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LOCAL EDITORIAL COMMENT

The Record Should Be Set Straight

In the often controversial desegregation of schools, men of good faith will sometimes differ in their opinions. Each will believe that he alone has the correct answer. And regardless of which side of the particular issue one might find himself, a certain amount of respect is held for the opposing view. Differences of opinion are generally honest and most people recognize this as so.

A difference of opinion, however, is one thing and an outright contradiction between two men is still another. This is particularly true when one of those involved happens to be the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover has written to Henderson attorney Linwood T. Peoples stating as a fact that Agents of the FBI did not question Peoples' clients in Franklin County on how they came to hire the Henderson firm to represent them in their efforts to intervene in the Franklin School suit. Mr. Peoples says that he has questioned his clients and they say the agents did ask them this question and many others.

This does not constitute a difference of opinion. Either agents of the federal government, whose salaries are paid by all taxpayers including those in Franklin County, asked the question or they did not.

The question itself might not be of vast importance except to Mr. Peoples, but Mr. Hoover's supposed investigation

and subsequent denial is of great interest. Somebody here is not telling the truth and the record should be set straight.

Indications certainly point to the fact that Mr. Peoples' statement carries the greatest merit. Mr. Hoover has admitted that the Negro parents were interviewed. The parents, according to Mr. Peoples, have said they were asked about the hiring of his firm. Mr. Hoover says the matter has been thoroughly reviewed.

The reflection here is not against Mr. Peoples. The outright contradiction points to Mr. Hoover. Mr. Peoples has talked directly with the people questioned. Mr. Hoover has only reviewed the matter.

It would seem that if nothing improper was asked of these Franklin citizens, the Department of Justice or Mr. Hoover would be happy to, in fact, set the record straight by sending to Mr. Peoples the agents' report as he has now requested twice.

There is no doubt in the mind of the public about actions of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Many agree with Mr. Peoples that the agents had no business here in the first place, but aside from this, someone should put to rest the contradiction as to the questions asked these people.

Differences of opinion notwithstanding, someone here is not telling the truth and the people would like to know the true answer.

31 Days Until

While most of us are counting the days 'til Christmas, someone should be counting the days until there will be no more ambulance service in the county. The number is 31.

On December 31, 1967, all private ambulance service will be halted in the three-county area of Franklin, Vance and Warren. The agreement to halt this service was signed in Henderson by funeral home operators last Monday.

There has been some conversation about this situation in at least a couple of County Commissioners' meetings. A committee was appointed to look into the matter and has made at least one report.

The only bright spot in the darkness of December 31 is that the ever-serving Louisburg Rescue Service has offered help in the emergency.

The word emergency is significant. Even though the Commissioners have been aware of the pending crisis they have moved very slowly or not at all to

come up with an answer. The problem is no nearer being solved today than it was several months ago. The reason is that nothing has been done about it.

No funds were set up in the budget for this emergency although this was discussed at the budget meeting. The local Rescue Service, according to reports, will need two additional ambulances if the plan adopted is to work. Finding the money might be difficult.

Meantime, Franklin citizens can look with misgivings toward the year's end. Regardless of how critical the nature of an illness might be, a ride to the hospital in the back seat of the family car seems to be the likely possibility.

Other communities are facing similar situations. The answer has not yet come to them and chances are Franklin will have a struggle before the answer is found here. But, it certainly would be nice to know that somebody cared.

Aiding And Abetting

The law says, ever so clearly, "Any one who knowingly counsels, aids or abets another to refuse or evade registration or service in the armed forces . . . shall be liable to imprisonment for not more than five years or a fine of \$10,000 or both."

Despite this, liberal clergymen, eighteen of them to be exact, are going to help "conscience-stricken" young men to evade the draft. Indeed, they started their announcement by advising "all who in conscience cannot today serve in the armed forces to refuse such service."

After this violation, the ministers went on, "We pledge ourselves to aid and abet them in any way we can. This means that if they are arrested . . . we too must be arrested." As a matter of simple justice, they should be.

Too much of this malarkey is now going on. Service recruiters cannot safely venture upon the college campuses of this country. Young men, proud of their heritage, cannot exercise their rights to talk with the recruiter. Other young men are hampered as they arrive at induction centers on their way to serve

their country.

