

EDITORIALS & COMMENT

The Preachers Of Violence And What They Have Done

We are now facing some of the consequences of the activities of those who have been demanding the millennium all of a sudden, and have resorted to everything from cheap demagoguery to disruption and violence to get it.

What they have got is the opposite. There will be more defeats to come. Meanwhile, many of the apostles of violence are paying a very high personal price for their own folly—penitentiary sentences, exile, ostracism. If the price were only personal, it might be endurable. But the whole country is paying the price and it is a very heavy one indeed.

Part of the price has been four years of the Nixon administration and the prospect of four more. There have been not only behind the scenes scuttling of humanitarian and equal opportunities programs, but there have been open attacks such as the anti-busing measure, which, despite a lot of false window dressing is aimed straight at the courts which are enforcing the equal rights amendment with respect to education. While we do not expect this attack to be entirely successful, it seems obvious that for millions of children of minority families, it is going to have serious consequences and serious consequences for them mean serious consequences for our country.

The preachers of extremism and violence have created a climate in which such assaults upon the rights of Americans are possible. There are too many voters in this country who cannot distinguish between authentic liberalism and the antics of extremists who pretend to take liberal positions. They actually confuse the two, and this points to another very serious predicament for our country.

The liberal political position has been all but snowed under, nationally by pushing, rioting, rock throwing hooligans who have seriously impeded political action in this country and have tried, with some degree of success, to frustrate national political conventions in two presidential years. They have

paved the way for irresponsible political demagoguery.

Largely as a result of other activities there is now no strong national focus for the liberal political position. Liberals can support the Democratic party this year, if at all, only with anguished consciences.

The dreams of equal opportunity, equal education, economic progress for minority groups, so promising a few years ago, will have to go into possibly storage for now. Thanks to the antics of the extremists, the preachers and practitioners of violence, such aspirations have lost the support of millions of Americans who once were on our side but who have been confused by the activities of those phony "idealists". Somehow we are going to have to start all over with these people.

Millions of others have simply gone into retirement from the campaign for these aspirations, feeling that there is no place else to go until things are shaken out, goals re-established, and political and social programs once again mapped out.

There is perhaps little to be gained by calling the roll on the false activists. They know who they are. Some of them may, perhaps, feel some qualms about what they have done. But the damage has been done. The momentum has been lost. Its recovery will require some doing.

It is pathetically clear today to most of us what some of us knew a decade ago; Being a relatively weak, comparatively poor 11 percent minority, blacks simply do not have the fire power, the dollar power, the man power to take first class citizenship through tactics of violence. And any strategy leading in that direction, as Dr. Martin Luther King knew, is self-delusion and suicidal.

Only a shrewd coalition of blacks and whites moving boldly but sanely, can turn this country around from solid control by conservatives who are hostile to social and racial change. We hope that rage and resentment have not blinded most black Americans to that truth.

Is The City School Board Still Playing Games

Are the City School Board officials still playing games with the bond issue priorities at this late date? The popular song that the "games people play" seems to really fit here.

It seems incredible that with little over a month left for the voters to come to the polls, the Durham City School Board appears to still be in a state of confusion about the real priorities of the necessity for the use of the anticipated bond revenues. Perhaps this has been the pattern of the administration too long with too little as we seek to gain quality education for all our children.

One need only recall sitting in past meetings to hear the grumbles coming from the citizens regarding the earlier promised priorities in the city and county school situations. Several school groups can list actual situations as to what was promised and what was done once the bond issue passed. Perhaps some of these very citizens have become like elephants in that we say "elephants never forget."

We know that the adult education levels in North Carolina does rank low in that 1 out of every 6

adults over 25 have less than a 5th grade education. Thus the need for improved education facilities does rank high and we really need additional revenue. But it would seem that by now some definitive action by the city school board officials would have been settled so that citizens would have some merit to vote either yes or no on the bond referendum.

It also appears that a most neutral position by many groups are already in the offing and that does not bode good to the passage of the bond issues.

The continued hassling and arguments revolving around the use and priorities of the anticipated revenues makes all persons interested in improved educational needs and facilities pause as we look to the November bond referendum.

Further, no comments have been made regarding the settling of the co-terminus city and school attendance zone questions.

Surely some very real answers should be given before the referendum date to these very real questions in the minds of most of Durham's citizenry.

Things You Should Know



Sosthene H. MORTENOL
1859-1930

BORN IN GUADELOUPE, W. I.

TOP STUDENT AT THE LYCÉE AT BORDEAUX - AND THE ACADEMY ST. CYR. HE WAS APPOINTED COMMANDER OF THE PARIS AIR DEFENSE IN 1915! UNDER HIM WERE FLYERS, GUNNERS, NAVIGATORS, ETC., - NUMBERING MORE THAN TEN THOUSAND!

