

'Nixon's Trying To Desert, Benson's Sinking Ship!'



EDITORIALS

Never Forget That These Editorials Are The Opinion Of One Man, And He May Be Wrong.

Write Our Senators

Although no member of the North Carolina delegation in the House of Representatives voted for federal aid to education, both Senators Sam Ervin and Everett Jordan did vote for federal aid to education the last time such a bill was before the senate.

Senator Ervin has explained his desertion to the "enemy ranks" by saying it was the lesser of two evils that he supported, since he believed that some kind of federal aid bill was going to pass and he swung his vote to the bill that was least objectionable. We have seen no explanation from Senator Jordan.

This is a weak excuse insofar as we're concerned. Death is inevitable, and perhaps federal meddling in local schools is inevitable, but suicide to avoid death by old age is hardly logical, and voting against one's principles because it seems to be inevitable is the kind of weak thinking that makes undesirable things inevitable.

Simply put; very few men are able to resist the terrible temptation of power that comes from being a member of congress, and nothing adds more quickly to the power of congress as a whole and congressmen as individuals than spending money.

The bill voted for by Senators Ervin and Jordan would give nearly 43 per cent of its money to the "needy" states of New York, California, Texas, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Illinois and Michigan.

The socialistic paternalism which sponsors such legislation has its roots in the pious desire to help "needy" areas provide services that they refuse to provide for themselves. Yet these "poor relations" of the federal government, to wit the Southern States were almost solidly against the "help" in the House and only 11 Southern senators supported the bill in the Senate while 17 Southern senators were opposing the bill.

Senator Frank Lausche of Ohio who voted against the bill succinctly put his objections:

1. "Because the bill places upon the

responsibility which it is less able to bear than the state and local governments.

2. "The bill will ultimately place the control of the schools in the centralized government, because with control of the purse goes control of the operation. The bill already contains provisions for centralized control.

3. "The bill deceives the people in the states and local areas into believing that they are getting something from the federal government without paying for it.

4. "The bill impliedly declares that the people in the local areas, in whom the operation of the schools is vested, do not understand the problem, and that therefore the federal government, with a miraculous and magic hand, through money, will provide the solution.

5. "The bill manifests the indefensible and erroneous philosophy that the weakness in our education system can be solved with money, but without a consideration of the basic causes which are deterring our youth from studying the professions of science, engineering, nursing, teaching, medicine and others.

6. "The bill fails to recognize that while, on the one hand, from our institutions of higher learning there are being graduated each year practically twice as many students as from Soviet institutions of higher learning, on the other hand our graduates in the sciences are only half the number which are being graduated in the Soviet Union. This indicates that something other than money is the cause.

7. "The bill fails to recognize that the states and local governments are handling the matter and are every day bringing the required facilities up to the needs of the number of students that are to be taught.

8. "The bill abominable fails to recognize that in 24 of the last 29 years we operated on a deficit basis."

If Senators Ervin and Jordan need any more or better reasons than these offered by Senator Lausche for voting against any federal aid to education plan—compromise or surrender—they are not the kind of men needed to represent North Carolina.

Political Cynicism

To the national politician the South exists only as a whipping boy, that is used each election year to prove to the minority blocs of voters in key states that the politician is sincerely interested in those downtrodden minorities.

Generally minorities possess some intelligence, but the negro blocs in the large northern states apparently have none. From these politicians they get their promises and nothing else.

How it helps an undernourished, segregated negro in Harlem to know that a negro child has been forced into a Virginia school is hard to understand. Perhaps his own misery is made less because other people are being made miserable.

This is an ancient device of the venal politician, who makes his followers forget their troubles by pointing in the direction of somebody or some group with worse troubles.

The South is a minority that is being abused to influence another minority. The danger from this extends into every facet of what we refer to rather loosely as The American Way of Life.

The farmer is a minority. So to please the big city voters the farmer and the farm program are held up as horrible examples. Soon the farmer will join the white southerner as a forgotten man politically. There are growing signs already that a coalition of big city politicians is planning to do to the farmer what both political parties have already done to the South.

