

LOCAL EDITORIAL COMMENT

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Guns In Viet Nam, Kindness In Carolina

Nearly two hundred professors at the University of North Carolina have threatened to resign unless something is done about the speaker ban law. The first reaction to most citizens is to say, "Let them."

There is no question but that the Trustees should run the University. The legislature cannot and should not attempt to operate the schools. But in the field of speaker selections, the Trustees have shown over the years, particularly at Carolina, that they do not use the discretion they should in these selections.

The speaker ban law does not hamper free speech. To the contrary, it enhances the chances that we will always have our freedoms. Why is it that otherwise well learned people are taking up the fight to get this law repealed? In what name are they justifying their stand? What, other than the spread of Communist doctrines, would a repeal accomplish? We would say publicly that they desire to associate with known Communists? And what can a Communist speaker tell the students at these institutions that is so

earth shaking as to require the people of North Carolina to maintain facilities for the purpose of furnishing these Communists a platform from which to spread their message of hate?

It may not be of importance to some, but the fact that American boys are dying in Southeast Asia and in Latin America in the fight against Communism is foremost in our minds and in the minds of most North Carolinians. Who are these teachers who would threaten the people of North Carolina with their resignation unless Communists are given the plush treatment in our universities?

Before any legislator votes to repeal this law, let him seek the advice and counsel of a G.I. in Viet Nam or his widow. If we meet Communism with guns in Viet Nam, certainly we cannot meet them with kindness in North Carolina, regardless in what name this is attempted.

If the professors at the University are the type this threat indicates, our young people will be better off when they do resign.

What Communists, Mr. President?

If the reason given by President Johnson for the invasion of the Dominican Republic is to be taken at face value, some further explanation is necessary. The President would have us believe that the troops were sent into this foreign country to prevent a Communist take-over. This may well be true, and if it is, there certainly is some justification for our doing what we would not stand for, should someone else do it to us.

However, now the President is advocating a coalition government, made up of parties from both the rebel and the military regimes. Where are the Communists? There were only two sides involved in the revolution, the rebels and the military junta. Which contained the dreaded Communists? Were the Reds there a few weeks ago and have they now quietly gone away? We think not.

We think that here again is a perfect example of President Johnson's attempt to be all things to all people. His action to protect American citizens in the Dominican Republic was

probably rightfully taken. His involvement in the internal affairs of the country is another matter. We might not like the ones who might ultimately lead the Dominicans, but this gives us no right to force our way upon them.

The people need to know where the Communists were that caused Americans to die in Santa Domingo. If the Communists have gone away, why can't we withdraw? If they are there, how can we support a coalition government, which is compelled to be made up of one half Communists? Either the rebels or the junta have to be Communist. If we are to take President Johnson's word for the cause of our invasion there. And if they are, why did we shoot them yesterday and are cooperating with them today? Too many American boys are dying today in causes not clearly defined. This nation owes to them and their families a clearly stated purpose. It looks from here as though the government has botched another one.

Financing Political Campaigns

A bill now pending in Congress would bar candidates in federal elections from receiving contributions from outside the state in which they were campaigning.

It's by no means a new idea. The same sponsor has proposed it without success before, and chances are slim for better luck this time.

