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The Costs Of War

One of the things that we look forward to each Monday morning is the editorial section of The Charlotte Observer, about the only part of this excellent newspaper we have time to read, as it is a day late in arriving. But in the editorial section we always find several thought provoking articles. The issue of August 12 was no exception.

"Two Jars of BBs vs The Nuclear Arms Race" was the heading of an interesting article by the Observer staff. It concerned an interview with Bill Winthrow, retired naval commander, who not only says that further nuclear arms construction is unnecessary, but also holds that the cost of conventional weapons are enough to make any war between Russia and the United States unlikely. This does not rule out the chance of an accidental nuclear war, he said. "I have absolutely no fear of an outbreak of a nuclear war between the United States and the Soviet Union—so long as the decision-makers remain rational. But you never know when someone is going to go off his rocker."

"You've read about the last days of Nixon in the White House. Under the greatest strain, I suppose, of any President in American history. All the reports I've read indicate that he started hitting the bottle

heavier and heavier. In the closing days, you may recall, a delegation of congressmen went over to talk and he told them "I guess you know that I'm the most powerful man in the world. All I have to do is to walk into that other room and push the button."

"It got so serious that General Haig, who was chief of staff, sent word to the (nuclear) operating forces that no word from the White House regarding their deployment would be honored unless countersigned by the secretary of state."

In answer to a question "But don't we need the Soviet capability?" Winthrow replied:

"There is a limit to how much we can prepare to take care of all contingencies. I think that we have reached that limit. The most expensive plane we had in World War II was \$300,000 each. When the Air Force went in for the authorization of the B1 a number of years ago, the estimated cost was \$30 million. Now the estimated cost is \$350 million for each B1. We don't have it yet. Still the estimated cost continues to rise."

"Well, what kind of attrition rate could you live with in a war? Every time you lose a bomber, you've lost more than a quarter of a billion dollars." There is of course much more.

Out Of Tune Again

By WINGATE LASSITER
In The Smithfield Herald

One of the key points Jim Hunt tried to drive home in the recent TV debate is that Jesse Helms is often out of tune with the administration of President Reagan, GOP party affiliation notwithstanding. That point was given further credence by comments Senator Helms made about foreign trade during Wednesday's opening of this region's tobacco markets.

Mr. Helms said tobacco exports from China threaten to undermine Eastern Carolina's tobacco growers. The Chinese, he declared, are "after our markets, and they're getting a pile of them." He compared the threat to what's happened to the textile industry.

The same crowd that's pushing for most-favored nation status for Red China are the same ones who pushed for the giveaway of our Panama Canal," Senator Helms charged. "They say it would help our tobacco exports. Poppycock!"

The Senator's sentiments are sure to stir emotions among many of this region's frustrated farmers. After all, that's the Helms way: arouse people's prejudices to serve his political ends—in this case, prejudice toward foreigners, especially nations with Communist governments like China.

Trouble is, that narrow view of

world economic affairs is short-sighted and counter-productive. Even the Reagan administration knows that. In fact, U. S. Secretary of Agriculture John Block, accompanying Mr. Helms on a visit to the Greenville Tobacco Market on Wednesday, undercut the Senator's rash statements when he said the Chinese export situation "hasn't been a serious problem for tobacco." Secretary Block also reaffirmed the administration's support for most-favored trade status for China—a position shared by Democrat Jim Hunt.

"North Carolina farmers know that both countries would lose if we followed Senator Helms's advice and began a new Cold War with China," Mr. Hunt declared in response to Wednesday's statements from Mr. Helms at Greenville.

A simplistic approach to foreign affairs—and foreign trade—that's grounded on anti-Communist passions alone is not the answer to sophisticated international issues of today's disjointed world.

Accomplish More

Ordinary men who have been able to accomplish extraordinary things have done more for the world than all its extraordinary men.—Sydney J. Harris.

Mostly Personal A Salute To Women

By BIGNALL JONES
Had I ever had any idea that women's ability is limited by their sex, I have long ago lost it, partly because of the number of capable women employed in our office and other offices in Warrenton. For much of my life few business opportunities were open to women. We of the "stronger" sex tried to shield our women and place them on pedestals. In spite of this it seems to me that much of the dirtiest work in the home landed in the laps of women, both white and black.

History bears proof that women have ruled wisely and well as queens, one of the most noteworthy being Queen Elizabeth the First of England, as well as Queen Victoria. In modern times, Mrs. Thatcher of England is a strong Premier, and in this country we have several governors, members of Congress, and number of female heads of business. And now, hopefully we may even have a woman Vice President of the United States.

