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Intimidation Won't Settle **Greyhound Strike**

Greyhound Bus Lines is preparing to return to the road this week after being shut down for two weeks by a strike of its drivers. Until Monday, the drivers' strike was simply another inconvenience to travelers. Plans announced by the carrier on Monday, however, have raised the question of the strike's implications for public safety.

Company officials have announced that they will begin to hire workers to replace the striking drivers. These newly-hired drivers will take to the road after a two-week training period. In order to induce the paying public to return to riding Greyhound, the company has announced plans for half-fare travel during the profitable holiday season.

Despite the assurances of Greyhound officials, the inexperience of these drivers must be called to the public attention. Drivers with, many years of experience will be replaced by new employees unfamiliar with the operation of the equipment or conditions of many of the highways the buses must travel. On-the-job training for the hundreds of drivers that may be hired only increases the risks of holiday tragedy on our highways.

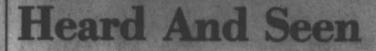
Emboldened perhaps by the Reagan administration's handling of the air traffic controllers' strike, Greyhound management is proposing the wholesale dismissal of its experienced drivers. The union leaders charge that Greyhound is attempting to bust the union. Greyhound's latest action in the strike would appear to support the union leaders' charges.

The wage and benefit concessions which Greyhound demands that the drivers concede were agreed upon during collective bargaining. By threatening to replace the striking drivers, Greyhound management has rejected the collective bargaining process, replacing it with union-busting intimidation.

Greyhound bus drivers are not federal employees. They are conducting a legal strike against their employer. The loss of their jobs should not be the price they pay for exercising their fights as American workers.

Before the hopes of unemployed workers are raised unrealistically, before violence breaks out on the picket lines and the safety of the public is jeopardized by inexperienced drivers, it is time for the federal government to step in and bring both sides back to the negotiating table. No one will be well served by the proposal Greyhound has presented.

Negotiation and accommodation, not intimidation, will resolve the conflict in a satisfactory manner.



By POP STORY

Patriots Displayed Courage

Local football fans seem to have mixed emotions about the final games of the 1983 season.

As far as the high school season is concerned, needless to say, most fans are glad to see the season end. It has been a disappointment season for our Madison High Patriots who were winless in their 10-game schedule.

On the other side of the coin, however, the light and inexperienced squad showed courage throughout the season in giving their best efforts every week realizing that they were outmanned by their opponents who, by and large, had larger and more talented players.

Now that the 1983 season is history, players, coaches, ans fans must look toward to an improved season in 1984.

Congratulations are due to the players, coaches and fans for their loyalty, despite the win-lost record.

Election Night Orderly Here

Those in charge of conducting the election results here on Nov. 8 did a fine job and maintained a guiet and orderly atmosphere for the 21/2 hour session at City Hall.

Congratulations are in order for Billie Jean Haynie, who served as clerk and publicaddress announcer; Vader Shelton who called out the results, ballot after ballot; Wade Huey and Mrs. Garland Brown, who served as judges; Billie Jean Redmon and Gary Moore, who tallied the results.

It was a tiresome job and well done.

By JOSEPH GODWIN

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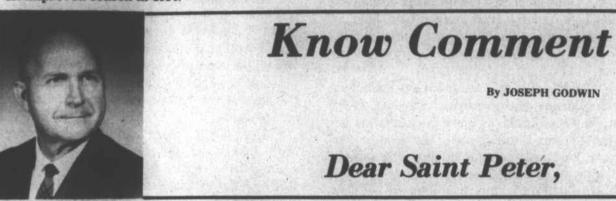
those who can speak the

language of King James (and

the apostle Paul) will be able

to communicate with you and

City?



