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Should generals speak out?

The heart may go out to Maj. Gen. John K. Singlaub, who lost his job in South Korea for denouncing President Carter's new policy there. But the mind must applaud the President.

There is nothing novel about a general publicly disagreeing with the President about some diplomatic or strategic assessment. Senior officers have been doing it for years on many policy questions, from arms control to weapons performance, with the encouragement of Congressmen and even journalists.

That is why General Singlaub must have felt like a scapegoat for a new President determined to play by new rules. But it is also why nothing short of a tough and public reaction by the President could have so effectively established his authority as he undertakes a whole series of policy reviews that will challenge the assumptions and habits of the military...

Is there no such thing as free speech for military men? Not in politics and not in diplomacy. There are channels through which they may pass their views and there is the choice, sometimes even the duty, to resign for the right to speak. It is bad enough when the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff insults other governments or degrades his office with offensive or insensitive remarks or when the words of an ambassador to the United States need repeated clarification. But direct challenge of a President's announced military policy is simply unacceptable. The price of democracy, and of the nation's capacity to hold elected officials accountable, is obedience within bureaucracy, and above all in the military. -- *The New York Times*

Ford's faith

Whatever happened to "God is dead"? For a time the press was full of obituaries according to this new theology, or nontheology. If anything was dead, however, it was not God but a false concept of Him. The trend back toward open acknowledgement of God and reliance on Him has been accentuated at the top of government in the United States.

President Carter has left no doubt about the religious belief which he proclaimed as a campaigner. Now former President Ford, who has not made the same kind of religious headlines, has told of how he relied on God during his stay in the White House.

The occasion was appropriate -- the commencement exercises at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in Hamilton, Massachusetts, where son Michael Ford received a degree. Faced with the burden of the presidency in a time of turmoil, Mr. Ford "turned to the Book of Proverbs, in the Bible Mike gave me." He found those sustaining words: "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart...In all thy ways acknowledge him and he shall direct thy paths." Mrs. Ford's illness and the assassination attempts on his own life further deepened his faith, said Mr. Ford.

Whether headlined or not, such reliance on God contributes to a strengthening of the nation and the world. -- *Christian Science Monitor*

Browsing in the files of The News-Journal

25 years ago

Thursday, June 5, 1952

After the Raeford Tigers had opened the Little League season here the week before by winning their first home game over the Aberdeen Cubs the Raeford Indians went to Aberdeen on Wednesday of last week and were beaten 7-3 by the Aberdeen Cardinals so that each town had a home team victory in the opening game.

From Poole's Medley:

When I think of the logrollings on Drowning Creek I think of the waste of fine heart pine timber piled up and burned. Some of those pines were several feet through.

Joyce Conoly has accepted a position with the Bank of Raeford and began her duties there this week.

Alton "Buddy" McGirt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edison McGirt of Raeford, was one of four injured, one fatally, in an auto accident near Luderwick, Ga.

Ben Hurly, local representative for Carolina Power and Light, announced this week that the new collection agency for the company in Raeford is Webb's Radio Service.

15 years ago

Thursday, June 7, 1962

Selected unanimously to a 3 year term as chairman of the Hoke ABC Board was retired school administrator K.A. MacDonald.

Tom McLaughlin, 58, died early Tuesday morning at Moore County Memorial Hospital from a rare blood disease, cause unknown.

The brother of Miss Ila Graham, Hudson Graham, formerly of this county, was recently nominated for Sheriff in Surry County.

Raeford's Bill McPhaul received two trophies at graduation exercises held last weekend at the Castle Heights Military Academy in Lebanon, Tenn.

The Womanless Wedding at Rockfish School auditorium May 25 might be called a howling success as the bride's mother and the baby involved occasionally gave audible vent to their grief and there was much laughter and applause.

Preibe Poultry in Raeford is officially closed.

'Take a letter to Jimmy Carter
and tell him he can keep Miami'



by Marty Vega

Important Omission

Suggestion was made recently that the Parks and Recreation Commission omitted an important item in their proposed budget for 1977-78. Since this column makes every effort to report news that might go unnoticed if it was in some inconspicuous space in the newspaper, it is a good idea to review this important matter here.

