

Editorials And Comments

We're For Liquor By The Drink

The act to authorize a statewide referendum on mixed drinks is getting considerable attention throughout North Carolina. The opposition will have you believe that approval of the referendum would immediately transform the great majority of the citizens of this state into alcoholics.

The fact of the matter is that the act, if approved, would give the counties in North Carolina greater control of the sale of beverages.

First of all, it should be made crystal clear that if the referendum is approved November 6, no sale of mixed beverages will be permitted in any county without at least one county or municipally operated ABC store within the county.

It should be pointed out, too, that presently 87 of the 100 counties in North Carolina operate ABC stores.

Another point to be considered is that passage of the referendum would mean that counties which currently have an ABC store can, on a local option basis, authorize mixed beverage sales only in Class A restaurants, hotels, motels and social, recreational and patriotic membership clubs which meet criteria established by state law. In the case of restaurants, its primary income will have to come from food.

The approval of sale and consumption of mixed beverages in a county may be implemented by the county commission petitioning in writing to the State ABC Board either by their own action or by the results of a local referendum which they may authorize for such purpose.

And counties which authorize the sale and consumption of mixed beverage shall collect an additional five dollars per gallon on alcohol which is to be so dispensed with the entire proceeds going to the county's general fund.

Greater Control Is Assured

Control is assured by seven restrictions on who may receive permits to dispense mixed beverages from the State ABC Board, and 20 specific prohibited acts by licensees.

Other points to be considered are that 18-year olds are permitted to vote in both the state and local referendum but cannot be served mixed beverages until they are 21.

Saloons and bars are specifically prohibited and brown bagging will not be allowed in establishments holding a mixed beverage license.

To qualify a restaurant must be classified as Grade "A." It must seat at least 36 persons with an inside dining area maintaining and using facilities for the preparation and serving of full cooked meals and be engaged primarily in serving meals or furnishing lodging.

Social establishments must have 100 percent closed memberships and only special occasion establishments such as National Guard Armories, auditoriums, coliseums or civic centers would be licensed.

Passage of the mixed beverage referendum would also boost the tax revenue. Counties which authorize the sale and consumption of mixed beverages shall collect an additional five dollars per gallon on alcohol which is to be so dispensed with the entire proceeds going to the county's general fund.

Also the state ABC Board shall issue permits only after a fee of \$300 is paid which is not refundable. If a permit is issued, an additional fee of \$300 will be paid for establishments with 50 seats or less and an additional fee of \$5.00 per seat for all seats over 50. The maximum fee will be \$1,000. Renewal on an annual basis will be at the rate of 50 percent of the original total fee.

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To Be Equal

Home Rule For Washington, D. C.

by Vernon E. Jordan, Jr.
Picture one of the great cities of the world, with headquarters of a million people, stadiums, museums, headquarters of national organizations and businesses, a thriving community life, and a national communications center.

Picture such a metropolis whose citizens do not have the right to vote for their local officials, whose every

local law has to be approved by people who live elsewhere and whose main interest is elsewhere. Picture such a city, whose residents pay taxes but cannot elect the officials who formulate those taxes.

The city Washington D.C. the capital of the United States. This nation, which won its independence nearly 200 years ago under the banner of: "no taxation without

representation," follows the same course with regard to its own citizens in its own capital.

This is an intolerable situation, one that demands immediate solution. All it takes is for home rule to be extended to the citizens of Washington, D.C. All they are asking the right to elect their own mayor, now appointed by the President, and their own city council, also now ap-

pointed. All they are asking is what every single town and village in this country has.

Home rule for the District of Columbia is something so long overdue and so obvious a right, that nearly everyone is in favor of it. A national poll some years back showed Americans support home rule by a 6 to 1 margin. A recent poll of D.C. residents shows 80 percent want home rule.

The Senate overwhelmingly passed home rule legislation; by a 64-8 in 1971 and 69-17 in '73. Both major political parties have supported home rule in their national platforms, as has every President since Franklin D. Roosevelt. Congress serves as the city legislature. Local laws passed by the Districts appointed council have to be passed by the Congress as well. That means that a city ordinance on kite-flying has to pass the local council, and then go

through 28 separate legislative steps in the Congress before it can become law. This is not only a grossly inefficient way to run a city, but an unbelievable waste of the time of Congress, which ought to be dealing with matters of national concern.