In one way or another everyone is a member of a minority, and when in the name of selfish greed the rights of one minority are eliminated or restricted then

each of us suffers. This might be used as a sudden and good argument for extending automatically every right to the negro, who is surely a minority that has been long-suffering and discriminated against. But who can guarantee the negro that he might not some day suffer from an extension of the same legal illogic. If today a negro child suffers from not swimming in a white pool, may not tomorrow another negro child suffer from not living in so fine a home as that first negro child?

If law becomes predicated upon pious sociological and theological concepts as now exhibited in schools, parks, lunch counters how long might it be before this same concept be extended to every facet of living.

People suffer inferiority complexes because others have prettier wives, bigger cars, fancier yachts, more hair. Generally, however, people suffer most seriously from inferiority complexes when they are inferior.

PERSONAL

PARAGRAPHS

BY

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This is a highly appropriate time to make my annual squawk about the stupidity of men's fashions. A handsome young salesman just left my air-conditioned office sweating like a boar mink, and probably smelling just as sweet. But he was robed in a shirt with fle, and over that choking apparatus he had a jacket that was soaked about as wet as a "drip-dry" jacket can get. They drip while one is wearing them and dry over night.

The Price Goes Up

The latest Washington estimate is that the first year of "freedom" for the Congo will cost American taxpayers \$100 million. Since World War II the United States has bought more land than any buyer in the history of the world but we have let the title remain with the original owners.

In the 61 years since Cuba was granted its "freedom" the United States has poured something like \$6,000 million into that tiny island, and today it's not safe for an American to walk the streets, much less travel the back roads of this backward "republic".

Name a country on either side of the Iron Curtain and no matter where it may be there's a king's ransom of American taxpayers' dollars buried there, and after all this the United States is in the position of "having to hire pallbearers".

Our stupid open-handedness has created hostility rather than friendship. People upon whom American taxpayers' money have been lavished despise us rather than love us. They keep asking themselves, "What's the gimmick?"

They're like the chorus girl who has been wine, dined and be-jeweled by the rich old boy. She knows that sooner or later she's going to have to "give her all". Perhaps, there may have been one such rich playboy in the history of the specie who wanted nothing more than to give his "little flower" a chance to "bloom" and reach the heights she deserved. We believe that the United States is that exception among governments.

The United States does sincerely want to help its poor relations, but the best way NOT to help a poor relation is to fix him up with a handout. Give him a job, help him to improve his living standards but do this in a fashion that he can understand.

Giving a tractor to a man who has plowed a water buffalo all his life is rather like giving a battleship to a mountaineer. He doesn't need it and doesn't know how to operate it if it's given to him. Much of our foreign aid has been in this "ice-box-for-estkemo" category.

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Courtney Mitchell is the only sensibly dressing man in Kinston and everybody laughs at him because he has the guts to dress comfortably—or as comfortably as possible in this high humidity climate. From May through September Mitchell puts on walking shorts and to hell with what folks say about them.

My wife, like most wives insists that a man is not properly dressed no damned matter how hot it gets unless he is wrapped like a mummy and sweating like a field hand. But there she sits in a sleeveless, low backed light cotton frock that lets the breeze blow free. Of course, I don't dress up as she says I should, but we have had many a long discussion on the subject.

One utter paradox is the British attitude on this matter. No people are more stuffy and proper in matters of dress than the British, yet when the British are forced to live in climates such as this of Eastern Carolina they dress in walking shorts, which are about twice as comfortable as long trousers.

Most men bow to the fashion dictates because their legs look like the hide of an aged wart hog. Back in colonial times when men wore knee breeches and hose, they took a great deal of pride in the "turn of their calf" and the trimness of their ankle. That is a concern that men reserve now for the girls.

Let me make clear, I'm not a nudist by practice or theory; but after the concessions have been made to sensible modesty and good taste there is not much more to say about the covering of the body.

From the time I wrote the above paragraphs until this paragraph I have been downtown (Monday morning) and I'm happy to report that I saw four more men who have joined Brother Mitchell with walking shorts. Maybe in another five or ten years more men will develop the courage to dress for comfort rather than for convention.

For generations women went around wrapped up in layer after layer of clothing but along came emancipation, and now on occasion I get the notion that maybe the gals are going just a little too far in their habits of un-dress.

Last Friday I was admiring one who

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