

'I'm Afraid They'll Never Catch Up!'



EDITORIALS

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

Where Lies The Guilt?

This weekend three State College basketball players were indicted for accepting bribes and cooperating with gamblers in the controlling of scores that were aimed basically at protecting the "odds" given by the gamblers.

So far none of the men who passed out the bribes has been arrested. In bribery, generally, it takes two to tango. But behind these two major parties in this conspiracy is a far larger segment of the population. We refer to the people who "play the parlays".

Kinston, and every other crossroads hamlet has its vagrant hustlers who peddle these slips of paper. But they couldn't peddle them if somebody was not stupid enough to buy them.

They are a listing of games to be played for a specific period on which the "odds" are listed — that is the number of points the gamblers are rating one team over, or

under another team.

The "sucker" can pick as many games as he wishes, and that's where the "point shaving" becomes important to the "banker" or the parlay.

Multiply a village the size of Kinston by all the basketball fans, football fans and baseball fans across the nation and you immediately are playing with "big numbers". A few hundred dollars a week—possibly a few thousand dollars a week bet in Kinston is not enough to "buy" teams or even a few players across the country. But when this gyp is viewed from the top-side down, then it involves millions of dollars a week.

The local hustlers have to be paid, and all along the line there are other "employees" that take their slice. Which adds up to what Texas Guinan said on the subject a long time ago:

"Never give a sucker an even break!"

How Unkind

The leftist so-called intellectuals outside the South have been slapped on both cheeks by members of the Kennedy Administration on the negro issue and now the boss himself has kicked them in the groin by refusing to jump on the bandwagon for legislation to further harass and humiliate the South.

Attorney General Robert Kennedy, speaking in Athens, Ga., told the nation, "I think there is a good deal of hypocrisy. It seems to me that this is not just a problem for the South, but this is a problem for us as American citizens. You have the private clubs in the North where you have the members of these clubs — often editors of newspapers, publishers of newspapers who keep writing editorials about the deplorable situation in the South, who belong to clubs that won't allow negroes in them or have absolutely no contact whatsoever with Negroes, and sometimes with Jews."

Labor Secretary Goldberg swung at the other pink intellectual cheek with, "I find it difficult to understand why, in the houses I have frequented socially, the dinner parties, the cocktail parties, I have rarely

seen Negroes as guests. This is particularly marked among intellectuals and liberals in our large cities, particularly in New York City and in Chicago. It is a fact that the much-abused Southerners are often on closer speaking terms with negroes than we critical Northerners."

This follows almost to the letter the prediction made by Senate Reporter William S. White, who said before Kennedy's inauguration, that this administration was not going to further pillory the South on this issue.

No greater service can be done the South than to have the spotlight turned on these types that these two cabinet members were roasting in the comments quoted above.

In the South we should use the same weapon: Ask A Jonathan Daniels how many negro reporters he has on his paper, how many negroes belong to his church, his clubs when he uses his editorial page to encourage racial integration for the people who have to send their children to public schools. Daniels sent his children to schools that were segregated from poor children as well as negro children.

We Are Defenseless

In a key area both economically and geographically the United States is defenseless. We refer to the Middle East, where United States foreign policy and private capital has been lavished upon feudal monarchies that have no way but "out" in the modern world.

Russia, on the other hand, being "out" and wanting "in" because of the oil wealth of these desert kingdoms only has to manipulate the passions for freedom that are rampant in every nook and corner of the world today.

We can only say, and very weakly, that Russian communism is not a form of freedom. The people living under the heel of a slave-owning Ibn Saud believe that any kind of freedom — even Russian freedom — is better.

For generations the world looked to America for the light of liberty. Now Russians are holding their version of the lamp to freedom higher and they are waving it more wildly before the liberty-wanting peoples of the world.

When American money or prestige is loaned to a Franco, to an Ibn Saud, to a Shah of Iran, to the King of Morocco it is in the wrong company.

We supported Batista in Cuba while he robbed the people blind. Now we have inherited a Castro who is picking the Cuban brain rather than the Cuban pocket.

Americans are learning the hard way that power carries with it a terrifying responsibility.

