

LOCAL EDITORIAL COMMENT

Off To Siberia?

Mel Broughton brought out some very good points in his speech here last night to the Louisburg Jaycees. He spoke of his concern for many things going on today in this country and he reminded his audience they should be thankful for their freedoms and their heritage.

He perhaps hit the nail on the head best when he said to speak of patriotism today is to be accused of being old fashioned. Undoubtedly this is true. Love of country doesn't seem to be the "in" thing nowadays.

He called them disrupters saying that dissent had built this country. He said these people have a great deal for which to be thankful. He is right. If they lived anywhere else in this world, they might have been beheaded by now.

Mel Broughton is a conservative and some reports indicate that he is not happy in the Democratic Party. Although he did not comment on these reports here last night, he may easily be disturbed with some suggestions from liberals in the Party that conservatives be sent to Siberia.

Mel Broughton spoke like a true patriot here and we believe he is. He's old fashioned the way most people in this section of North Carolina are old fashioned. He said he is thankful for the blessing of living here and in this, we can all concur.

Aside from the challenging speech he made here, one note of interest must be added. If Mel Broughton goes to Siberia, he's going to take a lot of good Democrats with him.

A New Champion

We know not what course others may take, but as for us—we'll take Spiro. And as Jesse Helms says, they no longer ask Spiro, who because now they know Spiro who.

When George Wallace stood in the school house door, the ever pious liberal newspapers and television commentators scoffed. Wallace was a red-neck southern racist, they said, completely forgetting that regardless of their holier-than-thou feelings, Wallace was a man of courage—standing up when others were afraid.

And when Lester Mattox took a stand and even when that stand led to the Governor's mansion in Georgia, to the liberals he was and still is a lowly restaurant operator. They completely discount that whether they agree with his race stand or not, Lester Mattox is a man of great courage. He stands when others are afraid.

So the Mattoxes and the Wallaces have been belittled, humiliated and defiled by the big newspapers and the liberal television commentators. In a word, they have been swept aside with a shrug of the shoulder or a wrinkle of the brow. They have been denounced in word and picture solely because they have opposed the liberal move to have the world their own way.

But now comes a new champion. They'll not sweep Spiro Agnew under the rug, as much as they'd love to. Spiro, you see, is the Vice President of the United States—one heartbeat away from the top—and the political cartoonists and the prettied TV newsmen

and the liberal newspapers can belittle him and make fun of his name, but it doesn't change a thing. He is still the Vice President. What probably tears them most is that—like Mattox—he used to operate a restaurant.

But that's what this country is all about. A restaurant operator can become Governor or even Vice President. There has been a day in the history of these United States when Spiro Agnew would have been highly praised for his rise from relative poverty to the second highest position in the country. And it would be today, if he had been a John Lindsey or a Ted Kennedy.

But he isn't—and for this concerned Americans must surely be thankful. And thankful, too, that now—at long last—there is a man in a top position of government in this country speaking the language too long missing from the national scene.

He may not have the best speech writer in the world and his delivery might leave some drama to be desired, but the things he's saying make sweet music to many ears in this country and we suspect that Mr. Agnew has the support of the majority when he champions support of the true values.

They may have had some difficulty remembering the name when it was first mentioned last year, but the liberal news media will not likely suffer from this deficiency any longer. Spiro Who has spoken and we like what he said.

Thank You, Mr. Agnew

The Dispatch-News, Lexington, S. C.

The Courage of some people is often measured in their deeds on a battlefield, an athletic field or their actions against adverse odds. The Vice President of the United States showed he had some courage this past week as he publicly chastised the three television networks for their biased, slanted reporting of the news.

Spiro Agnew, a name that may someday come back to haunt some people, who poked fun, especially Democrats, called it as he saw it, and it appears that many people feel that he was right. Television stations were flooded with calls supporting the VP, in spite of three presidents of the networks coming on shortly after Agnew's speech, in defense of their policies, and saying that Agnew was threatening their freedom of speech.

We would be the first to defend the freedom of speech part of the Constitution, but we question how much freedom you can allow three monopolies whose sole intent seems to be to stir unrest and slant the "news", as they call it.

