

'And I Thought That He Wasn't Up To The Job'



# EDITORIALS

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

## Help For Hyannis

The only question we have about the sending of "Freedom Riders" to Hyannis, and the other "Homes of Freedom" in the north is: Why has the South waited so long to prove that it still has a sense of humor? Certainly it is brutal to a degree to exploit negro families who have heard and who believe the siren's song of the north, but it is the north that started this shooting match, and nothing will deflate a pompous do-gooder more quickly than having to put into practice what he has been preaching.

So long as the Kennedy Family, from the lily-whiteness of its summer home of Cape Cod, can tell Southern counties with a majority of its population negro how to solve the racial problem, it is perfectly Kosher — or Catholic, if you prefer a more germane expletive, for them the Southerners to offer to send a handfull of negroes north so the do-gooders can practice their doing good at home.

## High - Level Confusion

President Kennedy and his chief economic aides have said that a tax cut is needed to bolster the nation's economy. But the man in charge of the tax-cutting, or tax-raising department; House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Wilbur Mills of Arkansas, doesn't see it thataway. Mills knows as much about government, and perhaps as much about the national economy as either Kennedy or Dillon and his attitude is that cutting income when spending is being expanded is, on its face ridiculous.

We cannot understand how the insolvency of the federal government, even if it is theoretical, can be a boost to the nation's economy. In an era of unprecedented prosperity it seems childish to suggest cutting taxes when the federal government is running a deficit that is counted in the billions each year. The nation should be told that we either must cut governmental spending or have taxes increased; not that we should increase government spending while decreasing taxes.

## The Ultimate Horror

In a generation that has included the trench slaughter of World War I, the target practice on Ethiopian tribesmen by Mussolini's jackals, the fratricidal proving ground of Spain's civil war, the genocidal insanity of the Germans, and the malicious sadisms of the conquering Japanese it remains to the so-civilized Frenchmen in Algeria to perpetrate the ultimate horror.

The study of man's inhumanity to man is written in gore, but the reckless murder of women and children now going on in Algeria is a low ebb in the tide of man's surging emotions.

True, the innocent of Algeria are no less dead than those who died in Hitler's gas chambers, under Allied saturation bombing or the cremated thousands in Hiroshima and Nagasaki, but there is a pin-pointed difference, and a person-to-person maliciousness that the impersonal slaughters of the past must bow to in the line of ultimate depravity.

The white, Catholic French, who have been in Algeria for generations are fighting like cornered rats to prevent their homeland being surrendered to the dark, Islamic Arabs, who outnumber them about 4-to-1 in this bloody northern tip of Africa.

This does not excuse, but it does explain the unimaginable brutality of this organized murder.

Too, the Algerian terror is a combination of both religious and racial intolerance: which when added to the economic suicide that French Algerians are being forced to commit in the name of world order, makes an awful combination.

One more coldblooded fact of political life that this Algerian horror reminds the rest of the world of; is that government is by consent of the governed. Those, from a distance, who would impose even the noblest institutions upon a determined people

## Two Giant Steps

"The longest journey begins with one step."

This week the long, long trek toward better education in North Carolina took two giant steps forward.

First, the recommendation for the establishment of 14 two-year community colleges aimed at easing the burden on the pocket-books of parents and taking the pressure off existing secondary school enrollment.

Second, the decision to examine immediately the possibility of merit pay for teachers.

Admittedly, the steps that were taken this week were ONLY in the direction of these badly needed, and long delayed ends. But both steps were taken at high official levels; where steps are not carelessly taken, and by people who generally know where they are going when they start.

It would be hard to assign a priority to either the colleges or the revamped pay system for teachers, but since one requires considerable capital expenditure and the other only requires administrative decision it is likely, we hope, that the improved pay system will be realized before the 14 additional community colleges.

But neither should be stymied a single second beyond the absolute minimum time need to put them to work.

## Please, Parents

Already this year physicians in Kinston hospitals have treated five small children for poison, and luckily each is recovering, but in the past we have been suffering an average of three child deaths a year in Kinston hospitals alone because of this brutal carelessness by parents.

