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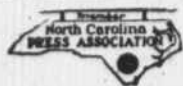
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Let's Stick To Principles

A PETITION urging the United States Senate to abolish the filibuster has been signed, says an announcement, by 3,600 Southerners. Western North Carolina signers listed include Clark Foreman, of Highlands, president of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare, a sponsoring organization; G. Hines, principal of the Chapel (Negro) school at Franklin; Rabbi Robert P. Jacobs, of Asheville; and the Rev. Eldon Durham, of the Presbyterian church at Marshall.

The petition terms the filibuster "disgraceful and intolerable", asserts that "majority rule is fundamental to democracy", and declares that "the time to permit filibusters in America has passed".

All that may sound right and reasonable—on the surface.

But let's examine it a bit.

First of all, this petition is provoked by the filibuster against the bill to create a permanent Fair Employment Practices Committee. That fact raises a question about the petition; because a fight against a method of government—and the filibuster long has been a recognized procedure of the Senate—should be based upon the conviction that the method is wrong in principle, rather than the mere fact that the method interferes with enactment of a specific piece of legislation. Would the signers of this petition object to the filibuster if it were aimed at preventing legislation that discriminated against the Negro or the Jew? The answer, of course, is no. That puts the petitioners somewhat in the position of the child who objects to the rules of the game—when he finds he is losing.

Second, is a filibuster really "disgraceful and intolerable"? After all, it is nothing but an endurance test—a group of senators matching the endurance of their vocal chords against the endurance of the patience of senators favoring the legislation. It is an awkward legislative method, certain; and undoubtedly it frequently has been abused. But neither of those facts makes it wicked in principle.

Finally, this group appears completely to ignore—as is happening so often in America today—a principle fundamental to the American system of government. This government was set up not only to provide for majority rule, but equally to protect the rights of minorities. In their zeal for the rights of racial minorities, the petitioners completely forget the legislative rights of another minority—those who oppose the FEPC. For—quite aside from the merits of the controversy—the opponents are quite within their rights in fighting this legislation; and the filibuster is a recognized senate method by which a minority may make a last-ditch fight to protect what it considers a right.

It may be that the filibuster should go.

But it should not be abolished merely to facilitate passage of this, or any other, legislation.

And it should not be abolished until a workable substitute to protect the legislative rights of minorities has been found and put into effect.

Who'll We Pick

The filing of Rep. Zebulon Weaver as a candidate for reelection calls attention to the fact that it is only a few weeks until the people of North Carolina and of Macon county will select their candidates for public offices.

Who will those candidates be? Will they be the persons best qualified for the particular offices they seek? or will they be merely men who are personally popular? Will they be those whose characters assure us of government that not only is honest but also is positive and progressive? or will they be merely men who aren't dishonest?

The answer lies with you, Mr. and Mrs. Voter. It's your business they will transact; it's your responsibility. And it's none too early to start thinking about it.

The world is good-natured to people who are good-natured.
—Thackeray.

One always tends to fear another whom he has wronged.
—Gallagher.

Wilmington Finding Way To Keep Veterans Home

RALEIGH.—"Where does a job come from, Pop?"

The answer to this question is sought by many communities, now that large numbers of war veterans, war workers and other workers are forming a backlog of workers in some sections of North Carolina.

One community is going after the answer and expects to get it. Enterprising newspaper people, backed by enterprising groups of civic organizations, including veterans, in Wilmington, are calling upon the citizens of that city to suggest new enterprises, small industries, service needed by the citizenship, as a means of developing jobs for those who are looking for methods of earning livings for themselves and their families.

R. Mayne Albright, state director of the United States Employment Service, cites the page advertisement carried in Wilmington papers, which calls upon the citizens to send in suggestions for industrial, commercial or service activities which are needed and which are not now readily available.

Replies are to be made in a blank carried in the advertisement, and returned to the Veterans Employment representative at the local USES office.

These replies are to be assembled and compared, and the types of industries or services for which need is expressed are to be suggested to unemployed workers. If small capital is required for a start, the civic organizations may assist in providing it.

Already one veteran is reaping good returns in operating a motorized grocery store in one section, housewives responding to the clang of his bell and buying their daily needs at the curb. Another veteran, with some skill and a few implements, is repairing broken chair and table legs and other pieces of furniture.

"Almost any community in North Carolina can follow Wilmington's example, or work up its own program of creating jobs for any surplus workers by giving a little cooperative thought and time to developing new activities, however small, for their own unemployed workers", said Mr. Albright.

