

'Just Mix It Up—Feed Him Curves And Screwballs!'



EDITORIALS

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

York's The Wrong Color

Recently Americans have been crying in their beer for one of the nation's greatest genuine heroes, Sergeant Alvin York, who was World War I's most decorated soldier. For the story of his life this Tennessee mountaineer was paid a lot of money. Quite likely he threw some of it away, but he did put some of it into a charitable home for children.

But somewhere along the line Sgt. York got crossed up with the leeches who sucked the taxpayers' blood in the Internal Revenue Department. They refused to give this ignorant hero the same kind of a tax-dodge ruling they gave General Eisenhower when his war memoirs were ghost written and sold for nearly a million dollars.

So these pig-headed bloodsuckers from Washington have been trying to evict the paralyzed Sgt. York from his mountain home to get that last pound of flesh.

Compare this treatment of Sgt. York over a \$25,000 alleged tax debt with the gracious almost apologetic release a few years back of Negro Fighter Joe Louis from more than a million dollars in taxes he allegedly owed the government. They piously explained that Louis would never be able to earn enough money to pay off his debts. How they suppose Sgt. York is going to get out of his bed and earn enough money to pay their claims is beside the point.

Just this week Negro Congressman Adam Clayton Powell, who is also a religious con man, has had three charges of income tax fraud against him dropped for the tenuous thin reason that "witnesses were abroad". That witness is his ex-wife Negro Pianist Hazel Scott — now married to a white Frenchman — who joined with Preacher Powell in gyping the government out of thousands of dollars of income tax. And don't forget that a member of Powell's office staff went to prison for helping Powell to gyp the government, but he still serves in Congress and is chairman of the House Committee on Education and Labor. You should be so educated that you could get away with deliberately beating the government out of hundreds of thousands of dollars . . .

This country is in the worst fit of bathos over the negro in its history and in the past century it suffered some severe attacks.

The negro can do no wrong at the national level. He is a saint.

The Reverend Martin Luther King is above law, and presidents crowd in line to swear to it. A negro girl that this eminent negro theologian has loved and left stabs him on a New York street and she passes into posterity along with the "Unknown Soldier." Picture a white leader getting away so lightly at the hands of the press. And so on into the night.

No Further North

There is presently before the Kinston City Council a request to extend commercial zoning even further up North Queen Street. This plea should be rejected, and here are our reasons:

Strip zoning is un-economic and a major contributor to commercial blighting.

But even more important is that less than half of the present area that is commercially zoned is being used commercially.

This pressure process of inching a little bit further up a single main artery is costly to taxpayers in a long list of ways.

While a handful of property owners on

this major artery (Queen Street in this instance) might profit by being able to sell their land for big profits, think of the hundreds of property owners in the existing commercial area who are not getting a chance to sell their property because commercial sites are being made plentiful on the main drag.

Those who own property on McLewean, Heritage, Mitchell, Bright, King, Caswell, Gordon, North, Blount, Peyton, Washington, Lenoir, Vernon, Grainger between East and Mitchell are being penalized.

The city's traffic and parking problem is being compounded by strip zoning, and it

The Russians Are Liars

The record will fairly well support the statement: "The Russians Are Liars", and in the same sense it is equally undeniable that Americans are gullible.

The Russians are lying about putting the first man in space. This is not wishful thinking, nor an effort to be funny. The time was growing increasingly near when America was going to put a man briefly into outer space. Our monkey had come back safe and sound so the Russians knew that they could not postpone their "cosmonaut" much longer if they did not want to suffer a hard propaganda blow.

So they came up with a whooper. So big, in fact, that a majority of the world seems to be accepting the word of congenital liars without the slightest question.

The Russians had put up dogs, they claim. But they never claimed that they had orbited the earth with a dog. Why not a simian, whose body and mind are more nearly like that of man than a dog's?

Why didn't they first orbit an animal before risking a man on a complete lap around the globe? Why haven't they shown a picture of the space capsule, a picture of the rocket that put the space capsule into orbit? Why haven't they permitted their hero to answer unfiltered questions?

Why does a Russian professor say the space ship had no windows, and the man describe how beautiful the world was on his 89-minute excursion?

What tremendous engineering problems would have to be overcome to put a window in a space ship that could stand up under speeds of more than 18,000 miles per hour.

