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LOCAL EDITORIAL COMMENT

Comeback Of The Liberals?

A recent newspaper headline proclaimed: "Sanford to Lead Comeback of Liberals". The former governor is now pondering his chances of unseating Senator Sam Ervin and from reports, he is finding the prospects bleak indeed.

Mr. Sanford as the Democratic gubernatorial nominee in 1960, had the world by the tail. He was sitting on top. Young, handsome and popular, his political future was as bright as a shining star. But, that star faded and it faded fast.

Even before he entered the State House, he had pulled a political blunder. Sent to the National Convention as a Johnson delegate, Mr. Sanford bowed to the charms of Bobby Kennedy and switched to the late John F. Kennedy. When Kennedy won, Mr. Sanford's judgement seemed sound, although many Tarheels still resented his change. With the death of President Kennedy and the rise to power of Mr. Johnson, Mr. Sanford's stock hit a new low.

With growing dissatisfaction of the conduct of the national administration, North Carolinians began to look with disfavor on Governor Sanford. His attempt to name Richardson Preyer as his successor was a dismal failure and the road has been downhill ever since.

If the Fayetteville native is to lead a liberal comeback, it will not be this year and it will not be North Carolina.

Dan Moore and Beverly Lake forces are still conservative and they are still a stronger combination than the Sanford-Preyer camp. As long as the national administra-

tion continues on its tax and spend road to disaster, the comeback of liberals in this state is nothing more than a day dream.

Mr. Sanford's chances against Senator Sam Ervin are, as the old sportscaster used to say, slim and none. Senator Ervin is a statesman of the top order. Even if Tarheels were disenchanted with him, his conduct in the Senate merits another term. But, most Tarheels are not discontented with Senator Ervin. To the contrary, most admire him and he is almost unbeatable.

The fact that the GOP polled 320,000 votes against him six years ago, with a comparative unknown has given some hope to Mr. Sanford, but it must also cause some serious thinking among all Democrats. A heated primary between Sanford and Ervin could spell disaster for the Democrats and it is conceivable that a Republican could occupy the seat in Washington.

All these things undoubtedly are being considered by Mr. Sanford. He has his hand in the political pie already and he will most likely elect to sit this one out and to wait until Senator Ervin decides to retire.

Several candidates who will be running for high public office in the coming elections are past associates of Mr. Sanford's. The quiet with which they approach this fact, speaks much louder than most polls the liberals are taking.

Liberals may indeed come back, if they have in fact ever left. But, in this corner, it looks as though there will be a considerable wait.

Help For Reese Gardner

VIEWPOINT BY JESSE HELMS

The president of the University of North Carolina and the chancellor of its Chapel Hill branch could not have better served the purposes of Congressional candidate Reese Gardner than by responding in such terse and arrogant fashion to Mr. Gardner's complaint about a professor at Chapel Hill.

The facts of the incident are relatively simple. Mr. Gardner is an announced candidate for Congress from North Carolina's First District. He took note of a recent declaration by Professor Lewis Lipsitz, contained in a letter to the editor, to the effect that the

"worst possible outcome of the Vietnam war would be an American victory." The professor went on to say that if America should win in Vietnam, it would lead the nation's policy makers to the conclusion that "resistance to communism is worthwhile." Such a conclusion, the professor apparently believes, is wrong, in other words, we should, in his view, stop resisting the spread of communism around the world.

So Mr. Reese Gardner fired off a telegram to University President William Friday suggesting--or requesting, or

demanding; take your pick--that the professor be fired. President Friday, in a telegram signed also by Chancellor Carlyle Sitterson, responded by saying that Professor Lipsitz "has expressed his opinion on the Vietnam war, which he is entitled to do under his rights as a citizen of the United States." Period. That was all.

Putting the best possible face on it, Dr. Friday and Chancellor Sitterson answered a question that had not been asked, or at least one that was not at issue. It would have been far better to have made no response at all if

the University lacks the courage even to suggest that Professor Lipsitz was not speaking for the University--which, it must be hoped, he was not.

The significance of the incident is not particularly great except that it illustrates the petulance of the University's administrators when any citizen expresses a concern about the activities on the campus.

There is no occasion to suggest that Dr. Friday or Dr. Sitterson can be expected to serve as guardians capable of preventing every crackpot statement made by members

of their faculties. There is room for doubt, furthermore, that Reese Gardner really would support a policy prescribing dismissal for every professor who voices a reckless view, no matter how foolish. In the instance at hand, there is no evidence that the professor is voicing such diatribes on class. If he is, then Dr. Friday and Dr. Sitterson need to revise their declarations about the professor's "rights".

The point of concern in this matter is the University's posture, now that the incident has been concluded. Call Reese Gardner presumptuous, if you will, but there is better than a fair chance that he was voicing a concern shared by countless thousands of taxpayers who are required to provide the money to support the University. The telegram of response from the University upheld the hand of the professor; in no way did it disassociate the University from the views of the professor. In fact, it is bound--in the long run--to encourage other noisy leftwing extremists on the faculties to feel free to downgrade America, and give aid and comfort to communism, in the implicit name of the University.

