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Unfortunate Poll Return

The bond issue calling for one million dollars to be used to further the educational facilities of Scotland County high schools found no room in the minds of the voters Tuesday at the polls. The final tally revealed a resounding 1945 to 1276 victory for those opposed to the bond issue. This defeat marks a collective lack of insight on the part of voters and provides a large stumbling block in the fight to decrease the number of poorly educated in this county. For, with the passage of the bond, the facilities would have been improved as well as others added to better accept the increased number of students.

What was the reasoning of those in favor of the expansion program? Was their primary motive for supporting the \$1 million bond to give the school system a year's grace on the Federal order to desegregate all schools in the county by next fall? I think not. These progressive people were looking to the bond as a means to achieving a greater end, that being a more unified and comprehensive school system that would fall more into the mainstream of American morality than a school system in the deepest South. The "Yes" voters are realists, not 19th century status quo aristocrats who seem the likely ones that head up the Committee of 1000.

As the "No" voters go, I see several categories. There are those that will vote against any bond issue because the im-

plication of a local or state-wide tax hike. Then, of course, we have local segregationists who cannot bear the thought of sending their child to school with a black person. Some of the victorious group include persons who remember the bond issue of March 3, 1964 when the county appropriated \$1,750,000 for construction of the new high school and further improvements in other high schools. The majority of this money went into construction of the new high school, which some people thought to be refined for the tastes and pocketbooks of Scotland County citizens. Last but not least, is the Committee of 1000, who directed the largest movement against the issue.

In Monday's Laurinburg Exchange, the Committee ran a tremendous advertisement indicating a partial agreement existed between the Presidential candidates as far as a reexamination of the Department of Health Education and Welfare is concerned. This ad, and a lot of radio time, proved convincing. Yet I cannot fully believe that the Committee's sole reason for moving against the bond issue is that the "Big Boy's haven't put up a dime." What they want is Federal funds before the county can be expected to contribute \$1 million. So desegregation waits in Scotland County--and this is ultimately what the Committee wants.

JOE JUNOD

Democratic Coalition Offers Constructive Work in Community

There is an organization on this campus which deserves special recognition. The organization is the Democratic Coalition. It is the local manifestation of these ideals of Senator Eugen McCarthy and the late Senator Robert Kennedy.

After McCarthy was defeated in the Democratic Convention as Presidential candidate, he asked for his supporters to continue their support in another direction in a grass roots campaign. A large number of Kennedy supporters have joined the effort and have pledged their support in these local level organizations.

The local level organization is working in Laurinburg toward those advances advocated by Kennedy and McCarthy.

The most recent task of the Coalition was focused on the local school bond election (which was tragically defeated on Tuesday with a 60% majority voting "no"). Members of the Laurinburg Democratic Coalition, which is headed by St. Andrews senior, Bill Wilson, walked from door-to-door in the black Lincoln Heights section of town talking with the people there and offering them help and transportation in registering to vote.

The Coalition has also begun a series of public meetings offering education on passive resistance to the white people. Dr. Martin Luther King had nearly mastered this art in educating his followers. The Coalition believes it is now time for the white people to take a lesson and learn what passive resistance really is. Dr. Charles Joyner, St. Andrews' professor of history will speak this Friday night in Kings Mt. Dorm on the subject.

The Coalition also believes strongly in the anti-draft movement. Adraft counseling committee, a draft counseling committee is now being organized which will offer draft alternatives to Scotland County boys, as well as college students.

The Coalition is a refreshing and vibrant response to the political hypocrisy and racism so prevalent even in this Laurinburg area. The Coalition feels that the ideals of McCarthy and Kennedy have not been defeated and their aspirations for this area are certainly symbolic in that the justice and peace which are so advocated by the two senators have not been forgotten.

LINDA SUSONG

SDS Plays Role

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Known communists have sat in on SDS meetings and coached organizers since the organization was founded in 1962; SDS leaders frequently travel to Red capitals; two of three national officers chosen at last June's national convention were self-proclaimed communists.

While many SDSers are actively anti-Kremlin, they share with the communists a common desire to destroy, to annihilate and to tear down, the article asserts.

Citing SDS's role in the recent upheaval at Columbia University, Methvin declares that firmer action by school authorities in support of the anti-racial "Majority Coalition" would have averted escalating

violence that culminated in cancellation of classes at Columbia.

While acknowledging that legitimate grievances by students must receive "far more attention" from officials than heretofore, Methvin says that prompt action by students and administrators is a must to prevent campus-wide clashes in the future.

Sidney Hook, noted New York University philosophy professor, has said that SDS members "threaten to become the true grave diggers of academic freedom in the United States". Only prompt action by school authorities and the overwhelming majority of students can prevent the grave from being dug.