Every home today has a large, and growing collection of deadly poisons that are useful to mankind when properly used but are deadly — agonizingly deadly when swallowed by an infant.

The dangerous ages are from 1 to 4, doctors agree. From the time the child gets big enough to toddle around, until his reason develops to that point where he will not taste of everything he comes upon.

But children and adults accidentally swallow these poison from time to time when they are left beside other medicines or foodstuffs.

So every home — and especially every farm home ought to have a special and safe place to keep poisons, beyond the reach of infants and where the danger of accident will not imperil adults.

Traffic-jammed and money-starved metropolitan areas are watching, Miami, Florida — or more correctly Dade County, Florida where a metropolitan government five years ago replaced the patchwork of county and municipal governments that compounded the confusion of that booming tip of Florida. Savings and efficiency of operation have been far greater than were dreamed when the voters originally installed this system.

The attractive benches and urns recently installed in downtown Kinston are a step in the right direction toward a more beautiful business district, but more can and should be done in the same pattern. Have you seen the main street of Salisbury, which was voted the All-American City this year?

are fighting at terrible odds against victory, and sanity.

The South turned to Ku Klux Klan rule, murder, arson and fear when a distant power sought to impose by military force and political trickery institutions that were intolerable upon a defeated people, whose only resource was courage and desperation.

Algeria is the Confederacy of French history.

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## PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

BY JACK RIDER

Saturday night I was honored by being asked to speak to the annual meeting of the alumni of Southwood High School. Simply being with this group was enough for a pleasant evening, but when it was combined with an excellent meal and 40 minutes of stimulating conversation it became more than a pleasure; it was an experience.

I neither felt capable nor inclined to attempt a formal speech to this group, a majority of whom know me well, so I tried a different approach, and I enjoyed it, whether the alumni and their guests did or not.

I told the group that they could choose the subjects of my talk and determine the length of time I was on my feet. This was done by asking all of those who had the inclination to bring up any subject — since newsmen are supposed to be "jacks of all trades," and are also very free with their opinions.

This we did for 45 minutes, and it pleased me greatly not only to be permitted to talk that long to a group that convinced me that it was interested but to be stimulated by the number, range and depth of the questions asked.

This was an amazingly well informed group, whose interests ranged from foreign aid to communists down to the sending of destitute negroes to Hyannis.

My curiosity was pleasantly surprised by the range of questioning, since not a single question was on a subject that would be classed as trivial. The tax structure, the ASC scandal in Texas, integration of North Carolina schools, the main issue of the 1964 governor race, the wisdom of foreign aid are some of the subjects this group was interested in, and I hope that I was able to give them a little more information than they had before on these subjects, and certainly, whether I gave them any information or not, they did get my opinions on each.

It was also pleasant to see the school spirit of these relatively young men and women — since it included only those classes from 1949 forward. They made a Grainger High graduate of '34 feel rather ancient, when they started talking about their "old timers."

Another happy reflection on this group was the work those are doing who have finished their college educations, and among the more recent Southwood grads it was gratifying to see such a large percentage going to college.

This group, the oldest of which graduated from high school 15 years after I did, represents the generation that will be running the nation in another decade. If they are representative, and I see no good reason why they should not be; then our nation has nothing to fear because it will be in better hands then, than it is now.

Although our crystal ball doesn't have a very high batting average, we have dusted it off to venture this prediction: Not guilty will be the verdict on all counts for all defendants in the political circus that is going on in Raleigh against Kidd Brewer, Robert Burch and Son and three New Jersey sign companies.

"Better to be lucky than rich," seems to apply to the 1962 Kinston Eagles, who played their first 28 home games without a rain-out game, and before more than 61,000 fans.

There's hardly a week when some felony charge is not thrown out after a probable cause hearing before Recorder's Court Judge E. R. Wooten. This tends to indicate that warrants are being issued too easily, and without sufficient supporting evidence.