In other years, these men would have been greeted with praises for their sacrifice and their willingness to serve. The people were proud of them and the majority of Americans are proud of those who serve today. When will these get their rights? How much longer must this country be degraded by the likes of these eighteen clergymen who openly and defiantly proclaim that since they don't agree with the war, let's surrender to the hoods of Hanoi.

One cannot help but wonder how these men feel about the Ten Commandments. Wonder if they would or are defying any of these in the name of conscience? Had it been them instead of Moses, how many deletions and qualifications would have marred these sacred rules? Would they have changed these as they obviously want to change the rules of our free society? Would they have deleted portions as important as Liberty, Freedom, Justice, and love of country are to this nation and its people. What manner of men are these?

Fountain Warns France And Russia

NEW YORK. . . Congressman L. H. Fountain warned France and the Soviet Union Tuesday that American taxpayers are losing patience over the refusal of those two countries and others to pay their share of U.N. peacekeeping costs.

In a speech before the Special U. N. Political Committee, Fountain said present outstanding debts must be paid

before the United Nations can be expected to effectively help maintain peace.

"Members are reluctant to assume new financial burdens so long as this deficit--caused by the failure of certain countries to pay their apportioned share of the costs of particular operations--hangs over the organization," he said.

"Moreover, this unliquidated debt places an unfair burden on members to whom bills are owing for past services. There is great danger that failure to honor long overdue bills could discourage participation in future operations, particularly by smaller and less affluent members."

The North Carolina Congressman, a member of the U. S. Delegation to the U.N., said the United Nations still owes almost \$12 million to various countries on the Congo account. The major holders of the notes are India, Ghana, Nigeria, Liberia and Senegal.

"In all honesty, is it not dismaying that more than two years have passed since the consensus of August 1965 which ended the impasse over Article 19 and yet the long-promised substantial voluntary contributions to overcome this deficit have not yet been received from the Soviet Union or France?" Fountain asked.

Terming such inaction "irresponsible" and "self-defeating,"

Fountain said: "The continued generous support of the people of the United States and the Congress cannot be taken for granted if others who benefit from U.N. peacekeeping do not lend their own support."

Fountain also proposed that new arrangements be drawn up concerning the withdrawal of U.N. troops from countries where they have been invited as keepers of the peace.

The present system whereby the host country can withdraw its consent without advance notice or consultation is inadequate, he said. Fountain felt the precipitate removal of U.N. troops from the Gaza Strip last summer, at the instigation of U.A.R. President Nasser, was a major factor in the Mideast war.

Nasser is believed to have felt that the U.N. troops would not be withdrawn so quickly. When they were, there was nothing then standing between Nasser's forces and those of Israel, and in effect, his bluff was called.

Fountain said one approach to this problem would be to require a pledge of cooperation from the host country before U. N. troops would be dispatched. Such an arrangement could include a suitable waiting period during which consultations could take place between the time a host country withdraws its consent and the U.N. forces actually depart.

Our boys are dying in this country too.



Situation Pretty Well Sized

The more we think about it, the more persuaded we become that Chub Seawell has the situation pretty well sized up when he contends that some folks have more education than their intelligence can stand. It may be that the South Carolina Department of Mental Health hired a speaker for its annual meeting last week who is in precisely that fix.

The gentleman's name is Dr. George Bach, and he was identified by the Associated Press as director of the Institute of Group Psychology in Beverly Hills, California. In any case, Dr. Bach flew across the country to address the Mental Health folks in convention at Greenville, South Carolina. And he told them, according to the Associated Press, that the time has come to do away with marriage. "A new form of association," he said, "is needed to replace marriage."

What a magnificent display of nonsense! Dr. Bach says that marriage is "dying," that it "puts too great a burden on members of the family," and that society needs to do away with marriage and substitute in its place "a new group form that includes more people, so that relationships between members will be less tense." And then in the grandest absurdity of the day, Dr. Bach orated: "We need greater intimacy for a greater number."

We confess a complete unfamiliarity with Dr. Bach's "Institute of Group Psychology," and we are constrained to hope--based on the Associated Press report--that we may never hear of it again. But if the "institute" -- and Dr. Bach--can be fairly judged by the gentleman's reported remarks in South Carolina last week, they resemble nothing so much as a group of frustrated alley cats.

There is a good deal of solid history, Biblical and otherwise, proving that civilization has been built on the concept of marriage and family life. Indeed, these have been the wellspring from whence human decency has emerged. What Dr. Bach--the "group psychologist"--would have us do is return to the laws of the jungle in the most animalistic fashion, and do it in one great backward leap.