Women are also distinguishing themselves in the field of Literature; as a matter of fact, I am near the end of Barbara W. Tuchman's "The March of Folly," which I consider a masterpiece. I think that I have learned more of history and people from this than from any other book that I have read during a long life.

I had never heard of Jane R. Montgomery of Smithfield until a few days ago I read her letter to The Smithfield Herald. I clipped it because, reading it, I realized that she is not only a woman of intelligence, but of uncommon decency. It follows:

"The Reader's Idea Of A True Conservative" To The Editor:

The two most misused words today are "liberal" and "conservative." The media, politicians and religious leaders bandy these words around without the public's really knowing what they are saying.

To me, a "conservative" is one who conserves, protects, and uses reasonable caution. I believe we ought to conserve the environment: our children need clean air, clean water, good land, and a reasonably free country.

To resist the developers, the free enterprise fanatics, and those who wish to maintain the status quo—"me get, you just sorry"—is the true spirit of conservatism.

Have you ever examined why people of power and influence are where they are? A few are downright smart, but many were lucky by inheritance of color, money, and special privilege. Many think they deserve all that they have without a backward glance at all who helped them achieve their comfort (even the poor contributed). Affording opportunity for all is conserving human beings for society.

I believe that every person should warrant justice under the law and be treated the same way for the same offense. Should this not conserve respect for

justice? I believe that we must have "government on our backs" if we conserve the seas, the farmlands, the air, and our natural resources. Have you seen what's happening to the forests all over our state? Do you see the fields washing away? Do you see the river lowgrounds being filled in, with trees dying in agony to make way for used-car lots, gas pumps, junk, sign pollution and scenic filth?

A true conservative is less greedy to make a buck. He wishes to save some beauty near the Town Commons and wants to conserve and preserve for another day.

A true conservative believes in the privilege of choice in religion. To me, this means that you have the freedom to worship, to believe, to get an education, to travel our country without interfering with the rights of others. I believe that you should drive courteously, that you should choose where you wish to live and how many children you have without your religion or

your motives being questioned. Do you want a second China, India, or other overpopulated country?

I also believe that the true conservative believes in the free-enterprise system, which does not mean corporations gobbling up other corporations, executives of large companies pocketing millions then blaming the unions for wanting job security. Conserving our country does not mean going overseas to use cheap labor to make more money to influence people, elections and the media while screaming about government regulations and welfare cheaters. Free enterprise means being free to make an honest buck but not being so greedy that you want to have it all, use it all, and eat it all.

You see, my idea of being conservative—which I am—is so different but correct that I'll bet you have thought I was a wild-eyed liberal!

JANE R. MONTGOMERY
Smithfield

Town Board Meets

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Johnston.

Commissioner A. A. Wood, chairman of the Police Committee, told the board that the Police Department was badly in need of an automobile which the town had agreed to purchase from the Highway Department for \$4,500. Pete Vaughan, town administrator, told the commissioners that he wanted to check funds on hand before agreeing to send a check to the Highway Department. The board then authorized the town administrator to send the check when the money is available.

During the absence of Commissioner Bobby Edmonds, chairman of the Street Committee, Mayor White told the commissioners that work on repairing pot holes and some street paving was progressing satisfactorily.

Mayor White also said that the town had received a \$7,000 planning grant from the state. The board voted to accept the grant and have it sent to Freeman Engineers who would carry out planning for the town.

An inspection team from the N. C. Department of Commerce was in town on August 8 inspecting the town as a candidate for another Community of Excellence Award. Mayor White told the board that they appeared pleased with the results. The awards banquet will be held on September 19, at the Civic Center in

Rape Charge

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assaulted her. The woman reported to law enforcement officers that the rape occurred about 6 p. m. Alston was arrested and charged in the case late Wednesday afternoon.

Records indicated that the woman was treated at Maria Parham Hospital in Henderson Tuesday night.

Alston is scheduled to appear on the charge in Warren District Court today.

Raleigh.

Mayor White said that he talked with Governor Jim Hunt at the recent rally here, and that Governor Hunt told him there would not be any difficulty in collecting over-time for police officers here during the recent convict hunt. Mayor White said the governor asked him to send him an itemized bill and he would see that the town received its money. He said he mailed the bill to Governor Hunt but has not yet received the check.

The commissioners were dismissed at 10 p. m. by Mayor White, 40 minutes after calling for committee reports.

Church Members Easing Hunger

Members of Warren Plains Baptist Church are doing their part to ease the pain caused by a problem of global dimensions—hunger.

