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VIEWPOINT

By Jesse Helms

CENTRALIZATION-THE FATAL MISTAKE

There's got to be a touch of Pollyanna in a fellow who goes fishing. Fish jump tauntingly around yonder stump but reject all manner of lure and bait. It may indeed be irrepressible optimism. Then again, it could be that catching fish is only secondary to the satisfaction of sharing boat and bait, and a shimmering lake, with one's favorite 16-year-old—a boy becoming a man; a human explosion of energy and enthusiasm; a sunburned symbol of yesterday, today and tomorrow.

It is, somehow, a moment of truth, and certainly it is a time for perspective. Things begin to fall into place, and the admonitions and the wise counsel of the past once again emerge to draw a clear line between man's dreams and his agonies.

It becomes obvious, then, that the travail of the country is not a conglomeration of separate and unrelated frustrations. It is rather like a chain, its links forged together—crime, inflation, the deterioration of moral standards, the hostility between races, high taxes, laziness, idleness, arrogance, the use of drugs.

They all go together, a foul porridge made for the weaknesses of man. There was a day when America was destined for better than this. The world listened with admiration and respect when this young republic declared confidently that the history of tyranny had run its course, that henceforth freedom would flourish.

But then Americans began to compromise. There came a breed of politician determined to refashion the very meaning of freedom. Citizens were assured that they were entitled to the earnings of others—without work, without effort. Phony intellectuals began to disparage belief in God; respect for thrift and moral principles was ridiculed. There was an increasingly shrill demand for the centralization of governmental power in Washington.

So we got what we asked for—or, certainly, what we permitted scheming politicians to impose upon us. A generation ago, the country would have laughed at a proposal to guarantee a man a comfortable income regardless of whether he

chose to work for a living. More recently than that, the suggestion that the federal government might one day control our schools was rejected as unthinkable. But the waves of federal controls have since thundered relentlessly. Today the private citizen can no longer run his business, or his schools, without the tug of tyranny at his elbow.

We are being required to finance our own destruction. And in our anguish, we continue to examine each frustration as if it were a separate and distinct misfortune, none having any particular relationship with another.

That is the fatal mistake—the error that compounds all the others. The Founding Fathers tried to tell us; they recognized the perils of centralization, which is why the original concept of the federal government was one of strictly limited powers. The sovereignty of the states was intended to be paramount. Men were supposed to solve their own problems at home, earn their own livings—and to steer clear of being ruled by a far-away and unreachable power.

It was the lure of something-for-nothing that did America in. We were looking for the easy way out, the fast buck. We believed—we really did!—that there was such a thing as "federal aid" and "free money" from Washington. So we elected the men who promised the most.

The monster of federal control is, therefore, our own creation, grown fat upon our liberties which it was allowed to devour. Is it possible that the monster can ever again be brought under the control of the people? That depends. It will depend upon how much how many are willing to sacrifice

The first step, however, must be that enough Americans look at the total picture, so that they can understand what has happened and why. If they prove unwilling to make the effort, then America will join a long list of other nations that once flourished only to wither and fade away because their citizens didn't care enough to do enough. In which case, America is in the process of writing her own epitaph—and it will be a sad and shameful one.—American Way Features

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Funds Go To Yancey

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fices with three or more employees. Inclusion in the honor
roll will be in recognition of
the fact that all personnel have
contributed to the UF.

Reaction to the United Fund budget published in last week's Yancey Record, seems on the whole to have been quite fa-vorable, but with the usual questions directed to the members of the budget committee. These questions have often been with regard to the amount of funds that will be spent locally in Yancey County.

The answer to these questions has been that close to the entire amount is to provide local Yancey County benefits. In setting up the budget, that goal has been one of the chief considerations of the budget committee.

At the same time the committee has recognized that in the case of a few agencies Yancey County has some moral obligation to lend support even though their work is chiefly centered outside the county. These are agencies whose benefits come to our citizens temporarily outside the county -notably to those now in the armed forces. A few other agencies also render important services from outside the county. These are the agencies comprising the N.C. United "Package" included in the budget.

The USO, which furnishes entertainment and recreat ion to the armed services is one of these. Others are the semi-official adoption agency in the State, the Florence Crittenden Home in N.C., and the United Health Services in North Carolina, which channels funds for research in the medical schools in the State.

Contributing to these agencies through the United Fund is an efficient way of giving. in that heavy fund raising expense for these agencies avoided. Practically 100 percent of the contributions thus goes to the expressed objective of the agency. This is an important advantage of making contributions through a UF. Our UF Directors, in this connec tion, point out that all the campaign work of the Fund is done by volunteers, and that the expenses of the UF are very low.