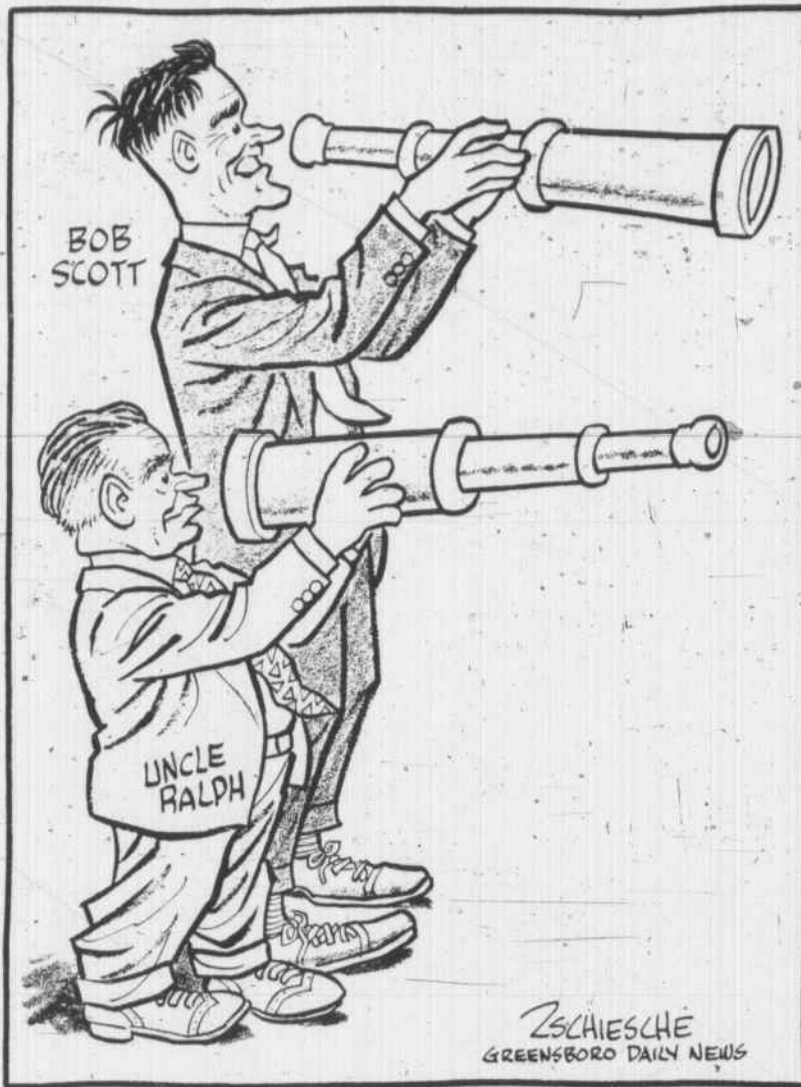
The practicalities of politics, being what they are, very few members of Congress are going to vote to cut off their own potential sources of revenue. Because campaign expenses are high, the candidate with resources of his own or enough supporters in his home state to foot the staggering bill is a relative rarity.

So the majority must get the money from somewhere, and frequently a major source is the Senate or House Campaign Committee, or the national headquarters organization of his party. Obviously, such funds come from all over the country.

While we agree with the sponsor of the legislation when he says existing practices come fairly close to putting public office up for the highest bidder, we wonder about the proposed solution. It seems that complete home-state financing might lead itself to more corruption by direct and outright "buying" of the candidate in question.

There must be a better solution to an admittedly complex problem.

"The Governor's Leadership Looks Right Large To Me..."



The fellows collecting money to pay for the lights at the new softball field in Louisburg could have reached their goal Tuesday night if they had only thought of selling liniment at the opening games.... You could hear the old bones crack all over town.... Louisburg has already had two casualties.... Birdie says he's heard of fellows getting hurt in a game... and he's even heard of them getting hurt following a game... but he says Kyle Prince... (Police Dept. ace)... is the first player he's heard of who got hurt getting ready for a game.... The nimble-toed police team secret weapon... (light reflecting off his high forehead blinds the opposing hitters)... broke a bone in his foot while dragging the field in preparation of Tuesday's opening games.

While Prince is relaxing in local pill factory... Wyatt Freeman is up and around... (no pun intended)... with a thumb which sticks out like a sore one.... Suffered in the manly art of acting several years below his age... but, as Birdie says, don't we all.

Birdie says Uncle Walter and Cousin James had some trouble with their water over in Raleigh... some phosphate outfit sorta cut them off.... In trying to pass a bill to control the use of public water resources.... And Dapper Dan, the Speaker-Ban Man... finally made up his mind to listen to the people and backed off the support he was expected to give to a repeal of the ban law.... Good thinking, Birdie says.... Come to think of it, we agree.

Senator Sam Says

Washington, D. C.--The Federal voting control bill, the most controversial issue debated thus far this session, has not prevented orderly consideration of other legislation.

The Senate Finance Committee has concluded three weeks of public hearings on the House passed, Administration-backed proposal to provide medical care for persons 65 years and older. The Committee continues its study of the bill in executive sessions this week.

Appropriations bills, an annual priority concern, have been undergoing hearings at the subcommittee level. Ready for Senate consideration is the \$1.2 billion Interior Department request, and most of the other spending measures are moving in the normal course of consideration.

Next month, the Constitutional Rights Subcommittee, of which I am Chairman, begins consideration of a 9-point legislative package designed to guarantee American Indians constitutional rights and privileges enjoyed by other Americans.

