

# America Is NOT A Sick Society

By: J. EDGAR HOOVER

America is NOT a sick society. Let us stop condemning our whole populace for the sins of a few. Let us stop this nonsense of self-reproach and self-ridicule and throw off the guilt complex which threatens to envelop our country.

Historically, Americans are doers, not worriers. No country has ever done, or is doing, more for its own underprivileged citizens and for the unfortunate people of the world than the United States.

Some of our difficulty today arises from the fact that too much attention is given to various dissident elements which have a lot of noisy energy but little purpose.

A noted columnist, commenting recently on the guilt complex sweeping our country, said, "I am tired of the hangdog American. . . ."

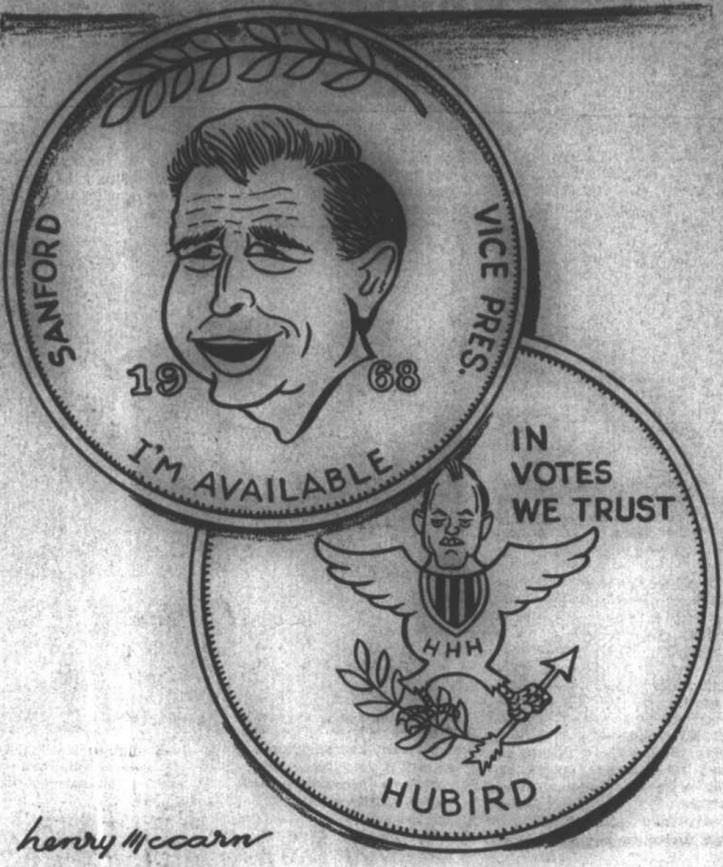
a guy who lives in the greatest country on earth and feels he has to apologize for his own existence. . . . The hangdog American is in danger of losing the fierce independence and self-pride of his pioneering ancestors.

To me, this makes sense. Courage, ability, and pride are hallmarks of success in any endeavor. A defeatist attitude is seldom associated with a winner or a leader.

It is time for Americans to shed their apologetic demeanor and stop belittling themselves. The hard-working, tax-paying, law-abiding people of this country are responsible for its growth and development.

No, our society is NOT sick. But I suggest we check the pulse of the self-styled diagnosticians who see a social malady from every soapbox.

# Other Side Of The Coin



Henry McCann

# Hurricanes

# Well! Well! Wells!!!

# The Minister's Desk

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**WATCH AND WARNING**  
WATCH AND WARNING are key words in Weather Bureau bulletins concerning severe weather such as hurricanes and tornadoes. Knowledge of the difference between the two can save you unnecessary worry and could save your life.

**A HURRICANE OR TORNADO WATCH** means just that. Watch for further developments. Be prepared to take action. Think about how you will protect yourself if the storm should hit.

**A HURRICANE OR TORNADO WARNING** means that a storm is imminent. If a Tornado Warning has been issued for your area, the storm has been spotted and you may have only a matter of minutes to protect yourself.

