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Olympic death knell by Canada, of all people

We have always put sort of a halo around the Canadians in our thoughts, thinking that while they are a great deal like us, they are stronger on our good characteristics and not so strong on our less admirable ones.

Well, they fell from the pedestal and broke the halo last week when they told the Olympic team from the island of Taiwan that they couldn't call themselves the team from the Republic of China. We always thought, in our innocence, that running and jumping and skiing and swimming, Mark Spitz and Kathy McMillan — clean youth and good sport — was what the Olympics was all about. We thought it was competition on the playing field, without political implications or restrictions of any kind — race, religion, education or any of the isms.

Although he was insulted, Jesse Owens got to run in the land of the worst racist of our time, and in recent years we have competed with the Soviets and others of political systems as bad.

We fully expected that Canada, of all nations, would have allowed a team to call itself the "Creatures from Mars," or anything else, as long as the rules of the athletic competitions were adhered to.

What we expected of Canada is the way we feel it should be, where the measuring is done in terms of stop watches, tape measures and fighting heart.

With Tanzania getting out because New Zealand is in because New Zealand competed in South Africa makes the prediction believable that the Olympic games as we have known them are about done for. It is our feeling that if the games in Canada are the last, that this time is one too many. We feel that the Olympic committee should have stood its ground on the Taiwan matter and let the Canadians race each other in their fine new facilities this summer, and live on their own tourist dollars.

We have a forum in New York called the United Nations for political expression, where all nations and some who aren't nations, may have their say, and say anything they like about anyone.

The world did have an institution in the Olympics where athletes could be judged on their performances without regard for what else they were or the societies from which they came.

For this to be destroyed is a step backward for our civilization, and it hurts worse that we have to blame it on the Canadians.

Browsing in the files of The News-Journal

25 years ago

Thursday, July 12, 1951

The Raeford Lions Club started their new year the first of the month with plenty of pep, as shown by the attendance of 50 at their fish fry at John McGoogan's pond recently.

A group of wartime members of what started out from here in 1940 as Battery "F", 252d CA, met with their wartime commander in Ashboro last Sunday for a picnic dinner and a lot of talk about old times.

Mrs. Beulah Cameron Morris, 64, died at her home here at about 11:00 o'clock Wednesday night after being critically ill with cancer for about three years and suffering near death for the last two months.

From Poole's Medley:
 He who says the same thing in fewer words is a time saver, and he who says most in fewer words has less to explain.

Maurice Henry became the new manager of the Progressive Store recently when Ed Byrd resigned to become manager of the new Cooper Super Market which will open in a week or two.

The weekly Cotton Insect Survey for July 10 shows an average infestation of 3 percent in treated fields and 23 percent in which have not been poisoned this year, according to E.M. Stallings, County Agent.

15 years ago

Thursday, July 13, 1961

A "new look" is in store for The News-Journal and the Fort Bragg Paraglide. Publisher Paul Dickson announced this week. Beginning sometime in early August, both newspapers will be printed in Raeford by a revolutionary process called "offset."

A junior and senior Red Cross life-saving course will be offered from July 18 to July 29 at the Hoke Association Swimming Pool. The certified Red Cross instructor will be John Walker.

From Rockfish News:
 People are still too busy to do much Nail Keg sitting. One of the good members says he is glad to see everybody else working altho he doesn't intend to strike a lick himself.

That's a long time, 25 years, but H.L. Gatlin, Sr., F.B. Sexton and H.L. Gatlin, Jr. have served for that length of time on the board of directors of Raeford Savings and Loan.

A tobacco barn on the Rockfish farm of A.W. Wood burned to the ground Sunday morning.

Miss Shirley McNeill is the Director of Christian Education at the First Presbyterian Church in Hamlet.

'I certainly know a winner when I meet one'



The Christian Science Monitor

by Marty Vega

Momentous Day Over

And so the momentous Fourth of July with the signing of the Declaration of Independence was over and the last firecracker fell silent. The settlers felt great pride in their accomplishment and viewed the glorious holiday and all of the flags with a fierce sense of determination. In fact, some of the settlers were so determined they began planning for what they called a Bicentennial, which, they said, would come 200 years from now and would be the grandest and most glorious holiday ever. And some of the settlers said "yecch" and "nuts to you".

And yet the settlers had a very serious problem on their hands to deal with - the same problem which spoiled their Fourth of July celebration. For the heavy rainstorms would not abate, nearly a day did not go by when it did not rain, usually in the afternoons or evenings when the settlers had planned an outdoor meal, or a game of golf, or just planned to loll in the sun on a chaise with a gin and tonic in hand. (Although loyal to the cause, some patriots still drank gin)

The fury of the storms was matched only by the fury of the people who came from other parts to colonize this rugged, perilous

Fayetteville area.