Others' Opinions

"BAD ROADS CLOSE SCHOOLS"

HOW many times have you seen this lately?
How many school hours have been lost this winter for this reason?

McDowell County system has been closed since December 13 according to County Superintendent N. F. Stepe, and are still closed. A tentative date was set to reopen the schools Wednesday of last week but until that time the roads were still impassable.

Bat Cave road is, and has been all winter, in a deplorable condition. Don't try to go over it.

The rural roads outside of the city of Black Mountain are in no better condition than our neighbor's roads.

Western North Carolina has the most beautiful scenery of any place in the United States, that is taking in a lot of territory, BUT it would be a difficult proposition to see it in winter time.

The public: Mr. Commissioner why don't you gravel and grade our rural roads?

Mr. Commissioner: Well, when its raining and snowing, I can't get to them; and when its real pretty weather they don't need any work.—Black Mountain News.

THE OPEN FIRE

THE technologists tell us that we shall live in a wonderful new age tomorrow. We shall fly through the air at terrific speeds, sweeping to the far corners of the earth in a matter of hours. We are to have wondrous new kitchen and garage gadgets. The mere pressing of a button will fry our steaks in less time than it takes to write about it. There are to be enchanting new motor cars with liquid springs and heavenly upholstery. Our pre-fabricated house will contain so many new electrical devices that we shall have to have a card index to identify all of them. In short, the prophecy is of an exquisite, dreamlike existence with every intricate device of physical force at our command, an Aladdin-and-his-lamp existence in which we are surrounded every minute of the day with scores of invisible slaves awaiting our most unreasonable command.

So far have we come since those countless centuries when, to that primitive Aryan ancestor of ours on the cold steppes of Asia, the very acme of physical comfort was to shed his sheepskin and bask in the warmth of his crude open fireplace. So far have we come, and yet so little—because in the end shall we not grow exceedingly weary of all those intricate devices? Then the only thing that will give us real joy is the very same thing that warmed the heart of the primitive Aryan and the many generations that came after him. When we want real rest and relaxation we shall return, just as he did, to the open fireplace. When all the items of this wonderful new age of tomorrow grow monotonous we shall, as always, be refreshed as we watch the flickering fire throw eerie shadows on the wall and form marvelous castles in the flames. We shall delight in the aroma of burnt pine or oak, just as people of all ages found their best enjoyment in simple things.

The devices of science will come and go; newer and greater things will take their place. They will be interesting, helpful, of course; but they will never quite serve human emotion in the same way as the age-old custom of warming one's toes before an open fire.—Atlanta Journal.

Where God is not, peace cannot come; where peace is not, God cannot come.—Erasmus.

Farmers and Woodmen

The prices on Dogwood for shuttles has been raised for this season. Anyone having Dogwood to cut should contact W. H. Waldroop at the mill for specifications before cutting.

We have several boundaries of Dogwood stumpage bought. If interested in contract-cutting, see us.

We are also buying good grade Persimmon wood for shuttles at top prices.

Highlands Briar, Inc.

Phone 1303 — 1305

Be not disturbed at trifles or at accidents common or unavoidable.—Benjamin Franklin.

Little is much, if the heart be turned toward heaven.
—The Talmud.

Never content yourself by doing your second best, however unimportant the occasion.—Gen. Sheridan.

I have had more trouble with myself than with any other man.—Dwight L. Moody.

One on God's side is a majority.—Wendell Phillips.

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Household Furnishings
Farm Tools

One Horse

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SUNDAYS, BY APPOINTMENT IN ADVANCE

... speaks well
... advertising
... in your paper ...

The following letter, for which
we are grateful, speaks for itself:

BELK'S DEPARTMENT STORE

FRANKLIN, N. C.

Jan. 28, 1946.

Mr. Weimar Jones,
The Franklin Press,
Franklin, N. C.

Dear Mr. Jones:

About ten days ago this store received a bale of wide sheeting that had been damaged by oil in shipment.

On receipt of this merchandise we placed a small ad in The Franklin Press stating that the sheeting was on sale in our Basement Store at a substantial saving over the regular price.

We sold the entire shipment of approximately 1000 yards in 5 days and at this time are still receiving inquiries every day about the sheeting we advertised in The Press.

I think this incident speaks well of the pulling power of advertising in your paper.

With best regards,

Yours truly,

T. H. CALLAHAN,

Belk's Dept. Store

Perhaps the explanation for "the pulling power of advertising" in this newspaper lies in two facts:

1. The Press is read every week by thousands of Macon county persons.
2. It is read thoroughly—"from cover to cover", as some readers have phrased it.

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