**HURRICANE ADVISORS WILL HELP YOU SAVE YOUR LIFE. . . BUT YOU MUST HELP.** FOLLOW THESE SAFETY RULES DURING HURRICANE EMERGENCIES! Enter each hurricane season prepared. Every June through November, recheck your supply of boards, tools, batteries, non-perishable foods, and the other equipment you will need when a hurricane strikes your town.

**BEWARE THE EYE OF THE HURRICANE**-If the calm storm center passes directly overhead, there will be a lull in the wind lasting from a few minutes to half an hour or more. Stay in a safe place unless emergency repairs are absolutely necessary.

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DEAR MISTER EDITOR:

While then candidates running for President was debating politics, the fellers at the country store Saturday night was debating the issues. Fer instant, Zeke Grubb come out strong at the opening of the season in favor of giving the vote to 18-year-olds. He said the situation was getting desperate and we had to make a move to git the Government out of the hands of the pollsters and television networks.

Ed Doolittle was agreed with Zeke, said he had saw a survey where 64 per cent of the people was in favor of letting 18-year-olds vote. He was of the opinion that if the younguns took over they would elect their own President and would have to march and demonstrate agin themselves. Farthermore, allowed Ed. when they captured a university it would be like a farmer stealing his own chickens.

Clem Webster of the Great Society reported he had took note where President Johnson was in favor of letting the younguns vote and he didn't like to be agin a decision of the President but it would be a little unsettling to him fer the country to have a bunch of 25 year old ex-presidents running around.

Bug Hookum butted in to say being a little unsettled over matters didn't bother him no more, that he stayed a little unsettled about everthing. Fer instant, right now he was unsettled about his old lady not

having any vegetable garden.

Bug reported she was claiming she could buy quick from items at the store cheaper than she could raise 'em and that they wasn't nobody working a garden now but city folks that was doing it fer the exercise.

Ed said he had been married 40 year and he had long since quit getting unsettled about his old lady, but they was a heap of things that was keeping him a little off balance. Fer instant, he said he didn't recognize they was any such country as Red China but he had saw where the Red Chinese would have thre nuclear bomb by 1972 and it would be mighty unsettling to git blowed up by a country that ain't even there.

Zeke allowed as how if your jaw got swore up you better recognize you got a bad tooth and go see the dentist and he wouldn't be suprised none if we hadn't better put Red Chins on the map so's we'd know from which direction we was getting blowed up.

The fellers was about even divided, Mister Editor, on reconizing Red China but they was all agreed it took a heap of jumping and dodging these days to keep from going crazy.

You can't git around the facts, Mister Editor, and a Washington column writer had the figgers to show the biggest TV advertiser in 1967 was a headache remedy.

Yours truly  
Uncle Pete.

# Liberty Hall

The guest book at Liberty Hall holds a record of all the people who have toured the house since its opening on May 11th. Is your name there? It should be.

them are displayed to all who wish to see. How simple it is to see Annie Kenan play the piano which holds her music book! Visualize Emily Howard Kenan scratching the verse of poetry on the window pane with her diamond ring. Can't you picture the mischievous look on her face? And no one can overlook the Kenan men. It seems as if they have just walked out of the Liberty door after a long political "discussion."

Wanda Brown, East Duplin High School--Class of 1968. Will enter University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

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# Open Letter To The Editor

Duplin Times-Progress Sentinel, Kenansville, N.C.

Dear Editor: After giving much consideration to the situation that has recently confronted me, I sincerely feel it is my duty to inform the Citizens of Duplin County of what has taken place concerning the termination of my employment in the Duplin County Tax Office.

I began work as Duplin County's Assistant Tax Collector, September 1962 and worked in that capacity until I began my annual vacation in July 1968. While on vacation I was informed that John A. Johnson, Duplin County Tax Collector, had met with the County Commissioners concerning terminating my employment. Immediately, I began to investigate this and after talking with County Commissioner Emmett E. Kelly it was obvious to me that this was political, even though Mr. Johnson has given me no reason or notice.