"I tell you, lads, we here are cursed. Why does it rain here, yet it doesn't rain in Raleigh, or Charlotte, and it doesn't rain at the beach, a mere 60 or 70 miles from here? Huh? Huh? What say you, lads?," spoke one.

"We are in some kind of rotten, horrid pocket, kind of like the Bermuda Triangle. For some unexplained reason, rain is drawn to the Cumberland - Hoke County area, just like a magnet", said another.

"It's bad enough to be shut in your cabin all the time, but the rain has killed the tomatoes and the cucumbers in my garden. Also the butterbeans", said another, angrily.

There were those who had no gardens, and who never tasted this strange fruit called butterbeans, yet they nodded sympathetically.

And in that group of unhappy settlers there was an old, wise man. He was very old and very wise. He said little, until he felt his duty to share his wisdom.

"The reason there is so much rain here is very simple, I'm surprised you haven't thought of it before", the old man spoke.

The room fell hush as the old man continued. He explained that all of the heavy ground fire and mortar blasts let loose from the nearby military encampment disturbs the atmosphere and the ionosphere, and possibly the stratosphere, too, and the result of all the noise and vibration was thunderstorms, often and frequent.

When the old man finished, a great clamor arose in the room.

"Our duty is clear, we must invade their encampment and put an end to this unholy rainmaking", the settlers cried in unison.

And so the plans were made. A horse was saddled and a young settler rode off to the west - to Raeford - to organize the citizens there and enlist their aid in the planned invasion of Ft. Thunder.

(To be continued next week.)

Puppy Creek Philosopher

Dear editor:

On reading a chart showing that if inflation continued at 6 per cent a year, a car costing \$4000 now will, in the year 2000, which is only 24 years away, cost \$17,000, a friend of mine said he believed he'd buy up some new cars, store them in a dry place, and clean up in the year 2000.

Another friend spoke up and said you could do the same thing with just money. Put \$4000 out at 6 per cent compound interest and by the year 2000 you'd have \$17,000. Besides which, he said, we may be out of gas by then and a car might not be worth anything, except maybe for kids to play house in.

A third friend joined in and said that's true, but by the year 2000, if things keep going like they are and Congress stays in session, \$17,000 may not be worth anything either.

There are many puzzling things around. For example, the government has banned the use of red dye, the stuff that makes a glass of sweetened water look like a strawberry soda, on the grounds that it's harmful to our health, but has said if you have any left on hand, go ahead and use it up. This is like saying it's poisonous, but not till week after next.

And I was just wondering, if some scientist who hasn't had his name in the paper yet came out of his laboratory and announced that mocking birds are spreading radio active waves, what sort of torment would the far-out environmentalists go through trying to decide what to do about it? They'd be in the shape as somebody wondering if he should report a cat to the Humane Society for torturing a rat.

I'll tell you, one trouble with this country is that the Founding Fathers, in asserting that all men are endowed with certain inalienable rights, failed to insist that at least some of them 200 years later ought to be endowed with common sense.

Yours faithfully,
 J.A.



Report To The People

by Senator Robert Morgan

I voted with a majority of the Senate recently to defeat an amendment which would have forbidden the Justice Department to seek to use busing to achieve school integration in the future -- in other words, in the North.

Even though I have long been an opponent of busing, I voted against this measure because it would have kept North Carolina and the South busing, and let the segregated schools of the North and West off the hook. If that happened, there would be no voices raised against busing except Southern ones and they would not be heard.

As the sponsors pointed out with great care, the Justice Department would still enforce existing busing plans -- and those are in the South.

Southern schools had busing first. Now that the pressure is on for the North to follow suit, there is considerable political enthusiasm for the South to be the last to have busing.

The amendment was offered by Senators Robert Dole of Kansas and Joseph Biden of Delaware. If memory serves, Senator Biden voted for busing until Wilmington, Delaware, had to use it.

In a statement on the Senate floor, I said, "The last amendment, as well as all the other amendments which have been offered in the Senate since I have been here, to the best of my recollection, would not in any way alleviate the discontent or the problems which exist in North Carolina which have been brought about by court-ordered busing. It would just tend to perpetuate the systems that now prevail throughout the North, the West, and the Southwest of this country, and leave us in North Carolina still busing."

"If that system is perpetuated, then Senators from the North and West are not going to be willing to sit down around the conference table and work out a system of quality education that would enable us to return to the neighborhood school concept in North Carolina."

After this statement, another Southern Senator, Dale Bumpers of Arkansas arose to say he agreed with me. "I regret," he said, "that we continue to vote on this and other emotional issues for what I believe are essentially political purposes."