Dear Saint Peter,

Please do not think I am a week-kneed Christian who is always disgruntled about something. I certainly am not! On the other hand, I do find it necessary to write to you again because I am disorganized, depressed, discouraged, downhearted, and otherwise discombobulated.

some of their attitudes.

and more frequently - I find some fortunate soul who is ab- about themselves. solutely sure he has God's word. He is bound to have these loudly proclaimed, "I been on that WATTS line all hear some of you talking about morning talking to the Man in what God would have you to do your Oval Office.

Naturally, I would not deprive them of this intimacy; I just like to get in on it myself.

As you know, I have been a loved being a minister and have enjoyed a happy hard time. Yet, I envy every one of heaven's spit-fire servants who are "sure - absolutely positive -- that I am the center of God's will."

So you see, the WATTS line number will help me out a great deal.

I gather a difference of opinion that adds to my confusion. Our brother, John Paul, thinks that he is your successor to be in Christ's place on earth. Maybe

What bothers me most is the people I know around here who think the same thing

Not too long ago, one of where you should serve in These people are always His kingdom. Well, you listen

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will tell me. Then I'll let you means to be saved by grace know. That's what He placed through faith. That part is no me here as pastor for!' problem. My problem comes St. Peter, if that were true, daily as I try to work out my

minister for 46 years. I have why did the good people of the own salvation through fear church act the way they did? and trembling. Half of them left, and the other half ran him off. terrible to still be working out

Sometimes I wish human my salvation through fear and nature would change, but it trembling while my friends doesn't. Today, there are board the maiden run of the American religionists, like the Rapture Express. Jewish religionists of your day, who think they are the onwhat is the official language at ly potatoes in the hill. If any your Place, anyway? If there one of them were intended to is more than one language think thoughts for me, why am permitted, why do some peo-I having to carry this head ple think we can speak only around all the time? one language here in prepara-

These same people will long and loud about freedom and independence - freedom for themselves while they demand conformity on the part of the rest of us. If you ever ran into that, you know how

frustrating it can be. St. Peter, I'm not quite make their needs and wishes ready to use a passport and known. visa to your Place yet. Still,

Thou knowest, O St. Peter, if I'd like for you to send me one. this be true, thou shouldest in-Some people I know already struct thy servant before it is have theirs and wave them in too late. Wilt thou do so?

NESO FALTOPOLALULANA

WHO GETS THE COKE, TWO BIG MACS AND THE HOSTESS TWINKIE ?..

My problem is some of your people. Well, not the people themselves, really, but what they say and how they act and

To begin with, will you please send me the number of Heaven's WATTS line? I'll appreciate it tremendously. The time was when I would never have thought of asking for such a favor. However, periodically -

told God," and "God told me." know what you should do, He

the faces of the rest of us. I know all about what it Your brother, Joe

An Analysis

We just can't seem to put the pain of Vietnam behind

By CLIFTON B. METCALF

The war in Vietnam touched us all more deeply than we have cared to show, until now.

For the young men and women who came back, there were no parades, no speeches, no fireworks - none of the usual honors with which we greet our veterans.

Divided over whether we should have sent them and never sure of what we had asked them to do, we let them slip back into the national fabric with hardly a notice. We couldn't even find enough jobs for a constructive, new beginning.

As a country, somehow we could not separate our embarrassment at what we had done from our pride in the men and women we had asked to do it.

A decade had to pass. When it had, those who came back from the war had to summon us to final muster for those who did not. And for that we owe the handful of men who make up the Association of Haywood County Veterans of Vietnam one more debt.

The dedication on the courthouse lawn. Friday of the monument to those 21 we lost in hina was heavy with emotion.

It served also as a reminder that the business is not yet finished. We still do not know the fate of 2,494 men from many small communities who served us in Vietnam, including Capt. Fred Hall, whose name is among those on the courthouse marker. Bill Hendon, the district's former con-

people or to the highest levels of our elected government officials, the president, the Congress ... that there would be something done," Hendon said in an interview after the ceremonines

"There is no president alive who would ever have reclassified Freddie Hall., or anybody else., presumed dead if they had seen what I've seen.