NC WATER PROJECTS--On May 18, Senator Jordan and I appeared before the Senate Appropriations Public Works Subcommittee to request more than \$5 million for North Carolina water projects. If approved, the funds would be used for seven flood control, seven navigation, and five hurricane protection projects.

Included in our joint requests were funds for the New Hope Dam, the Kerr Scott Reservoir, the Falls of the Neuse Reservoir, and the Yadkin, Tar, Cape

Fear, and Kanawha Rivers, Navigation projects recommended were those for Wilmington Harbor, Masonboro, Beaufort, and Hatteras Inlets, Rollison Channel, Pamlico River, and Manteo Bay. The hurricane and beach erosion projects recommended are for the coastal and seashore area.

The recommended projects are fundamental to the development and preservation of North Carolina water resources. Rivers and harbors are important adjuncts to our State's economy. Development and conservation of inland water resources is essential to industrial needs which require large supplies of readily accessible water.

EXCISE TAXES--Swift Congressional action is expected on the President's \$4 billion excise tax-reduction proposal. House Ways and Means Committee approval of the phase-out of many excise taxes assures a House vote soon. Senator Byrd of Virginia, Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, has indicated that no public hearings on the bill will be necessary.

I expect to support the excise tax-reduction bill. Most of the excises sought to be reduced or repealed originated during depression or war conditions. The war-enacted excises had the purpose of reducing demand for certain goods rather than producing revenue. Most of these excises have long been controversial, and current Congressional sentiment is that Federal revenues ought to be obtained in a more equitable manner.

Viewpoint -- Committees For Special Purposes

By JESSE HELMS

The late Alben Barkley never had much use for committees, even though he appointed many of them and served on quite a few himself during a long career. The decisions made by a committee, he used to say, almost always depend upon who appoints the committee. If you want something fouled up, he would comment with a twinkle in his eyes, just turn it over to a committee. The gentleman always suspected that a graffe was really nothing but a horse put together by a committee.

Lyndon Baines Johnson sent up to the Congress last week a legislative graffe, put together by a committee he had appointed in late January. It is to be hoped that the Congress, for once during this session, will take a long, hard look at the committee recommendations to which Mr. Johnson happily gave his blessings. And why not? It is clearly a proposition that the Congress surrender more of its authority and responsibility to the White House and thus convey to the President an additional amount of awesome political power.

The President's proposition was buried deep in a message calling for salary increases for federal employees totalling \$853 million starting next January. Mr. Johnson's message discussed quite persuasively the need for paying some federal personnel more. More than half of the \$853 million will go for additional compensation to our military people, many of whom now receive less money for serving their country than is paid some families on welfare. There is room for argument about the President's claim, however, that all federal workers are underpaid. That is something the Congress ought to study carefully.

But the really disturbing portion of Mr. Johnson's message related to his discontent with the present practice of his having to ask Congress for the authority to raise salaries. The committee which Mr. Johnson appointed last January wishes to change all of that. The committee's suggestion is that Mr. Johnson, and succeeding Presidents, be given the power to tell Congress how much salaries are to be raised. Under the new plan, the salary increases would go into effect automatically unless the Congress, within 60 days, happened to veto the increases.

And who can imagine the Congress doing any such unpopular thing? There is a political difference between falling to raise a salary and overtly voting to cancel a salary increase announced by the White House. One can imagine the Congressional stampede in election years to approve every salary increase announced by the

President. It would be a matter of "heads the President wins, tails the Congress loses." It would make the President so immensely powerful that no member of Congress would ever again think seriously about economy in government.

The federal Treasury already is the greatest vote-catching mechanism in history. Senator Byrd of Virginia recently estimated that more than 50 million Americans get federal checks of one sort or another. More than five million wage earners, including service men and women, receive regular paychecks from Washington. Both the President and the Congress know that these people vote. And every wage earner has relatives and friends who vote also. The potent power of Mr.

Boiled Grass Diet

Yukon Territory, Canada--Sgt. Kenneth Keen, of the United States Army, proved you can stay alive by eating a gallon of boiled grass a day. He told rescuers he had been marooned since a forced landing. A doctor said he was in good condition although he had lost 30 pounds.

A Dowry At Last

Barcelona--Manuel Artoba received a belated dowry when he insisted his bride give up her French home and move to Spain with him. While cleaning out her attic, she found a dusty old violin dated 1718 which bore the signature of Stradivarius.

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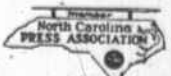
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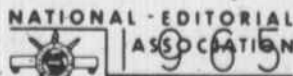
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