

Suggested Design For New Stamp Issue



EDITORIALS

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

Due Process Of Law

No one should be much shocked by the completely illegal methods that were used by the Gestapo Forces of the Kennedy Family in Mississippi.

Frightened, untrained marshals ran roughshod over about half the civil liberties in the book. Firing on unarmed college students, searching dormitories — including girl dormitories in the middle of the night without warrants and without respect for the condition of dress in which the girls were, jailing hundreds of people without warrants, holding them without arraignment,

and questioning them at great length under star-chamber condition is just a part of the ugly picture painted by the Knight-errants of the Kennedy Kingdom.

Then when the opposite number to The Right Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King began to exhort the multitudes from the steps of the nearest court house he (ex-General Walker) was captured by a battalion of stormtroopers, held excommunicado, refused bail and railroaded into a federal nuthouse.

Indeed, Walker must be crazy to expect fair treatment from the Kennedys.

Recommended Reading

We especially commend the reading of Senator Sam Ervin's column in this issue. In it he explains in very clear words why he voted against the so-called foreign aid program that will spend another four billion dollars of your money in the next fiscal period.

Ervin's reason will make the average taxpayers blood boil, but when enough taxpayer's blood begins to boil maybe the steam will smoke out some of the intellectual one-

world nuts that have been running our country deeper in debt with each re-convening of congress.

When enough of us really resist a stop will be put to this gross abuse of our national resources.

Up until now not enough of us have really resisted. We growl, gripe and utter an occasional unprintable word or two but we have not really gotten mean about it.

We suggest that it is time to get mean, and to mean it . . .

Training Exercise

Now that the Kennedy Boys have played war in Mississippi maybe they will have stimulated the morale of our "fighting forces" to that point where they can be "unleashed" upon the bearded ones of Castro's Cuba.

But if one may be permitted to judge on the basis of the recent past this is a foolish dream since American policy seems imbedded in a kind of national psychosis of self-destruction.

At home, and all around the world our government for a generation has been dedicated to the absurd principles that rewards should be given to enemies and insults heaped upon friends.

The French, British, Dutch, Belgians, Portuguese, Phillipine who stood with us when we were in grave danger have been thanked with crumbs while our recent deadly enemies have been showered with billions of dollars and the most pious kind of

well-wishing.

In national politics the picture is almost identical. The South which has been the cornerstone of Democratic Party politics since the party was formed is abused, invaded and crushed with every force of federal expression.

In fairness, we should perhaps admit that the Kingly Kennedy Family abuses us no worse than the choleric Eisenhower, the politician Truman or the Royal Roosevelts.

We were reminded just this week of the absurdity one finds in reading such statements as: "Judge orders union not to strike!" Which always makes us wonder how that judge can prevent the members of that union from all getting sick one morning. Judges may order, and create disorder but many of their fiats defy reason, and confound those not accustomed to the strange turnings of the law.

Cost-Of-Living Index

The most abused phrase in the American lexicon today is the "cost-of-living-index." Currently this phrase is being used by congress to justify tacking another billion and a half dollars onto the federal payroll.

The absurdity of such a system is that it rewards the guilty and the innocent alike, and makes no effort to help those most in need of help.

Under the federal civil service system a worker in the highest priced community in the nation is paid exactly the same salary as a comparable worker in a city or town where the cost of living is the tiniest fraction of what it is in the other.

This is fair some will argue, but is it fair to the taxpayer? Or is it even fair to the employees directly involved.

The federal pay system is a nightmare of absurdities that gets bigger and bigger with each convening of congress. It is the bastard child of congress and its illicit love affair with the power-hungry occupants of the executive posts of government.

The Only Salvation

The only political salvation in sight for the South is to raise a third party that though lacking the power to elect, will have the power to obstruct the processes of national elections.

Our professional politicians — such as those in state and federal jobs — shake with fright at the notion, but it would not be at all necessary to jeopardize the committee posts and other jobs held down by these selfish political types.

The South could still elect its congressional delegations in the name of the once-Democratic Party, but on the presidential ballot it — if it combined its forces — could command more respect from both national parties than it has at present.

