

'I Treated ... But Got The Tricks Anyway!'



EDITORIALS

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

Federal School Aid

No doubt the most expensive individual school aid ever extended is to James Meredith. No taxpayer will ever know just how much it will cost to keep this fellow in school for the brief time that he will be there.

An armed escort of more than 20,000 soldiers, another 1,000 marshals, prison guards and border patrolmen was used to blast Meredith into "Old Miss" and his bodyguard is still about 100 times as large as the Secret Service detail that guards The President.

But the cost to the nation in principle is worse than in dollars. One can always scratch around and find a few more dollars for the tax collector, but a shattered principle cannot be repaired.

Once the federal government has committed itself to such a practice it undoubtedly will be called upon again and again to enforce the illegal whim of such an aptly

named judge as Hugo Black. Such sainted house organs of integration as the New York Times even denounced the arbitrary order of Black, who acted without precedent and beyond the law when he accepted and ruled on a matter that was not legally before him.

But this is the temper of the times, and Black throughout his checkered career has been the kind of venal politician who tried to always be on the winning side.

When he was seeking election as an Alabama senator he found it expedient to join the Ku Klux Klan, and that worked for him well, placing him in the United States Senate.

Then Black got "religion," deserted the bridge of bigotry that had brought him from Alabama to Washington and began his work on a bigger and more bigoted bridge that has raised him almost to the level of lesser saint in the pseudo-liberal pond where he now cynically fishes.

Juvenile Delinquency

One should preface every thought, and certainly every comment on juvenile delinquency with the reminder that we are talking about a tiny percentage of youth when we speak of this problem.

But that tiny percentage in a nation of more than 185 million is sufficient to cause major concern, particularly to law enforcement agencies who try to stand between these teen-aged hoodlums and society.

With some exceptions, the blame for juvenile delinquency must fall upon the lack of a home, or the lack of a proper home.

The schools, churches, police, the courts and prison cannot substitute for parental discipline and respect.

Many parents confuse discipline with harshness, and others mistake respect for love.

Discipline among children, as among troops is commanded, not demanded.

Parents who expect to have disciplined children must discipline themselves.

Parents who hope for the respect of their children, must conduct themselves with respect.

Parents must display the courage to say "No" when common sense dictates. And

they must be willing to make the momentary sacrifice of adolescent adulation that sometimes comes with the enforcement of that, "No!"

Children are little different than adults. They respect courage, integrity and manners.

Of course, there is no home capable of coping with the psychotic juvenile, but the average delinquent is not psychotic, but is more likely spoiled by over indulgence of his perfectly human desire to do what he damned well pleases.

Each child, fortunately, is a problem peculiar to itself. Each parent has the continuing responsibility of helping that personality fit into society with the least pain both to the child and to the society.

General De Gaulle said he would quit if he didn't get 66 per cent of the vote last week, but he has changed his mind and decided to hang around a while longer in spite of the fact that he got only 61 per cent of the vote. If Kennedy — with 49 per cent of the vote — ever got any such notions we might wind up with Lyndon and Lady Bird flitting around the White House.

The Ancient Virtues

That manicured clique of camp followers who flutter around the fringes of American politics have exerted every ounce of their pseudo-intellectualism to downgrade and debase those ancient virtues upon which our country was founded and has prospered.

Patriotism is sneered at, thrift is stinginess, courage is braggadocio, integrity is so conventional, loyalty is for the simple; these are some of the limpid attitudes of this political "smart" set.

This flippant, almost arrogant reflection of youth's impatience with the past is wholesome, to a point, in youth; but dangerous and degrading when it penetrates the adult levels of decision in any section of society, and most especially when it undermines the keystone of government.

President Kennedy has in recent months unlearned some of these youthful flippancies and has had forced upon him a new recognition of some of these basic virtues.

And even a man in such a worldly position as The President must be totally amazed with the success he has enjoyed with the assertion of these basic virtues.

Patriotism, courage and loyalty were all woven into the fabric of his Cuban blockade decision, and nothing he has done in his 45 years has ever approached the success of this action.

