

VIEWPOINT

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The hysteria that has washed across America since the tragic death of President Kennedy seems to proclaim that the nation is a good deal sicker than most had imagined. All must hope, however, that merely the tirades of a minority are being heard, and that the majority of the American people are silent in their rational sadness.

All should pause to think. An effort is being made — and it grows more incredibly vociferous by the day — to equate disagreement with criminality, and independence with hatred. That's the world! Hatred. How many times have you heard it in the past ten days, inevitably assigned recklessly and irresponsibly to those who dared to differ with a trend or an advocacy or an idea?

The American people need to be reminded that President Kennedy was not murdered by an assassin who was participating in the American tradition of debate. The trigger was not pulled by a conservative, nor by what in the American political dialogue has come to be known as a "reactionary." The President lies dead at the hands of a self-admitted Marxist and a self-described official of the "Fair Play for Cuba Committee," a leftwing Castro-front organization.

And, yet, repeated charges are being heard that America must bear a "collective guilt" for the dastardly deed. A Senator who calls himself a "liberal" says that the responsibility lies "on the people of Dallas" because the tragedy occurred there and because there was much disaffection among the people of Dallas for some of the President's programs. To contend that this created an atmosphere of encouragement for Lee Harvey Oswald is absurd logic, a crude and callous distortion of truth. The assassin Oswald also despised the things that Barry Goldwater stands for. If it had been Goldwater lying dead beneath Oswald's hail of bullets, would there now be an outcry about "hatred"? No, the blame would simply be fixed upon a depraved agent of the communist conspiracy — perhaps self-appointed, perhaps not — and the matter dropped.

So, when our nation's highest judge says — as he did — that Mr. Kennedy's murder was stimulated by the "hatred and malevolence" that are "eating their way into the bloodstream of American life," where is his authority for the statement?

If America has a collective guilt, it must inevitably be traced to our tendency to misjudge the nature of our enemies. The death of the President is testimony to the fact that our internal security in this country is patently inadequate — basically at a time when no man here claims that we are outside the so-called "fronts" of communism. Perhaps we shall eventually learn the real stark lesson of John Kennedy's death: It is time to stop evading a criminal conspiracy as if it were a mere ineffective group of political non-conformists.

It is risky business to forecast what the fact-finding committee, appointed by President Johnson, will discover as it unravels the threads of a tragedy. But some things are known, though they are being ignored amidst the oratory about "hatred" and "extremism".

When Lee Harvey Oswald was taken into custody, there was a brief scene on television when he screamed that he wanted "Abt" to be his attorney. Later it was determined that Oswald was referring to John Abt, whose last public appearance occurred last December when he served as chief counsel for the Communist Party in connection with its failure to register as an agent of the Soviet Union. John Abt for many years was an employee of the federal government and it is known that he was a member of the first communist cell organization in Washington which, by a touch of irony, was headquartered less than a block from the church where Mr. Kennedy's funeral services were conducted.

It is not our purpose to assign Mr. Kennedy's death to any political camp or faction. But those who are now shouting so piously about "blood-stained hands" had better be careful. Who has been most critical of the House Committee on Un-American Activities? Who has scoffed most often at FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover's warnings about the infiltration of communists into the American society?

Talk of unity and both were supposed America had been united on the matter of beating back the attack of communism? Suppose we had been more inclined to recognize communists and communists for what they are? Would Lee Harvey Oswald then have been in a position to fire the shots that nibbed John F. Kennedy into eternity?

If Americans share a common guilt, this is it. But America should feel no remorse because its people are engaged in a dialogue of conflicting political and philosophical views. Those who are so loudly shouting about "hatred" had better take care that they are not themselves consumed by it. Most of all, we had now all best stand together against a common enemy which, in one way or another, sent Lee Harvey Oswald to do the deed that shocked and saddened all true Americans.

Christmas Cheer

Mr. Coates invites those who would like to help someone at Christmas to come to the office for an opportunity. Volunteer help is needed to check out each case of need to determine if it is legitimate and to find out exactly what is needed. Last year every single case of need was met, so far as the Committee can determine.

Those who know families in need are requested to call the Committee and let them know of the family and its needs. Families in need are invited to let the Committee know of the needs.

In his report today, Mr. Coates said that 206 families were helped last year during the Christmas season, and 152 have been helped during the spring and summer. Prescriptions have been filled for medicine for the needy sick, transients who are hungry and need a place to sleep and help to get home have found that help here. Milk for babies, meals for children at school, clothing and fuel for families in need, and even aid in getting a youth out of jail and home for a new start — these are some of the things done.

All this is being done under the auspices of the Dunn Ministerial Association, of which the Rev. J. Doner Lee is President.

Lillington Adopts

tion commissioner Redfern explained the present city dump on the north side of D Street is filled.

The Norwood land contains a large hole that would be suitable for working into a garbage dump, he said.

Johnston was the only commissioner who opposed the move.

The board voted to award Harry Shafran \$47.74 to compensate him for damage done to his property during the recent sewer construction project. The amount will be deducted from the account with Crowell Construction Co.

The board turned down a motion by Johnston to erect four 15-minute parking signs on Eighth Street in the post office block. Johnston proposed that the signs apply to only one-half of the block.

Search For

Att'y Gen. Robert Kennedy, who offered his assistance in the search for the assassin of President Kennedy, was reported active in the case here.

The bolley increased speculation that the FBI, playing a lone hand, was investigating an airtight case that could be announced by the attorney general himself or agency Director J. Edgar Hoover as he has been the pattern in recent federal cases.

Agents turned away questions with a terse "no comment."

Two residences in the San Fernando Valley were raided Thursday by agents. One was a house in Canoga Park where they took pictures made plaster casts of footprints and the marks and carted away boxes of evidence. The search of the house was abandoned by the FBI at midnight.