"Jimmy Carter was the great human rights advocate, a fine, decent man ... no question. He would never have allowed that to happen if he had known, but it happened in his administration, while this stuff is sitting there way down deep in the stacks."

The "stuff" to which Hendon referred is information collected by the United States

government and by the National League of Families which Hendon and the League feel offer irrefutable evidence American servicemen are still captives of communist governments in Indochina.

This is how Hendon thinks it happened:

"(Former President Richard) Nixon, in the Paris Peace Accords Article 21 ... which the Paris Peace Accords Article 21...which (Henry) Rissinger initialed and Bill Rogers signed on behalf of the country...said that the United States of America will participate in the healing of wounds of war and in post-war reconstruction in Vietnam and throughout Indochina.

"The Vietnamene were to give back our gressman who spent half of this year trying to find out what happened to those men, jarred every person listening when he said some of them are still alive. He is convinced many are being held captive and that the evidence has heen hidden from Congress and presidents through two administrations. He and Earl Hopper, the retired Arroy grant assistance over a five-year period to colonel who is cluirman of the National rehalld war damage in Victuam, will con-Longue of Familian of American Prisoners tribute \$1 billion to \$1.5 billion in food

in confident that. If the true story stitutenal provisions of both countries, and available wither to the American "In any it course, and the Congress sold, "No." Because of the stories about the tortures

and so forth. And if I'd been in Congress, I'd have said. 'No.'

"So the Vietnamese said, 'Here are the prisoners back. Where's our money?' "Nixon said, "Sorry, I can't get it through

Congress.'

Hendon claims he can "document" all of that.

That Americans are being held hostage "is clear," Hendon said because the Pentagon and the State Department have evidence that communist governments in Southeast Asia and individual communist leaders have told others they are.

Why are the president and Congress being kept in the dark? Hendon has an idea about that, too:

"I'm not sure whether you can say it's a great conspiracy where everybody (in the Pentagon and State Department) got together in 1973 and said they (men reported missing in action) were all dead...although I believe that and I've been told that...but I don't have

any real proof other than what I've been told.

"But it was an untenable situation for the country. The country was torn apart as everybody remembers, and there was a feeling we had to get out of over there. And I think the intentions were not that bad at the onset.

"I think they thought we can work this thing out. Let's just get the heck out, as the Paris Peace Accords direct, and we'll work it (accounting for the MIAs) out. Of course, the communists are pretty hard to deal with, and they never worked it out.

"I'm confident we came to a point where we said we're not going to legitimatize, for example, the Pathet Lao movement ... or whatever... by negotiating with them, so they just turned and walked away.

"But then the evidence started coming in (about Americans still held prisoner)."

"Reports initially were not classified until the stories started getting so hot they (Pen-" tagon and State Department bureaucrats) couldn't take it, so they stamped a big na-

tional security stamp on it. That's nothing to do with national security. National pride is what it is. And they don't want the American people to know that they left our guys behind.

"It's hard to believe, but I am totally convinced, based on what I have read and what I have seen, that these things never get to the decisionmakers."

With thoughts like those, no wonder Hendon has spent some sleepless nights.

Did we leave almost 2,500 men in Vietnamese prisons? Have mid-level bureaucrats been witholding evidence of that from the president and the Congress? From the American people?

If the final muster for our own lost men can, in some way, spur the country to find the answers, it will make the pain a little more bearable.

And it will be a little easier for our young men and women to respond the next time we ask them to march in the national interest.

Washington Post writes off Jesse Helms' reelection bid

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RALEIGH — The political editors of The Washington Post must have lost their col-

By PAUL T. O'CONNOR RALEIGH - The political obituary. He simply federal candidates. Whittle spend. (It is more likely that speculative story. "This shows Rich has been in the careers of Helms and Hunt also whipped fairly weak more than two to one.) It fails Washington too long." opponents.

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