And one of the Northern Senators, Abraham Ribicoff of Connecticut, then stood and said: "I want to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to the Senator from Arkansas and the Senator from North Carolina. Frankly, they have shown more courage than Senators from the Northern States. Time after time on this floor I have pointed to the basic hypocrisy of Senators from the North who talk about these problems and try to solve the problems of race 1,500 miles from their own homes, but are unwilling to help solve the problems of race in their own backyards."

Some would say there is no point in voting against any measure which would limit busing. But there is far less point in voting for something which would take all the heat off the North, and therefore remove any motivation to ease the problem in the South.

There has always been a myth that the South is segregated and the North is integrated. If we are too

hasty to vote for some "anti-busing" laws, we will continue to live that myth, and the South will continue to bear the burden alone.

Even the most cynical and disillusioned among us must have realized that something special was happening to the spirit of America as the country celebrated its 200th Birthday.

Anyone watching the great crowds assembled in metropolitan areas had to believe that patriotic feelings run deep in America's people, and had to take heart because the vigor and unity that made this a great nation are very much alive.

Some six million people crowded near the New York harbor to watch the tall ships sail in as a majestic armada.

Four hundred thousand people gathered in Boston to hear their own symphony and went wild when Arthur Fiedler, the director, ended the program with Sousa's "Stars and Stripes Forever."

And these scenes were repeated all over the nation, in all of the 50 states as people forgot their differences and their disputes and literally joined hands to proclaim their affection for this land of freedom.

In our own North Carolina, hundreds of cities and towns held parades, athletic contests, band concerts and other forms of entertainment as they rejoiced at living in this greatest country on earth.

I think this great emotional outpouring came at a very fortunate time. There has been an air of discontent and despondency pervading our people during the past few years, helped along, no doubt, by the Vietnam War and Watergate.

The Nation needs this opportunity, then, to vent its feelings and how well it took advantage of the bicentennial occasion was clearly shown on millions of television screens. Television, incidentally, which can be so commonplace in its programming, did a magnificent job of describing the events of the birthday.

This demonstration of love of America was not lost on other countries. Many of our foreign friends actively joined in to help us celebrate, and the expression of solidarity was recognized in the overseas press.

These other nations realize that we have something unique in our form of government and in our way of life, where there is more individual freedom than any other place in the world. It was Winston Churchill, I think, who said that the American form of democracy was a terrible way to govern, but it was still the best way ever devised.

And on this Fourth of July, an English newspaper which has been highly critical of the United States in the past wrote, "The world needs more Americas. With all of its many faults, it is still the one best hope for the world."

No doubt as time goes on, the patriotic fervor of the Bicentennial will fade and we shall argue with each other as we always have. And, of course, that is how it should be in a democracy.

But I think that it was a great benefit to the well being of the nation that we could lay aside our differences and unashamedly flaunt our patriotism on this occasion of our Bicentennial.

CLIFF BLUE ... People & Issues



DEATH PENALTY -- It would not have surprised us had the United States Supreme Court ruled the death penalty unconstitutional.

However, as much as we cringe at the thought of a human being being put to death, we are of the strong opinion that if the death penalty was used according to the intent of the law, overall crime would be reduced rather than increased year after year.

However, as we cringe and revolt at the thought of taking the life of a guilty criminal, more so do we revolt at the thought of murderers stalking the streets and by-ways, taking the lives of innocent people without provocation like the Spindale textile worker, who, according to an article in the Charlotte Observer on July 8, apparently had been robbed, was found tied, gagged and beaten to death and his body so badly mutilated and covered with blood that police could not tell what sort of a weapon had been used in the slaying of 47-

year-old Weyman Wallace. Then, if they are tried and convicted, too often they are set free again in a few short years to take up again their life of crime.

In Genesis in the Old Testament 9:16 we read: "Who so sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed." Turning to the New Testament in Revelation 13:10 we read: "He that leaeth into captivity shall go into captivity; he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword."

We think the U.S. Supreme Court on this subject more reasonable than the North Carolina law which was in effect but not enforced for the past few years.

Speaking of the crowded jails and prisons as an excuse for paroling criminals with only a small part of their term having been served, we suggest it would be much better to build more substantial prisons and jails but without the frills and let punishment take precedent over coddling.

then we might expect the crime wave to drop rather than increase year by year.

The current method of coddling the criminals and not working them as in past years seems to have been a colossal failure.

Generally speaking, we suspect many people will agree with State Rep. Herbert Hyde of Buncombe County that "rehabilitation in a prison is a myth and a will o' the wisp. It doesn't work, never has, and never will."

While the training schools for the young used to keep the boys and girls in separate institutions and supplied them with plenty of work to do on the farm, they had pretty good results. Now with all the new liberal ideas about "rehabilitation" these institutions are having about as much success as water running up hill. Again we quote Rep. Hyde -- the mountain lawyer from Buncombe: "I suspect that crime is increasing in our state and else-

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