When our diplomats landed in South America with a brief case full of promises for the Alliance of Progress they never enjoyed the unanimous agreement The President has found for this simple act of courage.

People everywhere prefer courage to currency; for what good is our money if we are not willing, and ready to defend our principles and our very lives?

And more important perhaps in the final analysis than the reaction of other nations has been the overwhelming response of the natives.

We natives have grown increasingly restless with this one-worldism that saw our money being poured — with no good results — down every rat hole around the world in the altruistic, but unappreciated effort to help other people imitate our own way of life.

The American attitude, if we must have one at all in foreign affairs, should always begin with the utmost respect for the other fellow, or the other nation to have the kind of government, the kind of economy, the kind of religion that he damned well likes for himself.

And our constant policy in world affairs, and in national affairs should be based completely upon our own enlightened self-interest.

Let each of us hope that President Kennedy with the smart-set blinders ripped away long enough to see clearly the need for action in the Cuban situation will keep these dark glasses off long enough to also realize that these same virtues, applied to domestic affairs will meet with the same happy response from the people and the same immediate enhancement of our national government.

In the spheres of finance, welfare, civil service, nothing but good can possibly come from the re-application of such ancient virtues, as thrift, loyalty, and an honest day's work for an honest day's pay.

Don't let the headlines about court cost variations across North Carolina fool you into voting for the entire court reform package. The General Assembly already has full and complete control over every bill of costs in every county in the state, as well as full authority to make justices of peace salaried rather than fee officers.

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PERSONAL
PARAGRAPHS
BY
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I got this news release over the weekend from Roger Jackson, who is supposed to be public relations director of the State Highway Commission: "All low bids received by the commission at the October 23rd highway letting were approved except the following: DURHAM COUNTY (Project #14188) — 5.201 miles planting trees on I-85 (Durham Bypass) from a point on US 70 west of Cole Mill Road, east to a point on US 15. The apparent low bid of \$3,650 submitted by Wayside Nurseries of Raleigh, N. C. was rejected because of an irregular bid, and the contract was awarded to the second low bidder, Wood-Howell of Bristol, Virginia, for \$4,195.45."

This is the kind of news release that is calculated to create new ulcers and aggravate old ulcers anywhere in Eastern North Carolina. While we peasants down here in the east bump and twist along in the rutty, bumpy excuses we have for highways they are planting trees along the super highways in the Piedmont, and not even on low bid, and on a higher bid from an out-of-state daisy planter!!!

Meanwhile the Sanford Administration is all set to put Kidd Brewer and the Burch Family in jail for "influence peddling." This is what was once called "Fiddling While Rome Burned." Sanford would still be representing the pipeline people down in Fayetteville if it had not been for the Democratic vote in Eastern North Carolina in the 1960 election. Yet we get promises, surveys and delays while the money is being spent in the Piedmont and west for highways.

Once in a while these Raleigh-type politicians want a bridge across some creek or sound so they can get to their favorite fishing or hunting spot, or to some of their beach property a little more easily and that's about all East Carolina gets in the way of big money for roads.

And there is little — very little chance of it getting any better, because to a very large extent the make-up of the 1963 General Assembly is already decided in the Democratic primaries back in the spring. So it looks as if the people are stuck for another three years down here in the East with many promises and mighty few roads.

But it ought to be the daily resolution of each of us to see that when the primary rolls around in 1964 some assemblymen will be elected who have both the ability and the willingness to raise hell every day the assembly is in session until this glaring wrong is righted.

I know that my writing sounds like a broken record. Because I holler about the same subject too much. But I intend to keep right on hollering until the situation is corrected, but I need the help of thousands of Eastern Carolinians who will get hot and vote right.

We should pick in all of our counties legislators who are devoted to the welfare of Eastern Carolina, who will not sell out their area for a few crumbs when they get in Raleigh, and who are able enough to command the respect of the assembly.

We have been guilty of sending people to the assembly who wanted to go for "prestige reasons" or people who had a personal axe to grind or people who aspired to higher political jobs or young lawyers who weren't doing much around the office and needed a little free advertising since lawyers are not permitted to advertise, for money that is.

We have two years to get ready, so let's not wait till the last moment.