The question can be debated pro and con for hours, without reaching an answer that would satisfy all

people. But we would venture to say that between the Supreme Court and the TV networks, it would be a tossup to see who had done the most to promote violence in our nation.

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WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

A Conquered Province?

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While the U. S. Justice Department and the Department of Health, Education and Welfare go ahead vigorously with plans to completely integrate the schools of the South, virtually nothing is being done in the North and other areas of the Nation to enforce the policies. This policy is being followed without any regard for the damage which will be done, and is in fact already being done in the South, to the schools of the South; and, further, without any regard to the unquestioned right of Southern children that their schools be maintained for educational purposes, and not be destroyed in the name of forced integration. The children and what they have at stake are the last considerations of the rabid integrationists of the Justice Department and the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

Senator John C. Stennis in a speech to the United States Senate this past month pointed out that "racial segregation exists as much in the North, if not more than in the South" and he cites official figures to prove his statements. The effect of this policy, he says, is to say that segregation in the South is wrong but segregation in the North is NOT wrong. Such a policy, he adds, is supported neither by the Civil Rights Act of 1964 nor by any decisions of the U. S. Supreme Court. He calls this a policy of "the wrong and the strong", "wrong" because it is a policy of political expediency in leaving untouched the politically controlling and powerful States of the North and the East, and "strong" because at the same time the mighty power of the Federal government is being wielded so vigorously in the South. He declares this to be "a willful and deliberate pattern of conduct known to the top officials of HEW over the years—and in fact involved by them".

Citing facts from the official records, Senator Stennis points out that in the North out of 7,015 compliance

agreements signed by school districts only 46 have been checked. This is 65-100 of one percent. In the South 2,994 schools districts have filed compliance forms—indicating intent to come within the laws—and every single district has been checked. In the South 568 districts have been given official notice that they are not in compliance. In the North and West only one out of the 7,015 districts has been put on notice and made the subject of administrative action.

In 1967 the Civil Rights Commission reported that racial isolation or segregation in the North had increased, not decreased. On March 1 of this year the report of the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare admitted that almost nothing is being done in the North in this matter while a crash enforcement program is underway in the South. The actual quotation from this report is as follows: "During 1968 there are compliance reviews in more than 400 Southern school districts, compared to only 40 district reviews in 13 Northern and Western States. Sixty seven staff members are assigned to the South and only 32 to the Northern and Western States. While significant steps have been taken in hundreds of rural and urban school districts of the South, the large and sprawling urban centers of the North remain relatively untouched".

It is amazing that the very officials charged with enforcement of the laws admit they are being enforced in a one-sided manner and only against the South. It is totally inconceivable that having admitted this they are doing nothing about it, and, further, that Congress is sitting down and permitting them to get away with it. Is it now the belief of official Washington and Congress that the South is to be treated as a conquered province while the States with the massive voting power are permitted to go their way untouched? That's what it looks like.



Letters To The Editor

To the Editor:

I have received a Franklin Times for the past few months in order to "keep up" with the happenings around my home. As a resident of Franklin County, and a very interested college junior, I am distressed to read about the "month-late" war-protesting students and faculty of Louisburg College. What is happening to Louisburg College? As a former student of this school, I reserve the right to ask this question and form an opinion about what I read.

In the November 20th issue of the Franklin Times,

the article on the morning peace demonstrations came to my attention. Louisburg College students have the right to protest and should use it, but when did a professor gain the right to "play God" a term used freely in the article—with the emotions and future welfare of these students? In larger universities of North Carolina, one of which I attend, a disruption policy has been established so that organized and mature protests may be inacted, however, any professor, in spite of his personal political beliefs, is subject to

dismissal from the university if these beliefs in any way contribute to the neglect of his duties as an educator, or if they incite a demonstration.

A professor's job is not to lead students into something that many of them do not understand, but to educate these students while they are in college and have a chance. Educate them to lead themselves in any way they see fit. This is how Louisburg College can help the nation. Help students who are groping toward an understanding of the disadvantages and benefits of our involvement in Vietnam.



by frank count

I hadn't seen Zeke since last Wednesday. He was alright then. I set and watched him drink two 16-ounce Pepsis and eat a moon pie. I asked him how he felt and he admitted he felt fine. But it ain't like Zeke to git lost, so I asked Rob—at the store—about him.

