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## LOCAL EDITORIAL COMMENT

### Strong Lobby

Men have been searching from almost the beginning of time to find a solution to the liquor problem. Members of the General Assembly are now faced with some decision on the problem in North Carolina. Even should the legislators fail to take any action, they will have, all the same, made a decision.

Legalizing "brown-bagging" or whiskey by the drink, or whatever final decision is to be made should be made with the welfare of all the people foremost in the minds of the legislature.

Much has been said about the ruin of the tourist industry in the state unless more liberal liquor laws are passed. We doubt that the industry will be ruined, although conceivably, it could be hurt. Tourist trade should certainly get attention in the deliberations, but the fact that this portion of our society

is blessed with an extremely strong lobby, should not, for one moment dissuade the consideration due all the people in any deliberations on a matter of this importance.

The solution, since it has escaped men for centuries, is not very likely to come from this generation. The General Assembly might make some decision which will clarify the present situation. It is extremely doubtful that any decision will prove to be fool-proof and chances are, the lawmakers will be confronted with a number of disgruntled constituents whatever they do.

If they take the overall look and decide for all the people and if they do not listen to any one strong lobby, be it tourist trade or any other, whatever decision they make, will have the best chance of working.

### Where Are The Men?

We have thrilled to the fireside chat of Franklin D. Roosevelt. We even recall the cold shivers when Harry Truman spoke. One man was all class; well educated, full of self-confidence. The other, humble, unsure, but firm. Both demanded the respect of the people. These were men.

There were others in the recent past—Senators, Congressmen, Supreme Court Justices and Cabinet members. They were the type who stood out in a crowd. They were the kind young men aspire to become.

What has happened to those who have followed? Surely, President Lyndon B. Johnson fails to excite when he speaks. Only Senator Everett Dirksen seems to stand out among all others in our national leadership.

But who can really be impressed when Senator Bobby Kennedy of New York and the President of the United States carry on a boy-like spat which makes the front pages regularly? Who can take note of the Adam Clayton Powell thing or the investigation of Connecticut Senator Dodd, and really hold respect for our leaders, even though we are blessed that they are the exceptions.

How much confidence can be built in government when a "blue-ribbon" Commission "thoroughly" investigated the assassination of a President and made definite conclusions only to learn three years later that a lone Prosecutor in New Orleans had unearthed evidence ignored by this Commission.

Who can hold confidence in a Supreme Court that continually rules to free admitted killers and hamper law enforcement agencies in their efforts to protect society?

Where have the men gone? Who on today's horizon promises greatness? Perhaps those who lead us consider themselves to be. History might prove them correct, if they do. But, those we have in mind in past years did not have to wait for history—the people knew it then.

Leadership and greatness elude most men, the nature of things being that the majority must be led. This nation has always been blessed with a God-like blessing of having the right man come forward at the right time to lead.

The way things are today, if there is one standing in the wings, its about time he made his appearance.

## NATIONAL EDITORIAL COMMENT

### The Bombing

While all Americans would welcome an end to the bombing of civilian communities in Vietnam and an end to the war there, most probably feel the North Vietnamese should make appropriate deescalation concessions if the U.S. orders a halt to the bombings.

Since the North Vietnamese in the past have offered no such cooperation, the bombings have not been stopped. On the one occasion when they were stopped, in the hope that a gesture would be forthcoming from the Communists, no such gesture was made.

Yet the squeals from the Communist side grow louder and louder, and could mean several things. First, of course, the Communists hope to

gain much propaganda value from the humanitarians of the world in painting a repulsive picture of U.S. bombing. And they have recently gained ground in this field.

Another reason for the howls might be that the bombings are beginning to hurt—that bombings of Hanoi are beginning to cause stirrings among the population, to affect morale. It is early to reach such a conclusion and our experience in Germany in World War II does not indicate aerial bombing necessarily breaks civilian morale. In Vietnam, however, there has been fighting for about twenty years and the population may well be restive under the siege from the air, or showing signs of becoming affected by the assault.

## Moment Of Truth



## Host Of Thorny Issues

BY JESSE HELMS

It can scarcely be considered a coincidence that the United States Senate all at once finds itself grappling with a host of thorny and contradictory issues which, in one fashion or another, raise the question of whether civilization and freedom are to survive in the world. Certainly there is evidence that common logic and simple prudence are being replaced by political nonsense in the conduct of our affairs both at home and abroad.