During the past three months, church members have contributed more than \$300 to the World Hunger Relief Program of the Southern Baptist Convention.

As a part of the church's program, members are asked to forego one meal a week and to give the cost of that meal to help alleviate world hunger.

Although the funds are channeled through the denomination's Foreign Mission Board, the entire amount contributed goes directly to the relief effort and none is withheld for administrative expenses.

"This is a ministry of our church that's brand new," the Rev. Clay Shook, pastor of the 200-member congregation, said last week. "It allows each and every member to participate in the effort. It also helps us to feel hungry once in awhile so we can understand the terrible feeling of having nothing to eat."

"Every day 40,000 people die from starvation and 30,000 of these are children," he noted. "Our garbage



Dateline Washington

by Congressman

Tim Valentine
2nd District, North Carolina

The heavy hand of government bureaucracy is pushing the American farmer into his own soil, burying him beneath a mass of rules, regulations, and legalistic double talk. Nowhere is this problem greater than within the agencies that deal with migrant labor.

For the most part, farmers don't deny the sincerity of the regulators they deal with. There are exceptions, however, as some bureaucrats seem more intent on harassment than fair and honest enforcement of laws and regulations. In some cases, farmers have been slapped with fines by one bureaucracy even after following the rules laid down by another. This inefficiency and waste is despicable.

One cause of these problems is excessive regulation by Federal officials in areas dealt with by fully competent local experts. Federal agencies sometimes don't know the situation as well as local officials, and the Federal rules they apply are written in faraway Washington, where there are precious few farms and where most people have no idea of farmers' problems.

Farmers are also complaining of harassment from some governmentally-funded groups that criticize their operations and then take them to court. When that happens, farmers have to defend themselves—by hiring expensive attorneys.

All the relevant authorities must get themselves together—and get their act together too, so the farmer has one consistent set of rules to live by. In addition, the farmer has to clearly understand that he has the right to appeal bureaucratic decisions to higher authorities, with the assumption of a fair and speedy trial. I shall make every effort to monitor Congressional actions with these principles in mind.

Otherwise, we'll soon see the day when a person won't be able to run a farm without a law degree. We will also have crushed America's number-one success story—our farmers and their families, together with their enterprise and productivity—under tons of red tape. That will be a sorry day for America.

News Of Yesteryear

Looking Back Into The Warren Record

August 18, 1944

Robert Macon Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter R. Davis of Macon, received his silver wings on August 4 when he graduated as a flight officer from the Advanced Two-Engine Pilot School at Pecos Army Air Field in Texas, it was announced recently by Col. Orin J. Bushey, commanding officer.

Fourteen dollars was mailed this week to Greek War Relief headquarters in New York by Steve Papageorge, local chairman of this fund.

The Rev. A. P. Chambliss, Jr. presided at the service of Holy Baptism on Sunday afternoon at 6:30 p. m. for little Panthea Ann Twitty, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fitts Twitty.

August 14, 1959

Town authorities are withholding any action on the operation of midget cars on town streets until a ruling can be obtained from the State Attorney General as to their legal status.

Unseasonal rains earlier this summer have postponed the completion of the new physical education plant at John Graham High School here until December.

Warrenton may possibly obtain a new theatre within the next few months. This was the consensus of a group of business and civic leaders of Warrenton who met here on Tuesday night with Warren Theatre manager C. Van Jones, who has operated the Warren Theatre since last November 1.

August 15, 1974

Warren commissioners are expected to meet next week in special session to consider hiring two additional deputy sheriffs to fill slots made available by a \$23,944 federal grant approved last week.

Reedy Rill in Warren County has been nominated for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places by Dr. Thornton Mitchell, acting state historic preservation officer.

Mrs. W. R. Baskerville and Miss Evelyn Baskerville and Buck Baskerville of Eureka, Va., attended the debutante ball and dinner at the country club in New Bern last week given in honor of Miss Jane Baskerville of New Bern and four other young ladies.

disposals in the United States eat better than 30 percent of the world's people. The solution to the problem is not found in feeling guilty and never taking steps to solve the problem. The proper Christian response is to feel responsible, not guilty, for the hungry people of the world."

There are numerous organizations, in addition to those affiliated with various religious denominations, to which contributions to feed the

world's hungry people can be made. For further information, contact the Rev. Mr. Shook at 257-1767.

Research in this area may lead to drug or nutritional treatments that could bolster the immune system, giving humans a better quality of life and possibly greater longevity.

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