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BLACKS' DESTINY IN OWN HANDS . . .

Robert S. Allen

Senate Stalling On Anti-Busing Bill

WASHINGTON — It is still a toss-up whether the Democratic leaders of the Senate will allow the House-passed anti-busing bill to come to a vote.

That measure, approved by the House 282 to 101 on Aug. 17, has been pending on the Senate calendar since. Inside indications are it would be passed by the Senate if it can be brought to a vote there.

Fearful of that, Senate liberals, Democrat and Republican, are using the adjournment rush and a heavy accumulation of budget and other legislation to block a vote.

They are getting quiet aid and comfort from Senate House-passed measure Mike Mansfield, Mont. — although outwardly he is professing to be neutral.

Indicative of this was his verbal assurance to Sen. James Allen, D-Ala., leader of the anti-busing forces, that the House-passed bill would be permitted to come to a vote before Congress quits — now informally expected around Oct. 14.

Allen obtained this promise after persistent prodding over a number of days. He literally hounded Mansfield, who is privately against the bill for some definite word on it. The Montana finally said the House-passed measure would be brought up for a decisive count before the wind-up.

But Mansfield balked at giving any indication when that would be done.

Despite vigorous questioning by Allen, the powerful Democratic leader significantly would not commit himself on a specific date.

As a consequence of this

crucial omission, it's still anyone's guess when and whether there will be a vote. Maybe there will and maybe there won't. In the remaining weeks of the session, there will be plenty of opportunity for busing supporters to maneuver and manipulate the legislative calendar so as to circumvent a showdown.

That's an old story in Congress, and it could be repeated on the pending anti-busing legislation.

WHAT IT DOES — As passed by the House, this bill bars courts from ordering long-distance busing for high school and elementary school students alike, and opens the way for applying such limitations to school desegregation orders already in effect.

Under the measure, students in the first six grades could be required to ride buses only to the "closest or next closest" appropriate school. Students above the sixth grade could be bused further but only as a last resort. Also, federal district court orders for such additional busing could be stayed pending appeal.

The legislation would also preserve the sanctity of existing school district boundaries unless they were "drawn for the purpose or had the effect" of segregation. Busing across district lines is a major issue — notably in the widely publicized Detroit and Richmond cases.

The measure also earmarks for compensatory education programs \$600 million a year from the annual \$1 billion recently authorized for aid to desegregating school districts. States would have a major

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Increased Social Security Checks

A number of senior citizens who are recipients of Social Security pensions will soon be getting a 20 percent boost in their monthly checks.

There are 82 million Social Security pensioners and although the increase amounts to a few dollars per pensioner it will represent collectively a boost in the economy. The few dollars the pensioners receive will help them make ends meet. The Social Security pension is designed to do just that. Many citizens think that the Social Security pension will supply their every need in their declining years, but such is not the case.

Congress voted an increase in the Social Security pension to help senior citizens meet the soaring living costs. President Richard Nixon was opposed

to the increase, because he regarded it as inflationary. But Congress ignored his wishes and voted the increase.

Despite President Nixon's opposition to the increase, it has been announced that the increased pension check will be accompanied by a note of explanation which will give the impression that Mr. Nixon is responsible for it. To make sure that this is done, Mr. Nixon has ordered the Social Security Administration to include the explanatory note with the increased check.

Pensioners should not be misled by this kind of political trickery. This conduct on the part of Mr. Nixon comes with little grace during the year he seeks reelection to the high office he holds.

All-Out-Drug-Racket War Is Pledged By McGovern

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J. — Sen. George McGovern said Saturday one of his top priorities as President would be "all-out war on the criminals and hard-drug racketeers."

Adding a strong law-and-order pitch to his appearances in Baltimore and before a labor group in Atlantic City, McGovern said the Nixon administration is the most corrupt since that of Warren G. Harding, which he said historians termed a "scandal a day" government.

He told the New Jersey Industrial Union Council, a group of AFL-CIO unions, that his top three priorities as President would be ending the Vietnam war, rebuilding America while providing jobs to fulfill domestic needs and reforming the federal income tax structure so the rich pay a "fair share."

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To Be Equal

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QUOTA—

THE NEW CODE WORD

"Quota" has joined the growing list of code words and phrases designed to awaken irrational fears and anti-black emotions, phrases like "law and order" and "busing for racial balance."

All of these phrases share a pattern of misrepresenting serious issues by boiling them down to simplistic phrases that touch the hidden fears and prejudices at large in the land. "Quota" is not only the latest of these, but may be the most dangerous since this phony issue is a direct attack on the economic hopes of black citizens and represents a determined effort to split the alliance between black people, other minorities, and the labor movement.

Both candidates have publicly come out against "quotas" and there is every indication that present federal guidelines for minority employment by firms and institutions doing work for the government will be crippled. The Philadelphia Plan, which sets goals and timetables for black employment in the construction trades and which has been the model for the hometown plans, may be scrapped or seriously weakened because of the federal reappraisal.