The Parks and Recreation Commission submitted their modest, "no frills" \$105,000 budget to the county some weeks ago. Funny, but for some reason, when the overall county budget was made up, there wasn't \$105,000 in it for recreation. Yet this omission is not the issue. What the issue is, and maybe it's not too late to fix it, is that the Parks and Recreation Commission should have budgeted a position for a full-time cartographer, say at an annual salary of \$15,000 or so. Or heck, make it \$20,000. You don't want a second-rate cartographer.

Now, when this suggestion was made around some places, some people disagreed vehemently. Some said the Commission didn't need somebody to work on cars since they didn't have any cars. Others said they didn't need a photographer to take pictures of cars.

Puppy Creek Philosopher

Dear editor:
There's an argument going on in Congress on whether mail delivery on Saturdays should be eliminated. The Postal Service says it could save \$400 million a year by eliminating Saturday deliveries. A prominent Senator favors it, asking "Why do we need six-day delivery? Mail I get on Saturday could very well wait until Monday."

This opens up some far-ranging possibilities. If you can wait till Monday to get Saturday's mail, why can't you wait till Tuesday, or Wednesday, or Thursday? Or one day next week? Or next month?

If the Postal Service can save 400 million dollars by eliminating Saturday delivery, it could save six times that, or \$2,400,000,000 by eliminating the whole week. This would sure throw a kink in mail service, but there are some who claim it wouldn't be noticed.

By eliminating all mail delivery, the Postal Service could thus save about two and a half billion dollars a year. That's just a start in a national economy drive. For example, it now costs about a billion dollars a year to operate Congress. You get the drift.

Or take the courts. The court system in this country has never shown a profit. Neither has the highway system. I don't know of a single public school that's done it. Raising kids is one of the least profitable businesses there is. Show me a penitentiary that's paying its way. Everybody knows that big cities are one of the worst investments a mass of people can make. You ever hear of a weather bureau showing a profit? A public park? Without generous tax support, how many county governments could stay in business? Or state governments?

By eliminating Saturday mail delivery and setting the domino theory of economy in action, this country could get out of debt in no time.

Yours faithfully,
J.A.



Report To The People

by Senator Robert Morgan

Two meetings in June have been arranged to give North Carolinians a chance to get closer to their Federal Government. Both will be held in Raleigh and indications are that many citizens will participate in one or the other.

The first is a hearing on Rural Housing which will be conducted by Senator Jake Garn (R-Utah) and me, on June 20, in the Century Post Office's Old Federal Courtroom. This hearing will start at 10:00 a.m.

The second meeting will be a conference for North Carolina businessmen to acquaint themselves about the opportunities of doing business with the government and ways to secure foreign trade contracts. This will be an all-day meeting on June 24 at the Royal Villa Convention Center.

The response of persons wishing to attend the latter session has been very gratifying.

Several government agencies who deal directly with private industry will send representatives to the second meeting. These are people who buy for the United States Government, which is the largest purchaser of goods and services in the world. It is a fact, however, that too many businessmen lack the knowledge of how to do business with their government and miss out on sales opportunities.

This conference will be an effort to provide those who attend with the information they need on how to compete for government business. The Department of Defense, which will be represented, estimates that it would take a small businessman several months to get the procurement information that will be available at the June 24th meeting.

Both military and civilian agency representatives will have with them lists of goods and services they

require and it is highly probable that some state companies will find government needs that they can fill. This conference will start at 8:00 a.m. with registration and will continue until mid-afternoon.

The hearing on June 20 in the Old Federal Courtroom will be to get views on the Rural Housing Act of 1977, which would broaden the Farmers Home Administration's programs to assist persons needing homes in non-urban areas. At the start of this Congressional session, I was appointed chairman of the subcommittee on Rural Housing and Senator Garn is the ranking minority member. This is one of several field hearings planned in the country and they will culminate in two days of hearings in Washington in July.

Senator Humphrey has introduced the Rural Housing Bill which will be considered. It would, among other things, increase grants for water and sewerage; extend the program to include the handicapped and develop research capacities on housing to allow the Farmers Home Administration to deal with changing housing needs in rural areas.

Expected to appear and comment are persons from the home building industry, lending institutions, and from the rural sections where housing needs are being experienced.