So, Dr. Friday and Dr. Sitterson were not merely discourteous on an occasion when they might easily have made their point in dignity, while at once calming the apprehensions of many others sharing Mr. Gardner's concern.

Perhaps some will feel that Mr. Gardner deserved no more than a terse, arrogant response. We happen to think that he, and all other citizens who may state a concern, are entitled to far more. In any case, we suspect that Mr. Gardner was anything but displeased with the reaction he received. The telegram now in his hands will be useful in illustrating a point that undoubtedly he intends to make often during his campaign for office.

And, finally, what about the hundreds of professors who do not agree with Professor Lipsitz? Who will speak for them? Who will preserve their right not to be tarred with the Lipsitz brush? The pity of it is that the whole matter could have been resolved by a more courteous, less petulant telegram signed by two University administrators who, if anybody should, ought to be more respectful of public concern about a public institution.

SUPPOSE WE COULD NOMINATE VINCE LOMBARDI AND SEND NIXON TO GREEN BAY?



Fatality

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unidentified male companion stood along side highway 561, flagging passing motorists for nearly thirty minutes before anyone would stop to offer aid.

The scene is near the Nash, Halifax and Franklin county lines and is sparsely settled, with heavy wooded areas. Residents report that a number of deer cross the highway each day. Centerville Rescuer Tyree Lancaster said there are no "Deer Crossing" signs anywhere along the stretch.

Smith was fired as Wake School head in April of last year after a squabble with members of the Board of Education. He had served in the capacity for eleven years. He won and out-of-court settlement on his contract of \$3,380 and Superior Court Judge Maurice Braswell ruled that his discharge was without due process of law.

He accepted the Adult Education post last June and served the four counties of Halifax, Northampton, Hertford and Bertie.

Funeral services were conducted Monday at 11 a.m. at the Zebulon Methodist Church by the Rev. R.S. Brodie and the Rev. William K. Quick. Graveside services were conducted in Riverside Cemetery in Murfreesboro at 2:30 p.m.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Cornelia Hill Smith; one daughter, Mrs. Betty Ann Goslee of Wilmington; his father, the Rev. J.L. Smith of Durham; two sisters, Mrs. George Gilmore of Hillsborough and Mrs. Walter Camelin of Greenville, S.C.; and four grandchildren.

Dirksen On War

Senator Everett Dirksen has reaffirmed that he supported Johnson's basic objectives in the Vietnam War. The Illinois Republican said those who criticize Mr. Johnson's course had offered no workable alternative.

Moving To Cities Wanes

Secretary of Agriculture Orville L. Freeman says there has been a substantial slowdown in migration from the country to large urban areas. He is engaged in a campaign to increase employment and living conditions in rural areas.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

Not Its Business

Henderson Daily Dispatch

One of the amazing things about the mushrooming Federal bureaucracy is the spectre of one department of government teaching tobacco farmers how to grow more and better crops while another seeks to destroy the industry. It's an example of the inconsistency of this dictatorial method of managing the nation's affairs.

The case in point is the order recently handed down by the Post Office Department to all post offices to display on their trucks placards inferring that smoking is detrimental to health, which has no laboratory proof. Strangely enough, an order came suddenly on the eve of the effectiveness of ruling that the innovation had been deferred "until further notice." That could mean a hesitancy due to pressure, or abandonment of the idea permanently.

If the posters are to be discarded for keeps, it means the department has been to the expense of having these cards or sheets prepared for 55,000 trucks across the country, only to be junked.

President B. C. Mangum pointedly observed that if the department would concentrate on greater efficiency in operations instead of using time and money in such ventures as this, there would probably be no reason for an increase in postal rates. This is only one instance of bungling in government policies and others might be cited.

It is not the business of the Post Office Department to engage in propaganda, but this instance is an illustration of how bureaucrats seek to impose their edicts upon the country regardless of the wishes of the people. One department has persuaded another to join in the crusade against

one of the nation's largest industries, and all on the basis of mere statistics and without clinical evidence to support claims made.

The bureaucrats are not concerned about the \$4 billion tax intake from the sale of tobacco products, which is a substantial support of the Federal establishment. Their reasoning apparently is that even if the government lost this income it would be the responsibility of Congress to find a like amount elsewhere, and which would mean higher taxes

in other directions.

The Federal Trade Commission and the crusading zealots in Congress and elsewhere have gone off on a tangent in their tirade against tobacco, and had been hopeful that the postal service could be cajoled into joining hands with the movement. From some source came the order to desist so far as the department is concerned. Pressure has been applied by some authority. It doesn't matter greatly what the source, so long as the post office is spared the unsavory venture of collaborating in an undertaking which is wholly none of its business.

Days

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The Board also set three Saturdays as makeup days for days missed during the recent inclement weather. Makeup days were announced as follows: February 10, March 2 and March 16. Unless more days are lost, the other two makeup days will come from the four-day Easter holidays. Present plans call for schools to be closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday.

It was also disclosed that the system has been granted an additional \$83,406 of federal funds under the ESEA program. The system's maximum grant for the year was set at \$558,401 and the preliminary allocation previously made totaled \$474,995.



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