Why was the space man dressed in a soft leather space helmet rather than the standard crash helmet which would afford dozens of times more protection?

Is the gap between Russian and American metallurgy and chemistry great enough to permit the Russians to have a liquid-propelled rocket that is dozens of times more powerful than our most powerful?

The reader should ask: If you have all these uneducated doubts about Russian accomplishment, why don't some experts have some of the same? They do, and many more, but they cannot speak the truth for fear their operation funds will be slashed.

The war between Soviet dictatorship and America's creeping socialism is not military, but economic. Everytime an American president panics and runs to congress for for another handfull of billions to throw down the missile rat hole the Soviets have won another big battle.

Every detached expert who has visited Russia in the past three years says the Russians do not have the tremendous technological apparatus to produce the things it is claiming. Russian cars, airplanes, tanks are all poor copies of models bought or stolen from the western world.

Yet in spite of such massive technological plagiarism as this our leaders tell us and expect us to believe the the Russians in one tiny industrial cell have not only passed but have passed us by years, and that there is really very little chance of us ever catching them.

Any realistic appraisal of the story told last week by the Russians cannot reach but one conclusion: The Russians Are Liars.

ought to stop now and stay stopped until a much larger percentage of the already available commercial property has been used.

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PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS BY JACK RIDER

The election this week in Kinston has been a painful lesson to leaders in the negro community. They have learned that the way of a politician is not an easy one. They have learned, the hard way that, the best made plans often go awry in the political byways.

Two years ago Mrs. J. J. Hannibal made local history by becoming the first negro, and the first woman ever elected to the Kinston Board of Aldermen. There were many — including myself — who had fears over her election. But time has quited my fears.

Mrs. Hannibal has conducted herself well, has not tried to use the city council as a sounding board for extremist views. By common consensus up until the filing deadline on April 1st she was expected to go back for another two-year term. But on the final filing day — Just minutes before the deadline, two other negro candidates filed. This made three negro candidates and 10 white candidates. This automatically made each of the 1961 negro voters three times as powerful as the 7138 white voters insofar as supporting candidates of their own race was concerned.

Negro leaders backing Mrs. Hannibal turned every possible stone in their effort to persuade the white voters that the negroes were not going to vote for all three negro candidates. Their selling job was not succesful, as the vote Tuesday indicates.

Hundreds of white voters who originally had intended to vote for Mrs. Hannibal changed their minds when the mathematical possibility of three negro aldermen confronted them. Despite this fear Mrs. Hannibal still got over 600 white votes.

The negro leaders were right in saying that they were not going to support the other two negro candidates. Franklin Moore got only 451 votes and Melvin Bell got only 396. But the white community had no way of knowing that the negroes would keep their word until the votes were counted.

Personally I believe at this time it was bad for the city council to lose Mrs. Hannibal, but it is my absolute conviction that her defeat was not caused by the law which forbids single-shot voting, nor by blind racial attitudes of the white voters, but was caused by the threat — however remote it may have been — of having three negro aldermen. This is not the kind of statement that can be supported by iron-clad facts, but it is supported by statements made to me by dozens — more than a 100 voters who said, in substance, "I was going to vote for Mrs. Hannibal but I'm afraid the white candidates may need my vote worse than she."

Two years ago when Mrs. Hannibal was elected the white vote was split between 20 candidates. This year it was divided between only 10 candidates; this automatically made her election more difficult — in fact, impossible if voting were done in this election as it was in 1959 along strictly racial lines. Two years ago she was elected with 1254 votes, and not less than 1200 of those were negro votes. This year she got 1449 votes and over 500 of those were white votes. For some reason, perhaps the split over the negro candidates, the negroes did not vote in strength this year.

For instance in Precincts 1 and 2 where the bulk of the negro vote is located — 844 registered negroes in Precinct 1 — Mrs. Hannibal only got 379 votes and in Precinct 2 where there are 1091 negro voters registered Mrs. Hannibal only got 576 votes. The other five precincts only include 26 registered negro voters. Yet in those five precincts Mrs. Hannibal got 594 votes, proving at least theoretically that a considerable part of the vote Mrs. Hannibal got in Precincts 1 and 2 was also white

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