

We demand of the government an urgent lowdown on the national situation vis-a-vis heroin addiction. And with that, what they propose to do to contain and curtail that.

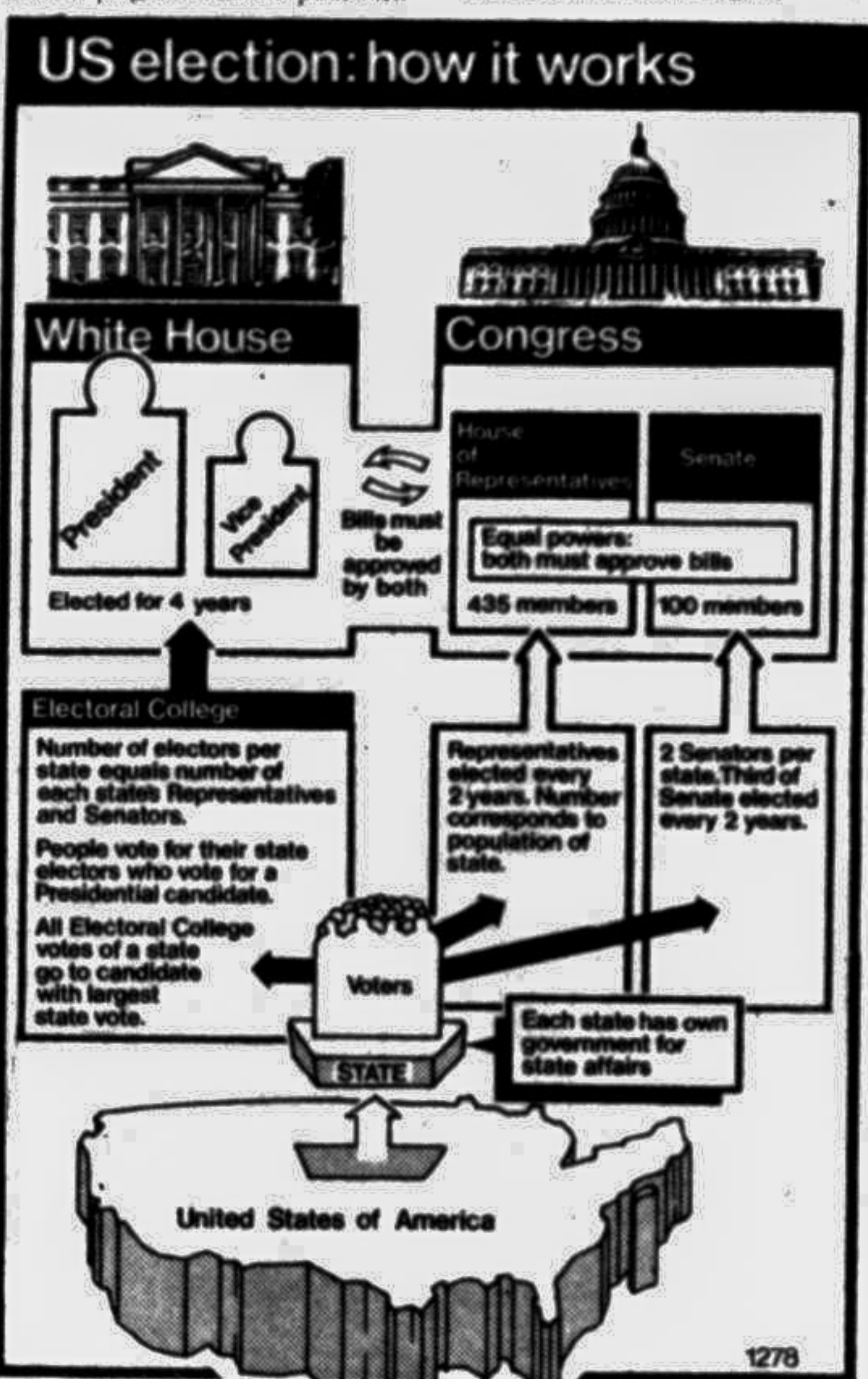
**Kevin J. Kelley writes from Washington**

With communism defeated, Buchanan reasons, the US no

And in an interview in January with Britain's Sunday Telegraph newspaper, Buchanan asserted: "The US should

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There are the partners in the Family Planning Project: the Government, the donor and the SMC, the latter being the real beneficiary. As marketing agency of the manufacturers of contraceptives SMC's primary and

(4) Above steps will reduce the importable quantity to the bare requirement for the married couples only who will be

Modifications, in the application of population programme on the suggested lines will remove the causes of discontent, resistance, opposition towards the family planning project as a whole and as a result popular support and interest can be expected.

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I remember, years back I heard of a case where a brand new station wagon was requisitioned because the family of Mr. X wanted to go for a picnic! Now that with the combined efforts of the people of Bangladesh we have broken the shackles of despotic rule, we should behave like a true

Local manufacturers should avail this opportunity by producing quality goods and marketing them at a competitive price. Otherwise, it may be difficult to change the behaviour of traders and the consumers in favour of local goods.

Sir, Our aim is to establish true democracy in the country where people could live peacefully enjoying the human rights. But it would be evident that a section of people in our society wouldn't prefer to

Now that a democratic government is running the state, would the administration be methodical enough to monitor all the striking affairs through radio and TV network with a view to mobilize public opinion on the state of affairs?

In the government hospitals, employees of lower ranks are found present on duty during first hours, but doctors seldom found to take their seat even after one and a half hours since as if that portion of time is their unwritten compulsory leisure. In the clinics, the tendency of exacting fabulous amounts from patients on newer and novel items is a chronic episode and most common feature. People are, in fact, fed up with high sounding slogans of "health for all by 2000" which has little relevance in view of the steady deterioration of hospital service.

## World Cup cricket on BTV

Sir, Cricket lovers of Bangladesh are overwhelmed with joy that BTv have arranged to telecast live 23 matches of the World Cup cricket, commencing 22 February next.

It is hoped that BTv would take such bold steps in future also for telecasting live, important one-day cricket toursneys i.e. Sarjah cricket, World Series Cup Cricket (Australia), Texaco Cup Cricket (England) etc. and hereby earn the gratitude and admiration of the cricket lovers of the country.

Besides, by viewing the top-stars in action on the mini-screen, our cricketers would be immensely benefitted in improving their skill and style. This would surely help develop the standard of cricket in Bangladesh.

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### Hospitals and clinics

Sir, The persons who have occasions to visit our hospitals and clinics for the treatment of the sick, know it fully well what kind of service is rendered, there. However, the position was not such even 10/12 years back. Then people at least had the scope of get-