"Naw, Frank. I ain't seen him for the past few days. I been wondering myself what happened to him. Thought I might stop by and ask his old lady if he don't show by Christmas."

"Well, it just ain't like Zeke to stay at home. Something terrible must have happened to him. Last time he done anything like this was when he holed up back in July. He said them men on the moon was gonna cause it to fall and he won't about to be out on the street when it did. But after the moon didn't fall, old Zeke come on back and laughed about the whole thing."



"I see old Big Mouth coming, Frank. Maybe he can tell us what's happened to Zeke. He almost always knows almost everything."

"Hello, Big Mouth. We was just talking about Zeke. You seen him lately?"

"Yeah, Frank. Well, I didn't exactly see him. I talked to his old lady just a little bit ago and asked as how Zeke was getting along. She said she ain't seen him since last Wednesday night around 8 o'clock."

"Ain't seen him? You mean Zeke's been missing from home for nigh on a week and his old lady ain't reported it to the authorities? And ain't even reported it to us—his friends. For all she knows Zeke might be off drunk in a ditch somewheres. Ain't that just like a woman. She don't care one bit if Zeke's off suffering. He might be out of cigarettes for all she cares."

"You're right, Frank. Zeke could be off somewheres. He could be hurt or suffering or maybe even drunk but I don't think he is. She said he left in a powerful hurry."

"That ain't like Zeke. He ain't never done nothing in a hurry, Big Mouth. What's she say about his leaving? Anything?"

"Not much, Frank. She said they was setting there watching their daughter-in-law's television set and Zeke was nodding like he always does. He'd been arguing at some pictures of them men up there on the moon and saying it won't nary word of it the truth when all of a sudden his old lady said, the house shook. She said she was about to ask Zeke what he thought it was when he was gone. She said he didn't even bother opening the screen door. She showed me where he went out, Frank. And shore enough, Zeke didn't open it. You can see his print. It tore slap through that door and out back you can see his tracks about six yards apart where he went through them high weeds. He ought to a cut them weeds years ago, Frank. I figured he headed for his cave on the river, Frank. That's what I figured."

"Man, that's something, Big Mouth. The house shook, huh? You know—come to think of it—my house shook last Wednesday night, too, but I thought it was the little woman taking off her shoes. I didn't pay no attention to it. You reckon Zeke thought them men on the moon caused the house to shake? That'd explain it, Big Mouth. Zeke's easy to spook when there's men on the moon."

"But I thought Zeke always said there ain't been no men on the moon and that it was all a television plot to git folks to watch TV instead of trimming their toenails every night. You mean you think Zeke might be joshing and that he really believes that junk about there being somebody on the moon, Frank?"

"Maybe we ought to go down to Zeke's cave and see about him. It ain't right for a fellow to go off by hisself like that. If he's still spooked, we might can talk him out of it. Them moon men didn't cause no house to shake. There's got to be another reason. I can't think of one right off, but there's got to be one, otherwise Zeke's going to have some company."

"Well, Frank, I don't see no need to git excited. Zeke's old lady says he ain't been gone but six days and she expects him back anytime now."

"Yeah? Why's that?"

"Well, two reasons, Frank. First she said he tried to dive through the window when the house shook and didn't make it. She figures he's lost a lot of blood by now from that gash in his head...."

"Yeah? What's the other reason, Big Mouth?"

"He won't wearing nothing but his shorts when he went, Frank and you know how cold these nights git....."

and of the morality of all alternatives.

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To the Editor:

I saw the article on the Vietnam protest at Louisburg College and noticed that you seem to try to draw a parallel in the attitudes of past and present Louisburg students. As an alumnus of Louisburg College and, more recently, a veteran, I feel qualified to state that I know of no one who is against the soldiers in Viet Nam, but I know of

many military—and civilian Americans who are against soldiers being forced to be there. Do not, please, mistake a man with a conscience for a coward.

William A. Robie, Jr.

Digestion Viewed

Fresno, Cal. -- Fresno State College Students have watched the digestive process in cattle. A veterinarian, at the college, had prepared the window in the steer's side a year ago and no ill effects to the animal have been observed. Not only can they view the digestion but can test the effect of different foods.