The political pressure began last February when my son David T. Grigg, Jr. announced his intentions to file as a candidate for the Office of Register of Deeds. At that time, Mr. Johnson called me in his office and wanted to know why David and I had not gone to him and discussed David's filing before he made a public announcement of his intention. He said "I do not see how you can stay in the Tax Office if your son runs for the Office of Register

of Deeds." I told him that my son was almost 25 years old, that I did not tell him what to do and if that was what he wanted to do, I would not stand in his way. I didn't see what his filing had to do with me that I was not filing and I was not campaigning.

The day that David filed, Mr. Johnson approached me at approximately 5:45 PM and ask me "Why hadn't you told me that your son had filed." I told him that I didn't know he had, that I had not seen nor heard from him since I left home and at that time he had not filed. He again said that he didn't see how I could stay in that office with my son running for office. I told Mr. Johnson, "I will not stand in his (David's) way and that you will have to do whatever you must do."

Immediately, I contacted County Commissioner Emmett E. Kelly and told him what had taken place. Mr. Kelly told me that he would contact Mr. Johnson and talk with him. Mr. Kelly said, "It would never do to let things get stirred up just before an election." Mr. Kelly phoned me the following morning and told me he had talked with Mr. Johnson. I was allowed to stay on the job, since I was the bookkeeper, until the books were audited in July. However, before my vacation began, my husband and I had discussed my quitting work in the tax office because of the stress and strain of the pressure that had

EDIT

I concur with your article entitled "Trees-Trees-Trees."

Several years ago when they were widening the highway on the same street as Liberty Hall, the day came for the Hi-way Department to cut down one of Mr. Willie Brinson's trees in front of his house. Mr. Willie came out and addressed the State Highway Employees with this statement: "It takes God, Almighty, 50 years to grow a nice tree, and a dam fool 5 minutes to cut it down." Unquote.

Thought you might like to use Mr. Willie's quotation.

A.C. Holland  
8-15-68

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SEPT. 8, 1900. A WEST INDIAN HURRICANE, BLOWING AT 195 MILES AN HOUR, STRUCK THE CITY AND CAUSED THE LOSS OF ABOUT 6000 LIVES!

HOW LARGE IS A KANGAROO AT BIRTH?  
INCREDIBLY TINY... ONLY AN INCH LONG!

WHAT DO THE "WHITE CLIFFS" OF DOVER CONSIST OF?  
SHELLS OF SEA ANIMALS.

ARE INSECTS USEFUL IN A FOREST?  
YES. THEY ARE IMPORTANT AS POLLINATORS AND AS FEEDING ON PLANTS.

1 YEAR AGO  
Roger L. Phillips joins Bill Boyette accounting firm in Warsaw, N.C.  
James Sprunt Institute is under new legislation and no longer connected with Wayne Tech.  
E.C. Thompson of Warsaw retires after 39 1/2 years with Branch Banking and Trust Co.  
Beaulville Free Will Baptist Church is consecrated.

5 YEARS AGO  
Smith sisters--Helen and Margaret Ann to be tried for assault with intent to kill and robbery of Mrs. Dora Waters.  
J.P. Harmon wins Ford Station Wagon in Coca-Cola Sweepstakes.  
Mrs. Annie S. Muldrow of Florence, S.C. and mother of Beaulville's Mayor, G.S. Muldrow dies at age of 89.  
Larry Davis of Albertson wins American Farmer Award degree.

10 YEARS AGO  
H.F. "Chub" Seawell is guest speaker for Grady-Outlaw reunion.  
Carolina Telephone installs phone to 72 new subscribers along highway 11 and northeast of Kenansville.  
Miss Mary Elizabeth Packer is August 17 bride of Mr. Joe Kornegay in Warsaw.  
Mr. Albert McLendon of Mont Rose, Calif. visited friends in Kenansville over the weekend.

20 YEARS AGO  
Warsaw Shoe Store is opened on Railroad Street in Warsaw by Mrs. Leatrice Rivenbark.  
Faison Man, Marvin Reece Bell, is found dead in New York Hotel.  
Parts of Duplin County including towns get a DDT dusting by helicopter.  
Benjamin Paul Summerlin, prominent citizen of Summerlin's Cross Roads Community dies at age of 73.

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