It has seemed apparent for several days that the Senators may approve another treaty with the Russians at the very time when the Russians are sponsoring a war in Vietnam in which thousands of American boys have died and into which billions of American dollars have been poured. It matters not to the majority of Senators, apparently, that the Russians have yet to abide by any of their previous treaties with the United States. So this one, no doubt, may be approved by the Senate even though it will permit the establishment of more communist consulates in the United States and thus provide additional espionage bases for communist spies in this country.

But Senators favoring the treaty talk piously of building "bridges of friendship" with the communists. It bothers them not a bit that the proposed treaty—the Consular Convention, as it is called—provides complete immunity for any communist connected with the proposed consulates. No matter what law the communists violate while in the United States, from speeding to murder, they cannot be arrested and prosecuted—if this treaty, as sent to the Senate by Lyndon Johnson, is approved. This kind of deception is as old as the crafty Ulysses who sent the wooden horse into Troy 25 centuries ago.

On the floor of the Senate last week, it was acknowledged that at least 80 per cent of the weapons now going into North Vietnam, to be used to kill and maim American men, are being sent by the Soviet Union. There is not even the pretense that the Soviet Union

is being paid for the weapons by the North Vietnamese. So the war in Vietnam is actually a remote-control conflict being conducted by the Russians against the United States. Yet Lyndon Johnson, and reportedly a sufficient majority of the members of the United States Senate, beckon for more communist Trojan Horses in our midst. They are not "building bridges of friendship" to Russia, they are volunteering to have us walk the plank to disaster.

Meanwhile, at home, the contradictions extend to our national attitude towards crime. The U. S. Supreme Court continues to tie the hands of law enforcement officers with requirements that criminals be coddled. The taxpayers, meanwhile, are required to finance foolish and unworkable give-away programs intended to bribe citizens to obey the law. People are paid not to work, and then all society is blamed when the idle decide to riot and pillage. Then the political merry-go-round spins off a multi-million dollar federal program supposedly to fight crime. The "little man" back home can hardly be blamed if he fails to understand this curious exhibition of the federal dog chasing its own tail.

What has happened to the sanity of the Senate? The Senators are in the best position of all to understand the history of communism and its treacherous methods. And certainly the Senators, living and working as they do in the Nation's Capital, are bound to know about the crime being committed under their noses. Why has there been no concerted action to reject Lyndon Johnson's dangerous treaty with the communists, or to rebuff the Supreme Court's fuzzy notions about criminals at home?

Crime in Washington last month was 42.4 per cent higher than in January a year ago. Rapes, murders and deadly assaults are so common-place in Washington that the rape of a young church secretary rated only four short paragraphs on an inside page of The Washington Post last week. The crime was committed by a

## Speed

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to appropriate \$85,000 to continue operation of the Law School at North Carolina College at Durham for the next biennium. The Advisory Budget Commission had only recommended funds to operate the law school one more year, after which operations were to cease. The law school is, in my opinion, serving a useful and practical purpose and should be continued. I will give my support to this bill.

As chairman of the House Agriculture committee I have this week introduced, together with Reps. Chase of Wayne, Everett of Pitt and Johnson of Duplin, legislation to tighten control and prevention of hog cholera, by making the present statutes more enforceable and practical, thus carrying out intent of this legislation. It authorizes the State Veterinarian to exercise his judgment for necessity of destroying swine infected with or exposed to such disease, notwithstanding wishes of the owners of said swine. Compensation is provided.

The Legislature joined many leading North Carolinians to asking President Johnson to appoint Associate Justice Susie Sharp to the U.S. Supreme Court. A better qualified person could not be found.

## Legion

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of membership workers have been contacting eligible veterans throughout the community with a personal invitation to join Post No. 52 and become a part of The American Legion's programs. "Any veteran who has not been contacted by one of our enrollment teams is urged to contact me at Henderson's Pharmacy, Inc. 494-2321 or at home 494-2314", Commander Honeycutt added.

Post Commander B. W. Hon-

eycutt and Post Adjutant John Hedrick were present at the American Legion Birthday Anniversary celebration held in Salisbury, N. C., March 15th at which Nation Commander John E. Davis was guest of honor.

Henry Ford II, Chairman of Ford Motor Company:

"Many of the temporary standards are unreasonable, arbitrary and technically unfeasible."

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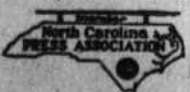
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