Dear Santa Claus:

DEAR SANTA CLAUSE
I am seven years old and in the second grade. Mrs. Pope is my teacher, she is real good. I want you to bring me, pebble baby doll, a watch and a big surprise, don't forget all the other boys and girls.
DONNA SUE AUTRY
709 S. Elm St.
Dunn

DEAR SANTA CLAUSE
My name is Paul Soot Hamilton. I am three years old. I live in Lillington.
I would like to have a Big Bruiser and an airplane, a dump truck pick-up truck and a train set for Christmas.
I hope you will give some poor boys and girls something too. For they will not get very much.
P.S. Will you please write me back?

PAUL HAMILTON
2nd St., Lillington.

DEAR SANTA
My name is Trudeau Lynn Turner. I am seven years old. For Christmas I would like for you to bring me a new coat, with a fur collar, a vac-U-Form and some surprises. Don't forget to bring my little sister Ginger something nice. I will leave you something to eat under the Christmas tree.

Love,
TRUDEAU TURNER
Dunn

DEAR SANTA CLAUSE
I am glad you will be coming

to see me soon. This is what I want for Christmas. I want a Tiger Joe. Hope you have a nice Christmas.

Your friend,
JIMMY BLEDSOE
804 North Ellis, Dunn

DEAR SANTIE
I am a little boy. I am 9 years old and I have been a good little boy and I want some cowboy guns and a little radio and some fruit and candy. With lots of love to you.

WILLIAM EARL BASS
Route 4, Dunn

DEAR SANTA CLAUSE
I am an 8 year old girl. I have tried to be a good girl this year.

I would like you to bring me a Barbie and Ken. I want everything that comes with Barbie and Ken. I want a cotton candy machine and an 8 ball and a surprise. Do not forget mother and Daddy. I will leave you something.

Love,
SANDRA LYNN BASS
Route 4, Dunn

DEAR SANTA,
I would like a paratrooper set and a Vac-U-Form and a bicycle. I am writing for Ava Ruth Gray Hartley, 4 years old. Dava Lee Hartley, 5 years old. They want some pretty dolls and also Tamie and Barbie and Ken.

AVA RUTH AND DAVA HARTLEY
403 South Ann, Dunn

DEAR SANTA CLAUSE
Here is what I want. A Tammy and family and her things. I love Christmas. I love you too.

I am 7 years old. Will you come

to my house on Christmas? I will leave you something. I want bedroom slippers. I want a cook set just like Mothers. I am in the second grade. My teacher's name is Mrs. Martha Brock. I love her just like I do you. She is pretty.

SHERRY LEE BEALEY
202 West "F" St., Erwin

DEAR SANTA CLAUSE
My name is Tommie Wood. I am six years old. I am in the first grade at Magnolia Ave. School. My teacher's name is Mrs. Marks. I have been a good boy this year. Please bring me a race track set and Tiger Joe and please remember all the boys and girls at Christmas.

I love you.
TOMMIE WOOD
Rt. 4, Box 254
Dunn

DEAR SANTA,
Thank you for the gifts I received last year.

Please bring me a Civil War Cavalry Set. The Blue and Gray and also bring me a bigger air rifle.

By,
CHARLES TYSINGER
Rt. 1, Box 125 Lillington

DEAR SANTA,
For Christmas I wish you would bring me a tent, B.B. Gun, Sleeping bag, cowboy boots, and a Imperial yo-yo. My name is Freddie Dean Jackson. I am in the second grade, and I am seven years old. I always have a stockin hanging up on Christmas.

Yours truly,
FREDDIE DEAN JACKSON
Dunn

DEAR SANTA,
I have been a good boy. Please bring me a Big Shot cannon, top supermarket, a real wrist watch and some goodies in my stocking.

Please bring my sister Jenny a baby doll that talks, piano, Penny the poodle dog and also remember the boys and girls everywhere.

Santa, we will leave you some refreshments under the Christmas tree.

Love,
BOBBY WILLIAMS
Route 3, Dunn

Scouts Get

the home.
Ray Stewart — Citizenship in the home and community and cooking.
Junior Breeden — Hiking and a safety.
Jimmy Jackson — Hiking, cooking, camping and firemanship.
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of the children in this county are not making use of the education that is provided for them.

According to the U. S. Department of Labor children who are now in school are going to have to change their attitudes of least three times during their lifetimes. This means that they are going to have to be retrained better than ever before to meet these new situations as they arise.

Many parents ask how they can train their children in school. Some of the things they might do are: 1. See that the child attends school regularly. If he is absent too much he cannot learn getting habituated in his work. This means failure which leads to dropping out of school. 2. Visit your school. See if the school is making the most of its staff. 3. Get something out of the school. 4. Know how to use the school. 5. Always talk favorably about school when talking to your child. This will give him confidence in school.

This was the situation in not so many years ago. We have had a total of 73 students to leave school. Twenty-nine of these left when they reached sixteen years of age, eight left because of marriage, eight because of physical or mental disability, and fifteen for reasons unknown; four were dismissed from school, three were committed to correctional institutions, two died, three were issued work permits, and one joined the armed forces.

According to statistics from the source cited above, this means a loss in income to this county of

\$4,455,000. This is how much more these people could have made during their lifetime had they remained in school.

Now is the time for the people of the county to become active in preventing this terrible loss of human resources.

Visit your schools. Ask those who work there what you may do to help.

Peron Scoffs

dition request.
Spain has extradited only one political refugee as prominent as Peron — former French Premier Pierre Laval, who was tried in France on charges of collaborating with the Nazis during World War II and executed.

SNOW DRIFTS REPORTED

Strong winds whipped snow into drifts and temperatures dropped to below zero on the Northern Plains today.



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