Such a step would be a transparent attempt to drive a wedge between black people, who have historically been denied the right to work and to join unions in the construction trades, and the labor movement.

The issue of the so-called quotas is a phony issue, since present federal regulations bar rigid quotas. They do mandate numerical goals and a timetable for their achievement. So there is no quota system, although it apparently suits many people who find it politically expedient to pretend that there is.

Anyone — from the man with a shovel to the men contending for the White House — knows that without some sort of effective numerical guidelines, no affirmative action hiring plan can work. Re-

liance on "good faith efforts" is doomed to failure. The history of past and present discrimination is ample proof of that.

Already, there are self-satisfied statements coming from people in the construction industry about how an end to the Philadelphia Plan and removal of firm guidelines will mean they won't have to integrate their union or their work force. Even those who were against what they considered to be the distortion of guidelines to the point where a quota system seemed likely to come about are appalled at the way the "no-quota" stand is being interpreted by federal civil rights enforcement officers.

Let's not forget that this country has always enforced a system of negative quotas against black people, barring us from jobs, schools and homes. Black people today seek not special treatment as special Americans, but an end to the special, discriminatory special treatment we've received throughout the history of this nation.

By labeling goals and guidelines as quotas and by refusing to admit to the realities of the necessity for federal enforcement of civil rights laws, the nation once again threatens black people with enforced poverty and inequality of job opportunity.

The real obscenity here is that groups have been set squabbling amongst themselves for the scraps from the table of an affluent society; that there are not enough jobs and employment opportunities to go around in this, the richest nation in the world's history, and that political expediency is being allowed to obscure the driving need for black equality in the economy.

The issue of so-called quotas then, is artificially contrived and without basis in fact. It represents an attempt to mislead the public and to raise the barriers to equal opportunity yet another notch.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

Nine goals were listed by Virginia State College Prexy, Wendell P. Russell as he stated what areas the college should address itself to now and in the next decade. Much has been said about the new role of black colleges and universities and some of these may appear now and then. Major goals presented were:

- strengthening the Black community and assisting it to adapt to future social needs;
- increasing the number of Black professionals;
- increasing the number of white students attending the college;
- providing a healthy and vigorous setting for interaction of ethnic groups;
- making a special attempt to develop professional and para-professional programs in the health sciences;
- providing training in communications with special emphasis on radio and television;
- providing opportunities for all citizens to develop skills and attitudes necessary to operate in a fluid, ever changing and technocratic society;
- instilling in the student body a healthy respect for culture and the democratic process.

An especial challenge to the students were to study as never before. All elements of the campus community were urged to unite to produce more potential scholars, technicians, medical scientists and researchers than ever before. The thrust of Black colleges must be truly from isolation to mainstream.

No one is more affected by school desegregation than the student and, in most school districts, no one has less voice in the process, says Prof. Charles D. Moody, Sr. of Univ. of Michigan School of Education. Administrators often hope to deal with hostility between black and white students by "keeping the lid on," but instead, he says they should see confrontation as a chance to get at the root of the conflict.

"Student unrest may appear to develop along racial lines, but it is often related to socio-economic differences as well. It is the non-middle class, non-college bound whites and blacks, who are most likely to feel cut off from the school system."

"The black or white mid-

dle class student who is active in athletic teams or other extra-curricular activities, who is confident in his career goals, adjusts easily to desegregation. The youngster from a low-income family, often less inclined toward clubs and classwork and less certain of his future, feels lost in the shuffle."

Administrators can prevent this by actively involving students — and their parents — in the desegregation process. They should be assigned to policy making and task forces, not just to advisory committees.

There must be more equality in decision making. Just as teachers and administrators help designate the rights and responsibilities of students, so should students and parents share in administrative and teaching decisions.

If black and white students were to meet separately and identify their needs and problems, they would find a surprising number of their concerns were identical. The same is true of faculty members. Once the groups establish common ground, they can set common goals.

Teachers and staff of various ethnic backgrounds must be recruited, not only as role models for students of their culture, but for white students as well. Tenure rules often must be revised to protect new minority personnel from lay-off in the event of financial cut backs. Multi-ethnic curriculums are a necessity to get the best out of desegregated education. Optimum desegregation involves not just mixing races, but mixing of creeds and social class as well. The suburban youngster who has no contact with children of Spanish-American, Appalachian, or Indian descent may be even more culturally deprived than the black child who grows up in the ghetto.

It is suggested that a positive approach to learning experiences be emphasized. The bringing together of young individuals who each have an assortment of skills and weaknesses to contribute to a broader learning experience will develop much to each persons growth.

About 60,000 pupils drive themselves to school in Australia by car, motorcycle or scooter.