Marriage does indeed place burdens upon men and women entering into it. But the art of marriage is to translate the burdens into achievement and satisfaction. And for centuries the effort has provided a therapy for the spirit and the soul. It has been the measurement of maturity and responsibility. But now, Dr. Bach--the "group psy-

chologist"--would sweep it all aside in favor of--what was it that he called it? --"a new group form that includes more people." This is the kind of "group psychology" that would convert mankind into parasites. It may, indeed, be what Dr. Bach had in mind when he advocated doing away with marriage in favor of a "group form that includes more people. . . (to provide) greater intimacy for a greater number."

Count us out, Dr. Bach; we'll stick with what we've got. However, there's a tom-cat at home who may be interested. On second thought, even he is a little choosy about the "group form" he associates with; thus he wouldn't fit in with this particular pursuit of "mental health".

If that is what it is.

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Ambulance

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done. The County Commissioners are charged with the responsibility of supplying, in some manner, this service to county citizens. They have not moved toward a solution in recent weeks, if indeed, the matter has even been discussed.

The firms signing the Henderson agreement are committed not to operate an ambulance service for the next five years within the three counties. This completely discounts any agreement that might have been reached with them to continue their services with tax supplemented aid.

J.A. Sandling, Franklin funeral home operator, said, "I am not letting my people down. I have given them an ambulance in April and last week I gave another to the Franklinton Rescue Service which serves Franklinton and Youngsville."

Copies of the agreement will be presented to the Board of County Commissioners in each of the three counties, according to reports.

Facts

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This does not appear to be asking too much," Peoples stated.

In answer to the publication charges by the Director, Mr. Peoples wrote, "It has not been our desire to get in an argument with anyone through the news media, and we did not authorize publication of any part of our letter to the Attorney General, and we did not furnish copies of the same to anyone other than Counsel involved, but since you have seen fit to send a copy of your letter to news media, a copy of this letter will be made available in the same manner."

Times Editor Clint Fuller supported Peoples' claim that he had not authorized publication of the letter. "We, of course, never reveal our confidential sources," said Fuller. "But the letter did not come from Mr. Peoples or any of his clients or associates. Nor, had we or any member of The Franklin Times staff ever discussed the matter with Mr. Peoples or any of his clients or associates prior to publication."

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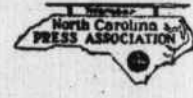
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FRANKLIN COUNTY, LOUISBURG, NORTH CAROLINA STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION Summary Statement Revenue - Expenditures For Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1967

	Property Tax Rate	Revenue Property Tax Rate	Revenue Other Sources	Total Expenditures
General Purpose, Veteran Service Officer, County Account, Farm and Home Agents, Welfare, O. A. A., A. F. D. C., A. P. T. D., M. A. A.	.58	\$ 311,436.97	\$ 222,584.44	\$ 448,673.09
County Debt Service	.05	21,822.77	2,664.03	22,473.48
County School Current Expense Fund	.32	108,241.69	98,320.21	291,084.13
County School Capital Outlay Fund	.33	113,511.51	172,909.10	123,080.33
Revaluation Fund	.01	5,172.19	884.05	8,485.73
Courthouse Repair Fund	.03	12,253.90	--	--
Hospital Fund	.08	34,074.14	5,824.92	39,899.06
Industrial Development Fund	.04	16,795.85	651.91	17,447.16
Health Fund	.07	30,128.79	24,463.85	45,650.66
Capital Improvement Fund	.05	19,788.54	--	--
	\$ 1.56			

STATEMENT OF COUNTY WIDE BOND DEBT JULY 1, 1967

Hospital Bonds	\$ 325,000.00
Total County Wide Debt	325,000.00
Less - Cash in Bank - Debt Service Fund	27,914.02
Net County Wide Bonded Debt	\$ 297,085.98

STATEMENT OF TAX LEVIES AND COLLECTIONS:

Levy	Assessed Valuation	Tax Rate	Tax Levy	Uncollected June 30, 1967	Per-Cent Collected
1966	\$ 47,069,410	1.56	\$ 87,475.18	\$ 97,971.85	88.01
1965	31,523,066	1.98	707,097.37	39,787.42	94.37
1964	30,195,396	1.90	665,242.02	26,455.13	96.02

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