Wallace "Sickness" Plagues U.S.



Is This What We Want For All America?

(Editor's Note: The following editorial was taken from The New York Times, Sunday, September 22, 1968)

Millions of Americans today are angry or exasperated or vaguely frightened. The targets of these emotions are as varied as the people themselves. Many, perhaps a majority, are angry that the Vietnam war drags on in an increasingly pointless stalemate.

Young men are resentful of a draft system which is unfair and erratic and which sends them to fight in a war in which they have no interest or belief. Older people are exasperated with radical students who are more intent on disrupting universities than on getting the college education which earlier generations dreamed of and sacrificed to obtain.

Still others are upset by the hippies with their long, dirty hair and their apparently aimless style of life. Among the discontented, too, are many Negroes with their ancient and legitimate grievances still unsatisfied. Ranged against the Negroes are those whites who, though prosperous and well-treated themselves, believe that economic pains and justice for others somehow threaten them.

Underlying these turbulent, conflicting emotions, there is probably a delayed reaction to the tragic murders last spring of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Robert F. Kennedy. Both

men were "disturbers of the peace" in the good, creative sense in that they spoke out against injustice. But their deaths have had the ironic effect of strengthening the forces of inaction and reaction against which they fought. Many voters in this country today do not know what they want in the way of foreign policy or domestic social policy. All they know is that they want, above all else, in the words of the Constitution, "to insure domestic tranquility".

The political beneficiary of this troubled mood in the country is George C. Wallace, former Governor of Alabama. Public opinion polls indicate that one person in every five may vote for him. He is likely to carry eight or nine Southern states and may also become the deciding factor in some border and Middle Western states. In short, the Wallace movement has become a major factor in national politics.

Yet Mr. Wallace is totally unqualified to be President of the United States. Indeed, he offers his ignorance and inexperience as credentials. Any ordinary citizen, he argues, could do better than the "pointed heads" in both parties who have been running the Government. Referring to critics who say that he knows nothing about foreign policy, he said recently to an audience in Cape Girardeau, Mo., "Well,

I ask you, what do the Republicans and the Democrats know about it? They've been in charge of the Government in the last fifty years and we've had four wars, we've spent \$122 billion of our money on foreign aid, we're about broke, and we've got less friends than we've ever had, and we've got the Communists running wild in the United States."

The country has heard this loose talk before, although Mr. Wallace probably has the distinction of being the first candidate for President to promise that if anyone lies down in front of his car he will murder him by driving over his body.

This lurid threat which is part of Mr. Wallace's standard speech epitomizes his call to violence. He speaks of law and order, but it is the lawless order which the vigilante imposes with his rope and the Ku Klux Klan's name with his bullwhip. Mr. Wallace does not attack Negroes by name, but he promises, in effect, to curb radical students and hairy Yippies and liberal Government officials with the same harsh physical force which the white South once inflicted upon the Negro. He is the political expression of the school burners and the church bombers and the night riders.

Americans have now to ask themselves whether their discontent is so fierce, their grievances so woeful, that they are prepared to follow this apostle of violence and anger as he leads them they know not where.

There are businessmen, the so-called "fat cats" of Dallas and St. Petersburg and Los Angeles, who have made great fortunes in the last thirty years while the country was under political leadership which they scorned. Some of these men are now contributing to the Wallace campaign. They have to ask themselves whether in their insensate greed and political recklessness they are prepared to imitate the German industrialists of the early thirties and go on financing a demagogue whose ultimate aims they cannot foresee or control.

There are industrial workers who have achieved in these last years real advances in their standard of living and in economic security. They have to ask themselves whether they want so badly to "zap the Negro" as one New Jersey labor leader put it--that they will vote for this smooth-talking adventurer, whose ultimate aims they cannot attend the Wallace rallies. They have to ask themselves--what ever reservations they may have about Hubert Humphrey or Richard Nixon--whether they really think the man poking his head above the bullet-proof lectern even remotely approaches the integrity, the intellectual breadth, the charity or compassion required of a President of the United States.

There is a sickness abroad in the land. It cannot be cured by looking away from it or pretending that it does not exist. The Wallace movement is an evil phenomenon. George C. Wallace is not fit to be president of the United States. He is not fit even to be discussed in Presidential terms. This country has no need for his falsehoods and his sick innuendos and his invocations to violence and unreason. Every man and woman who casts a vote for him will bring shame upon this country. Let Americans decide now to have done once and for all with this demagogue."