The negroes with the tiniest fraction of the white vote in the South are doing much better with the use of their pivotal blocs of votes.

The South has the complete key to national politics in its hands if it could rid itself of the traitors that serve in the name of the South and begin working for its own best interest.

Time For Action

The North Carolina Insurance Commission for nearly a year during the death sickness of Charles Gold, did not have an executive head. Now Ed Lanier has been promoted to that job.

Lanier has a big job cut out for him if we are to preserve the good part of our financial responsibility law and get rid of the ugly parts.

Recent publicity has shown how greedy men can abuse this program. Checks should be written into the law to prevent such actions.

There is also the possibility that the General Assembly should put the state in the insurance business if private concern refuse to fairly accept their responsibility.

We said when the compulsory insurance program was being debated that its greatest danger would come from greedy people in the insurance business.

Happily a vast majority of the people in insurance business are honorable in their dealings, but in every business there will appear people who disregard ethics, prey on the weak and give their entire business a bad reputation.

It is the job of the Insurance Commissioner to ride herd on these bad elements that crawl into a good business, and it is also the duty of honorable insurance people to lend every possible assistance by reporting the bad elements that do so much harm to their trade.

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PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

BY JACK RIDER

My Daddy used to tell me, "Don't ever say what you're not going to do, because that's what you're likely to wind up doing." This was pretty good advice for a youngster, and it applies with equal value to those who have reached their majority.

For years I said I would never buy any part of a radio station because of the bureaucratic redtape that is automatically attached to every facet of radio station operation by the Federal Communications Commission. Then an opportunity came for me to become a part owner of a radio station, and now I can hear my Father's words all over again, and with deeper understanding.

Those who occasionally hear my radio editorials may already know what I'm referring to. In April and again in May of this year I had radio editorials in which I commented upon Mrs. J. J. Hannibal's appearance before the Kinston School Board and later her candidacy for county commissioner. Everything I said has been repeatedly confirmed as the truth, but she got the hell beat out of her in the election and she has elected to blame my two editorials for her political demise.

Knowing that the NAACP, of which she is a member, was running Washington while the Kennedys were directing military operations in Mississippi and watching the yacht races Mrs. Hannibal began an interminable correspondence with the Federal Communications Commission in which she bled with four-dollar adjectives about how I had libelled, slandered, lied and propagandized grossly and repeatedly against her over the radio.

Stupidly, I presumed that truth was a sufficient support for any utterances, in radio as in newspapers; and that Mrs. Hannibal and each other citizen has the protection of the libel laws if they believe they have been lied upon in public statements.

But the FCC is a huge, expensive, unwieldy bureaucracy that has erected a 20-page substitute for the truth that it calls its "Fairness Doctrine." Boiled down to its simple essence this fairness doctrine inferentially imposes upon the radio editorialist the absurdly impossible task of 1. Notifying any and all persons to be mentioned in editorials in advance, 2. supplying such persons with an advance copy of such editorial comment, and 3. offering such persons equal time to rebut any opinions expressed about them.

The utter imbecility of such a "Fairness Doctrine" is apparent to any except a bureaucrat. But under this "Fairness Doctrine" Radio Station WFTC engaged in a lengthy correspondence with the FCC, sending copies of the editorials to which Mrs. Hannibal objected, and receiving the unbelievable statement that fairness, or truthfulness of the editorials was "not the question", and that, rather, the question was whether we had notified her in advance, given her copies and offered her equal rebuttal time.

Our station is only on the air 18 hours a day and there wouldn't be enough time in that period to submit every imagined offense to equal rebuttal time, nor would the financial resources of the company permit the employment of a sufficient staff to prepare copies, in advance, and tender them to those mentioned.

To make a long story short, we got tired of wasting time and aggravating our ulcers, trying to talk sense to a federal bureau so we surrendered, offered Mrs. Hannibal the rebuttal time which she spent not rebutting but in "character assassination" against me, which is the same crime she had accused me of.

Now Mrs. Hannibal is happy. She has had her 10-minutes upon the stage to strut and orate, and she has shown us "who is running things in Washington," as if we didn't already know. We are not happy, but we are a little more educated than we were when we got started.