We expect to take the testimony from this and other hearings into account when recommendations on the proposed legislation are made by the Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Development.

It is my fervent wish that both of these meetings will be well attended and will result in some benefit to our state and nation.

CLIFF BLUE ...

People & Issues



EMPLOYMENT -- We seriously doubt that the "real" unemployment is as high as the Federal government indicates, even though the last report had inched down from seven percent to 6.9 percent.

Lots of jobs are available and go unfilled because people have grown quite selective in the type of work they want to do which is certainly understanding. It seems that too many people prefer to draw unemployment pay as long as possible rather than take a second choice job.

Why would it not be well instead of providing unemployment pay to provide government work of some nature, with the pay being the same as unemployment pay for three days a week, leaving two days for the person to hunt a job on his or her own time. It appears that many people had rather "draw" than work as long as Uncle Sam will sign the check.

GOOD RESPONSE -- We had a good response from our suggestion in last week's column that prisoners be put back to work, on the roads or elsewhere, unless they are unable to work due to physical impairment. If their cooperation and demeanor is good, consider parole after one-fourth time served; but if they refuse to work and cooperate, prohibit parole and let them serve the full sentence.

Idleness is said to be the devil's workshop, but if they do a day's work they will be more responsive to rules and regulations towards building a better posture for return to civilian life. Give them a small allowance if they work and cooperate, but nothing if they fail to do so.

JOHN WINTER -- We applaud the selection of State Senator John Winter, the black legislator from Raleigh for having decided to give up his seat in the General Assembly for membership on the N.C. Utilities Commission. We agree with *The Carolinian* when it says: "Because of his consumer-oriented background, Winter will bring to the Utilities Commission a consumer point of view that has been so sadly lacking."

AGREE -- North Carolina's two United States Senators, Jesse Helms and Robert Morgan predict an arms escalation in Japan if President Carter's proposal is put into effect and U.S. troops are withdrawn from South Korea.

HELMS -- Senator Helms continues to build bipartisan support over the state. On Saturday, June 18 Helms will be the featured speaker at a reception and dinner at Pinecrest High School in Moore County sponsored by the North Carolina Congressional Club which is made largely of conservatives of both political parties. Talk among the politicians is growing that Helms will be a hard man to defeat come election time 1978.

INCREASES -- County commissioners and municipal governmental units are being asked for "hefty" increases in appropriations for most every facet of government. If all the increases were granted we suspect we would soon see a lot of new faces on boards of county commissioners and municipal units of government. In many areas county and municipal units of government are growing, percentage-wise, probably faster than the Federal bureaucracy in Washington.

GEARED TO ECONOMY -- The late House Speaker Eugene Bost of Concord used to say, North Carolina government and the taxation structure is geared to the economy. If business is good, we have more tax funds to pay for services needed. If business and the economy is sluggish, then the people who make up the government should bear its portion of the burden with less revenue to do with.

It is human nature for people to want more in public service than they are willing to pay for. This is what brought on our huge national debt for future generations to face up with.

In times of general prosperity like we have today it looks like mighty poor statesmanship for our leaders to continue to pile up huge deficits for the young generation to face up to.

While in general we feel President Carter is making a strong president, for him to put off balancing the budget until 1981 does not have the ear - marks of a strong fiscal statesman that many people are looking for.



Read James 2:18-26

"Jesus answered them, 'My Father is working still, and I am working.'" (John 5:17 RSV)

I have noticed that the spare tire in the trunk of my car seems to lose its pressure sooner than those that are in constant contact with the road.

Herein is a parable. We need to be in tension with life if we are to maintain the spiritual vigor that God intended. The divine imperative is voiced by Jesus in the words: "My Father is working still, and I am working."

Faith requires the discipline of work, and preoccupation with my own affairs is not the answer. There is a world out there that requires my participation. I must be ready when I am most needed. To serve God through my labors, whatever my talents or capabilities, is to prove my faith and to continue strong in the ability to meet life's tests.

PRAYER: O God, challenge me with opportunity and invigorate me with purpose to demonstrate my faith by the works I am able to perform for Thee. I ask in the spirit of Jesus Christ. Amen.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: "Faith without works is dead."

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