Apologists say that since the federal role in the city is so pervasive, things ought to stay as they are. But if that logic were to hold, then the 50 states ought to take over and run their 50 capitals in the same manner.

The district once had home rule, but in 1874 Congress "temporarily" established direct control. That "temporary" control became permanent to the detriment of the capital's citizens.

It has resulted not only in their disenfranchisement, but also in broken promises and inequities. Back in 1874, Congress promised to pay half



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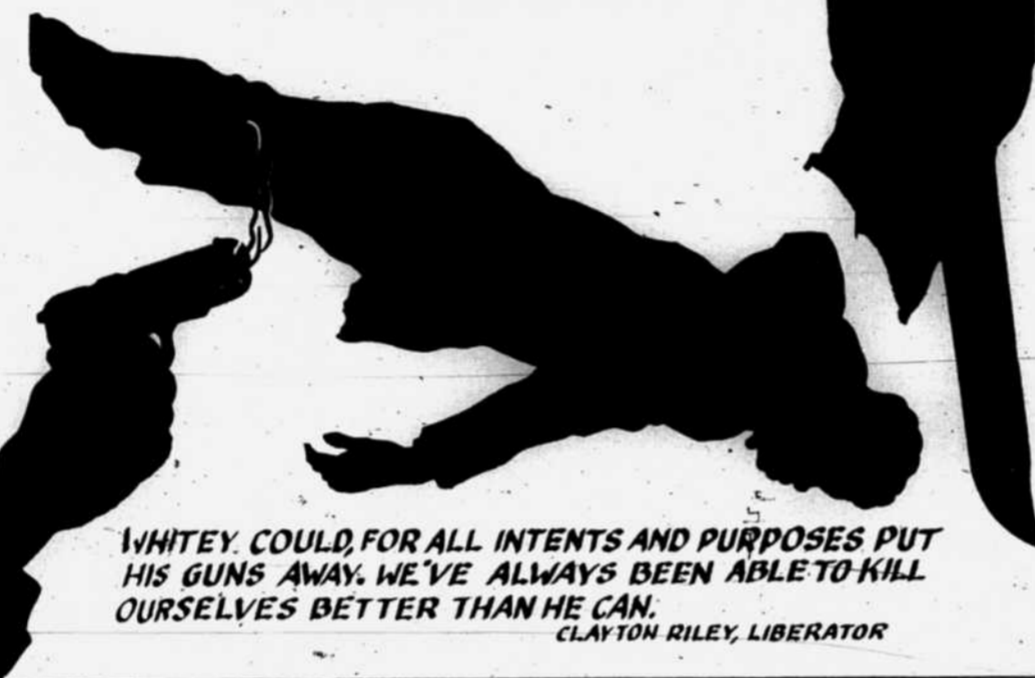
the costs of running the city, but in the past fifty years, it has been a lot less than that. When you consider the special costs to the city of such events as inaugurations, state visits, etc., costs necessary to the running of a capital but paid for by local citizens, it becomes clear that the District is places under burdens not shared by any other city in the country. Add to this the many tax-exempt embassies and government buildings, and you see how important it is for the government to pay its fair share to the city's costs.

I wonder what goes on in the minds of foreign visitors to the capital of the nation that proclaims itself a democracy when they learn that the residents of this big city cannot even vote for their own mayor and council. And how do the District schools teach civics lessons to children whose parents are disenfranchised and pay taxes without adequate representation? If there is anything all people can agree upon it is that fairness and equity demand home rule for the District now.

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CLAYTON RILEY, LIBERATOR

BLACK COMMUNITIES BECOMING THE MOST DANGEROUS PLACE FOR BLACKS....?

Letter To The Editor

Don't Encourage Crime

Mr. & Mrs. Black:
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Punishment did not free our foreparents from slavery or make them economically equal to the whites. Neither will it stamp out crime or substantially reduce the disproportionate number of black men, women and children who murder, rob and

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