For generations we criticized the British for their conduct of world affairs; now we are finding that the Great White Father must sleep with strange bedfellows, swallow his pride daily and humble himself regularly before all the greedy, ignorant, savage impulses that impel mankind along his "path to glory".

A Pressing Need

If we were a judge we'd sentence each member of the Kinston Board of Aldermen to a roundtrip every Saturday morning on McLewean and Heritage streets, from King Street to Vernon Avenue.

We know that none of the present board was on the council when a one-way system was junked seven or eight years ago because some merchants believed they were being penalized by the one-way traffic.

It would cost hundreds of thousands of dollars to widen both these streets over the distance mentioned above, but it would cost nothing more than a simple resolution to make both of them tremendously more useful.

Heritage Street merchants objected to the plan because it had southbound traffic on Heritage and northbound on McLewean. We still think it is idiotic to turn traffic off the King Street bridge north on Heritage, but it's going that way now, so it would be no worse with a one-way system than at present.

We urgently petition the aldermen to instruct the police department to convert at least these two streets back to one-way; with northbound traffic on Heritage and southbound on McLewean.

Whether Caswell, Gordon, North and Blount should be made alternately one-way as they were before is open for debate; personally, we believe it would be in the long-range best interest of the downtown section. But we insist that there is no intelligent debate possible in consideration of Heritage and McLewean streets.

The improved channelization of traffic in a one-way system would eliminate the left-turn, right-turn jams that develop early on Saturday or another busy day and last throughout the day.

Please, Aldermen.

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PERSONAL
PARAGRAPHS

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One of the current international illusions is that the non-white people of the world are going to suddenly unite and take over. Maybe they will, but they'll have to find a better excuse than numerical majority if they do. Since the earliest dawn of civilization there have been many more non-white than white people on the face of the globe. Yet there has never been a time when they "ruled the world."

In passing, it also might be admitted for the record that the white people have never ruled the world, either. Since the days of Alexander white people have suffered from excesses of power, and perhaps may have theoretically "ruled all the world." Alexander is supposed to have wept because there were no more worlds to conquer.

Yet all the while this Great Greek was weeping the massive areas below the Sahara were untamed — as they still remain today, all of Asia east of the Urals and north of the Himalayas never saw, nor heard about Alexander. And, of course, the entire Western Hemisphere was unknown to any but its own inhabitants until long after Alexander had left this veil of tears.

Caesar, Attila, Genghis Khan, Charlemagne, Napoleon and Hitler spread their webs of government over huge portions of the world, but at their highwater marks none of these "ruled the world". Perhaps, if challenged to a war by the masses of colored people they might have won, but they could not take the war to the Congo, nor the Amazon rain forest, nor to the empty space of Outer Mongolia.

So this business of "ruling the world" is an over-simplification, a bugaboo used by politicians to frighten their subjects into accepting higher taxation, less freedom and more direction of their every-day lives.

One of the reasons the non-whites will not rule the world is because the vast majority of them are not the slightest bit interested in such grandiose geopolitical schemes. But even bigger than this indecision is their inherent inability to agree among themselves. Of course, it is a truism to say that "IF" they all got together they could take over from simple numbers.

But getting them together is not the simplest political trick in the book. A combination of terror, national pride and a monumental hunger has given the Chinese man mass a semblance of unity, but hardly more than that. Constructing a working coalition of what we might call the non-white nations makes the Labor of Hercules seem like child's play.

Theoretically, of course, it IS possible, and perhaps we should attempt to make our plans for the theoretical worst situation, but if either a nation or an individual consumes itself with such dreadful pessimism there is no happy hope for anykind of future.

While the white races have been holding forth under the first one and then another "power" there has never been much to indicate that they could work out an intelligent plan for slicing up the world. Hitler offered Britain in 1940 a chance to slice the world into German and British spheres of control.

The British didn't feel they could satisfactorily deal with a megalomaniac of the Hitler ilk, and from the long-range vantage point of world history they recognized the practical impossibility of even the most powerful allies sitting down to a nice cup of tea and so deftly settling the affairs of mankind.

Surely today Russia and the United States have the brute power to call such a tune in world affairs, but they do not because they do not trust each other. It is the old question: "Who shall be first among equals?"