

Other Editors
WRAL VIEWPOINT

Martin Luther's Friends

We have been following with considerable fascination a story being developed by The Atlanta Constitution. It involves Martin Luther King and his so-called Southern Christian Leadership Conference—and a man named Jack O'Dell.

It is important to remember that The Atlanta Constitution is by no means a conservative or segregationist newspaper. Its editor is Ralph McGill, regarded as extremely liberal and a longtime advocate of forced integration of the races.

Just the same, it is The Constitution that is pushing an inquiry into this man, Jack O'Dell. O'Dell is not only a Communist, clearly identified. He has been an organizer for the Communist Party. He also is, or has been, an important official of Martin Luther King's organization which has been promoting racial unrest throughout the nation.

When this bit of information was first published, Dr. King began to cry "smear" and "McCarthyism." He rejected an invitation to discuss the matter with Georgia's Attorney General Eugene Cook, despite the fact that Cook assured King that the invitation did not imply a full-scale investigation. King, meanwhile, told a news conference that the Communist, O'Dell, "no longer" worked for the Negro organization, that O'Dell left the organization on June 26 because as King put it, "it was feared that (O'Dell's) presence would be used against the integration movement by segregationists and race baiters."

Well, maybe so. But that does not answer the question of why a Communist was in the echelon of King's organization in the first place. And it is significant that King offered not the slightest indication that he was embarrassed or concerned about his relationship with such an individual.

But there is one further aspect which, it seems to us, demands explanation by King. One day last week, United Press International telephoned the New York office of King's organization and was told that Jack O'Dell is the administrator of the New York organization. Not "was." Is!

We do not accuse Dr. King of deliberate falsehood. Nor do we accuse the integrationist movement of being either Communist or Communist-inspired. But the miserable position in which Martin Luther King now finds himself emphasizes a warning which all Negroes should heed.

The warning was spoken eloquently on January 16, 1958, when FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover appeared before a committee of Congress. In response to a question, Mr. Hoover said:

"The Negro situation is being exploited fully and continuously by Communists on a national scale. Current programs include intensified attempts to infiltrate Negro mass organizations. The Communist Party's objectives are not to aid the Negroes—but are designed to take advantage of all controversial issues on the race question so as to create unrest, dissension and confusion in the minds of the American people."

Hoover's words were spoken as, we say, in January 1958. All Americans, including Dr. Martin Luther King, should ponder the fulfillment of the FBI Director's warning. Precisely what he forecast has come to pass.

And there is still another citizen who should ponder the situation—Attorney General Robert Kennedy! Mr. Kennedy told Congress the other day that he had been "unable to find" any Communists in the civil rights movement. Perhaps Mr. Kennedy should consult with Mr. Hoover. In the meantime, it is to be hoped that Senator Ervin will direct a few pertinent questions to Attorney General Kennedy in this connection.

For, after all, the Justice Department which Mr. Kennedy heads is required by law to investigate Communist infiltration in the United States. The files of the House UnAmerican Activities Committee and the Senate Internal Security Committee are brimming with names that ought to be of interest and concern to the people of this country while evaluating the so-called civil rights movement.

The racial unrest that is running rampant throughout the country is now far beyond a political issue. If it is now a spawning ground for Communism, the nation needs to know it. And if it isn't, Martin Luther King and other leaders in the agitation deserve to be cleared of suspicion.

They have not, as yet, done very much to clear themselves.

LEGAL NOTICES

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vs. ELLIS LEE LEARY

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This 30th day of July, 1963.
s/Walter P. Henderson
Clerk of Superior Court

Darris W. Koonce,
Attorney at Law
Trenton, N. C.
Aug 1, 8, 15, 22

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of W. M. Howard, deceased, late of Jones County, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned before the 30th day of July, 1964, otherwise this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settle-

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COLUMBIA, S. C. STATE

The Twilight of Congress

All legislative power, says the Constitution of the United States, shall be vested in a Congress consisting of Senators and Representatives elected by the people.

That provision lies at the very heart of representative government. It is the essence of modern democracy, for it provides the means by which the people of this country can control their own political destiny. It is part and parcel of the American concept that the legislative, executive, and judicial branches of Government shall be independent of one another under a system of checks and balances.

Yet today we are witnessing the decline of the legislative branch of our Government. We see the Congress more and more yielding to the executive and judicial branches, abdicating legislative authority in the face of power grabs from both other branches.

Members of the Federal judiciary, appointed for life and immune from public reaction, constantly extend their power over the people by nullifying legislative enactments and substituting their own concept of what the law should be. Week by week, we see increasing evidence of Thomas Jefferson's wisdom in warning:

"The judiciary of the United States is the subtle corps of sappers and miners constantly working underground to undermine the foundations of our confederated fabric. They are construing our Constitution from a coordination of general and special government to ment.

This the 30th day of July, 1963.
Darris W. Koonce,
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Acton's words: "All power corrupts, and absolute power corrupts absolutely."

What is harder to understand is why the Congressmen of these United States, supposedly representative of their individual constituencies and their States, should bend their knees to Presidential usurpation of authority.

Never has the United States stood more in need of congressional courage. Seldom has representative government faced a greater trial in America. And at no time has the Constitution of the United States been in greater danger of internal collapse.

Congress has the right, the responsibility, the duty and the opportunity to save itself, the Constitution and the country. But does Congress have the guts?

SATURDAY WRECK

Abdel Magid Husein Sehadih of Rocky Mount and Jesse Herring of Jacksonville, Florida were drivers of cars that collided early Saturday at the corner of Queen and Peyton in Kinston with damage estimated at \$400.

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