unsuspecting group in Farmington Hills Monday afternoon. Valeriani, in town to plug his book about former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, told the Sisterhood of Adat Shalom Synagogue that Carter's foreign policy was "inept, ineffective and inefficient."

Lacing some of his barbs with humor, the seasoned journalist compared the President's rambunctious brother, Billy, to his handling of foreign affairs.

"Carter is not in control of either one," he said.

"In the beginning (of his administration), Carter said he didn't know much

about Washington. He's spent his time proving it," he said. "His human rights policy has been inconsistent, he's agitated allies and made friends with Cuba, gaining nothing in return."

Valeriani said human rights was "still the centerpiece of foreign policy," but that Carter could not effect strategic policy across-the-board.

"With Nicaragua, it was easy. With Saudi Arabia, it was hard. Cars don't run on bananas."

He said the U.S. overplayed detente with the Soviet Union, and that White House relations with Russia are still blurred.

"There is an absence of direction from the top. The Carter administration lacks an effective articulator."

Valeriani called the Middle East Peace Treaty exceptional, but said much work lies ahead.

"Israel must come to grips with the Palestinians. The Palestinian issue is at the core of the problem in the Middle East, along term settlement is not possible without it."

He called the Camp David talks between Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin, Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, and President Carter "a good starting point."

"We are still the strongest nation in the world. But the oil embargo, economic interdependence, and Vietnam showed us we are no longer the undisputed king."

"The United States must provide leadership in the free world, or the free world will disappear," he warned.

AUDIENCE RESPONSE WARMED when Valeriani's talk turned to his book, "Travels With Henry." The newsman accompanied Kissinger on peace

missions around the world — once to 13 countries in 15 days.

Valeriani said the book was full of humorous anecdotes and related this one about Kissinger's historic trip to China in 1972.

"He was meticulous about his appearance, but an aide forgot to pack his shirts. He wanted to look nice for his meeting with Premier Chou En Lai."

The broad shouldered but stocky Kissinger borrowed a shirt from an aide who stood 6 feet, 3 inches tall.

"IT WAS HELD together with rubber bands. He looked like a penguin. To top it off, there was a tag inside the shirt that said 'Made in Taiwan.'"

The news correspondent, one of 14 to regularly fly on Kissinger's plane, spoke of "off the record bull sessions"

the reporters would hold with Dr. Kissinger.

"It was a constant seminar of current events," he recalled. "We had tremendous access to the man directing our foreign affairs."

He described Kissinger as "a very complicated man."

Asked if Kissinger would re-enter politics, Valeriani joked "There's no position for emperor. I think he would like to re-enter politics, but not an elected office."

"What he did was remarkable. He renewed good relations with the Arab world at the same time Israel's military power was stronger than ever."

"He held American foreign policy together at a time when it was needed." Valeriani has been at NBC since 1961. He has filed news reports from 90 countries, the White House, and the



RICHARD VALERIANI

State Department. He can be seen on "NBC Nightly News" and "Meet the Press." He appeared on ABC's "Kelly and Company" in Detroit Monday morning.

Leads commanding weekend

Cadet Peter VandenBelt, a plebe at the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, served as temporary company commander of his E-1 company during the annual Plebe Parent Weekend recently. A 1978 graduate of North Farmington High School, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben VandenBelt of West Bloomfield.



Student tops in engineering

Bradley Borgman, of Farmington, a senior majoring in agricultural engineering, was among 90 students in the college of engineering at Michigan State University to receive academic achievement and service awards at the college's annual awards ceremony. Dean Lawrence VonTerseh and the chairman of the eight departments of engineering recognized a graduate student in each area, the top three percent of juniors and seniors in each department, and the top 10 sophomores. In all cases, students grades ranged from 3.5-4.0 on a 5-4.0 scale.

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Graduates earn degrees

Eastern Michigan University conferred degrees upon more than 1,300 students at its spring commencement last Sunday.

Among the graduates were Nancy Fultz, Bruce Howell and William Robertson Jr. of Farmington. Also Robert Capocchia, Dorothy Donahue Donna Fisher, Margaret Pappas and Ann Renard of Farmington Hills.

Northern Michigan University in Marquette will award 888 degrees during its spring ceremonies this Saturday in the Hedecock Fieldhouse.

The commencement address will be delivered by Dr. W. Leslie Pengelly, an NMU alumna who is immediate past president of the Wildlife Society.

The ceremonies will be telecast on WNMU TV, the university's public television station.

Local degree candidates include John Ford, Julie Jacoboni, Gerilyn Manderfield and David Stender of Farmington and Susan Bachmann, Cynthia Haight, Linda Stevenson and Diana Windmueller of Farmington Hills.

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