BILL WILSON
Democratic Coalition

- Wallace's Alabama has more murders than any state in the nation—11.7 per 100,000 population.
- Wallace's Alabama has the highest sales tax of any state in the union.
- Wallace's Alabama ranks 48th among states in per capita annual income and is \$900 below the national average.
- Wallace's Alabama ranks 48th among states in per-pupil expenditures in public schools.
- Wallace's Alabama has one of the highest jobless rates in the country.
- Wallace's Alabama has one of the highest illiteracy rates in the nation.

Letter to the Editor

Reader Raps Modern Patriotism

To The Editor:

"Patriotism" certainly has taken on a narrow definition during the last decade. The only type of "Patriotism" acceptable to the Great White American Middle Class Ethic today has to be coupled with the Military to be "authentic" American patriotism. It's a rather strange union don't you think? Perhaps it reflects something about the sexual virility of America (Join the Marines and be a man).

At any rate, what the hell happened to the type of patriotism manifested during the American Revolution and the writing of the Constitution and Bill of Rights? That patriotism is pretty intangible at times (the Bill of Rights has never

become a part of the "American Dream" - whatever that is), but it's also pretty tangible at times (a black man fell with a white man during the Boston Massacre). Needless to say, a man like Gene McCarthy is a patriot in the spirit of '76, as is Stokely Carmichael. Both are working for a realization of the American Constitution in American society. Their ends are the same, their means differ - one is black and the other is white.

But what does good, clean-cut all-American patriotism mean today, October 4, 1968, in the "land of the Free"? There are several prerequisites that the power structure in this country demand:

- 1) You have to be white (when

- 2) You have to submit yourself to conscription for immoral and unjust wars (what does the Constitution say about made cannon-fodder for military minds?)
- 3) You have to support "Law and Order" (Nigger???)
- 4) You have to support the military-industrial complex (Anything less is "unamerican".)
- 5) Support the theory of nuclear deterrence, containment, domino theory etc. etc. (What have we learned from Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, let alone

Vietnam?)

- 6) Believe in some kind of myth or illusion about America's super-destiny (preserve freedom?) and that every domestic and foreign problem, given time, will work itself out for the betterment of all, or the white suburbanites who are working their way up the corporate system and in a corporation that depends upon its survival on military contracts?)

Well, this type of "patriotism" leaves us, who are interested in the dawn of democracy in America instead of a military-industrial garrison state, out in the cold without the helpful crutch of

the word patriotism and its meaning in the spirit of '76. "Patriotism" in the modern sense, are in fact forcing out of American society those who are interested in a democratic society. Our alternatives are many but not exactly what we would like them to be - self-exile, 1-A (Hershey: "There's nothing in the regulations to take care of a pacifist. We classify him 1-A"), underground, or to be herded into the general phase (thus able to be generally disregarded) of being "anarchists, left-wing subversives, Communists (rather ironic) and traitors." This covers the whole spectrum but still misses the point, doesn't it?

But America, in her usual good wisdom, has provided us with three choices this year--Wallace, Nixon and Humphrey. Say the names slowly and think of all the implications that come to mind when you utter these names. Rather frightening to see what our "democracy" has provided in choices! America does not have much time left, if any at all. The Declaration of Independence, paragraph two: "Accordingly, all experience hath shown, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the form to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably by the same object, evinces a design to reduce them under absolute despotism, it is their right it is their duty, to throw off such government and to provide new guards for their future society."

"Smoke The Grass; Don't Get Caught"

St. Louis, Mo.-(L.P.)-"Go ahead and smoke marijuana," said the dean, "just don't get caught." Probably no college administrator has ever given such advice. But Howard S. Becker, a Northwestern University sociologist, believes that such an attitude on the part of deans is the only way that campus drug incidents can be halted.

more worried about the "great public-relations crisis" of campus narcotics raids and students on trial. Yet, Becker argues, the more administrators worry about student drug use, the more such embarrassing incidents they will have to deal with.

"All increases in surveillance, of course, multiply the number of cases that come to public attention," Becker says.

Becker's arguments are mainly based on marijuana-smoking, which he says is more widely used than LSD. Marijuana, Becker says, "has no demonstrable bad effects."

Becker writing in TRANSACTION, a social science publication of Washington University, does not believe that student drug use can be stopped. "Students want to use drugs and can easily do so; few college administrators will decide to use the totalitarian methods that would be required to stop it."

"One might institute a daily search of all rooms and perhaps, in addition, inaugurate a campus 'stop-and-frisk' law. But they are not going to do these things, so student drug use will continue."

Becker believes that the deans are worried about student drug use, but they are

Administrators," Becker concludes, "must take a calmer view of drug use and students must become more cautious. The main obstacles to such a bargain will be nervous administrators afraid to take such a step and ideological students who wish a confrontation on the issue. But college administrators have learned to live with sex and drink. They may yet be able to learn to live with drugs."



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