Achievement Day Program

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was second with their interest
in Clothing Needy Children.
Burnsville was thrid with Mental Health Activities and fourth
place was Arbuckle with Community Development.

Leaders Awards went to Mrs.
P. C. Coletta, President of the
Burnsville Club; Mrs. C.B. Gillespie, Foods and Nutrition;
Clothing, Mrs. E. L. Dillingham,
House Furnishings, Mrs. Warren
Young; Family Relations, Mrs.
Dempsey Hopson; Creative
Crafts, Mrs. Jess Lawhern;
and Health, Mrs. W. P. Honeycutt



By Tom Anderson OUR CIVIL WAR

A lightweight leftist columnist named Clayton Fritchey wrote recently: "Putting aside the merits or demerits of the Vietnam intervention, all can agree that it has provoked a civil war in the U.S. that cannot be stopped until the war in Asia is stopped."

All can agree? All who? All pro Communists? All illiterates? All fools? All Fritcheys?

Regardless of Asia, we will have civil war at home. Vietnam and Cambodia are merely excuses used by Marxists and traitors dedicated to destroying our free Republic.

Too many people, including the young revolutionists, the Nixon administration, and the Silent Majority (if they dared mention such a "controversial" subject) try to blame the Vietnam war for too many of our troubles. If there were no Vietnam war, the Communists would still be burrowing into our national woodwork to destroy our country. The blacks would still be rebelling, the pinks would still be socializing us, and the anarchists would still be burning down "the establishment."

We aginners who have predicted for 25 years the outcome of permissiveness, "liberalism," "welfare" and peace-at-any-price are now being blamed for "polarizing" the nation. Candidate Nixon, who knew better, made a lot of noise about bringing our people together—"unity." The appeal is as phony as a three dollar bill. It's even as phony as The Great Silent Majority.

Imagine! With the country on the brink of chaos and civil war; with the imminent possibility of either a Communist or a Fascist dictatorship (blood brothers) and even the real possibility (as we continue disarming) of a Russian atomic attack—imagine any non-moron bragging about being a member of The Great Silent Majority.

Members of the Silent Majority profess to believe that the FBI is on the ball and can handle the Communist problem in this country. The job of the FBI is to investigate, not to prosecute. Communists are not prosecuted because so many government officials are pro-Communist. Also, prosecution of Communists is largely a waste of time because the Supreme Court these days declares in favor of the Communists in about 90% of the cases.

Some Silent Majoritiers excuse themselves by saying that the Communists are "mellowing." But J. Edgar Hoover says: "In the United States, no indication is apparent that Com-

munism has changed even in the slightest from its historic Marxist-Leninist core of a materialistic atheistic conspiracy dedicated to overthrowing the institutions of our society. Communism is not, as some claim, becoming more democratic through the passage of time." (Congressional Record, January 20, 1970)

Chief criminal of the Black Panthers, Eldridge Cleaver, according to a TV network, is planning several weeks of training Arab countries for a sabotage and assassination campaign in the U.S. An Arab spokesman says the Black Panthers are considering training their members in combat against Israel. Panthers are already being trained in North Vietnam, North Korea and Cuba in combat, sabotage, the use of time bombs and other revolutionary tactics. Robert F. Williams, an American born Negro, formerly a paid propagandist for Fidel Castro, who later fled to Red China as a fugitive from America, wrote:

"The new concept of revolution defies military science and tactics. The new concept is lightning campaigns conducted in highly sensitive urban communities with paralysis reaching the small communities and spreading to the farm areas. The new concept creates conditions that involve the total community, whether they want to be involved or not. It sustains a state of confusion and destruction of property. It dislocates the organs of harmony and order and reduces central power to the level of a helpless, sprawling octopus. During the hours of day, sporadic rioting takes place and massive sniping. Night brings all-out warfare, organized fighting and unlimited terror against the oppressor and his forces."

From China, Williams flooded our country with pamphlets urging Negroes not to fight in Vietnam. If they were sent there, "they should eliminate as many of their enemies (white Americans) as they can at the front, so that these racists will not be able to return home."

The criminal traitor who wrote the above statement recently returned to this country. No, not to be tried and executed. He's free as a bird, preparing our destruction.

He is one of America's all-time traitors. He continuously conducted treasonous broadcasts telling the Comrats how to destroy the United States. He now continues his treason, protected by your government, from Detroit. He is in great demand as a speaker on the church and college circuit.—American Way Features

Senator Powell On Task Force

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Senator William P. Powell
of Mars Hill has been appoin ted by the United Methodist
Church Conference Commis sion of North Carolina to serve
as a member of a Task Force
on Religion and Race to study

housing needs and policies in North Carolina. Senator Powell will be serving as a representative of the Western North Carolina area to make recommendations to the State Con-