

## How Much More Will He Take?



# EDITORIALS

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

## Negative Politicking

Up until now a very large percentage of the voters in North Carolina have probably not selected the man they will vote for in this spring's gubernatorial primary. Undoubtedly many have, but it is for that undecided majority that the battle is being waged.

We believe that it is negative politicking on the part of candidates Beverly Lake and Dan Moore to keep harping on the fact that Terry Sanford and Bert Bennett are backing Richardson Preyer.

What this paper is interested in knowing is not who is supporting whom, but what each candidate stands for in several very specific fields.

What, if anything do they plan to do to correct the terrible abuses of Eastern Carolina in the allocation of road building funds? What do they plan to recommend for higher education in this area of these state where we are repeatedly told the greatest ignorance exists? What do they plan to do for our deepwater ports? What do they plan to do for the vast water resources of

East Carolina? What do they plan to do to encourage greater tourists usage of the state's most unique tourist attraction, The Outer Banks?

We could go on and on with a list, but there is no need to labor the point. What we want to hear is some brass-tack language that will nail down such issues, and put the candidate on record to such an extent that he cannot repudiate such promises without completely dishonoring himself once he is elected.

And we don't want to hear these promises from aides, state or county campaign managers. Bert Bennett said categorically that changes would be made in the allocation of highway funds when he was managing Terry Sanford's campaign. All who keep up with such matters know that this promise was not kept in any degree.

We recognize the inherent right of candidates to use the political platitude as a stepping stone to high office, but we also reserve our own inherent right to vote for the man who refuses to hide behind rhetoric.

## Poor, Sad Chicago

Many of us may think the stories coming out of Chicago about the power of the crime syndicate are sometimes exaggerated. But in recent weeks two men have been attacked outside the same Chicago court house. One was killed and the other was badly injured.

The assassins in broad daylight not only had the opportunity, but the time to hook up a bomb under the hood of the car of this last victim. That this man had a bad record has nothing to do with the fact that he was testifying for the police and the attempt on his life was a direct result of this.

This it would seem, should have been enough to have convinced the police that the man's life might be in danger, and even more so since another man had been shot down so recently when he walked out of the same court house door.

Chicago is this nation's second largest city, but it is dominated by the big shots of crime who make hundreds of millions of dollars a year, part of which is used to bribe

officials and to corrupt the very heart of such a rich city.

Chicago has hired a man who is supposed to be one of the world's greatest criminologists to run its police department, but he has been there several years now and on the basis of this week's news it doesn't appear that bringing such talent in has improved the situation greatly.

Back in the 20's when Philadelphia fell into the hands of hoodlums they sent a regiment of Marines in under General Smedley Butler, and they cleaned up the City of Brotherly Love in short order. We don't know if it was legal, but we do know that it was done.

This is stern medicine, it is a last ditch effort to turn to martial law when civilian law enforcement has proven to be a failure. Whether something this drastic is in order, or if it is possible in this time of milk and sweetness for the criminal is highly doubtful, but we do say that it is more than a shame to the City of Chicago, it is a national disgrace that our second largest city is in the hands of such arrogant and vicious people.

## Vive DeGaulle

Apparently there is nothing in this mortal realm capable of shocking United States foreign policy into full wakefulness, but until the real thing comes along the nearest thing we have is General Charles De Gaulle.

Because of the blood-sucking lobby supported by Chiang Kai-shek, who has looted the United States treasury of more money than anybody since Hamilton set up this branch of government, this country has steadfastly and stupidly refused to recognize the biggest governmental fact of life on this troubled globe today: The government of China. Kai-shek no more represents the real government of China than Napoleon represented the government of France when he was exiled to Saint Helena.

De Gaulle has broken no new ground since the mainland Chinese government is recognized by 48 other nations, among whom are many for whom the United States officially, and perhaps actually has the highest regard: England, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, India, Pakistan, Holland, Denmark; to name a few that are not among the Iron Curtain group.

But De Gaulle has committed the earlier unpardonable sin in the eyes of the United States; that is exhibiting independence of and almost total contempt for the Santa Claus game that passes for American diplomacy.

The United States refuses to recognize mainland China, but it lends money to Red Russia to buy American wheat so that Russia can give Castro Cuba more economic support. This is a kind of fantasy land that Walt Disney wouldn't dare depict. So we criticize De Gaulle for being a realist.

Neither the recognition nor the refusal to recognize the government of China is going to alter to any considerable degree the status of Asian politics, which are very largely at the belly level rather than at the egghead level.

The United States has been doped into believing that a wild exhibition of so-called foreign aid will substitute for common sense in dealing with problems of poverty, both at home and abroad.

## Hocus-Pocus Reasoning

The Christian Science Monitor again this week (see page 3) exhibits its lack of reasoning depth by heralding the anti-poll tax amendment to the constitution as "Tax-Free Voting."

The most certain way to assure higher and higher taxes is to hide by any subterfuge the long, greedy hand of the tax collector. Perhaps the most insidious instance of this kind of hocus-pocus reasoning is the income withholding tax. The socialist pundits who concocted this bit of thievery reasoned, correctly, that the "ignorant working classes," who lack the intelligence to budget their own money, would never miss money that they had never gotten into their pockets.

And so it is; that the worker has little or no consciousness of the money that is taken out in advance; and lulled to sleep by this opiate he relaxes and lets government rape him to a degree that would have caused revolution a century ago.

To decry payment of a one or two dollar "poll tax" as a requisite to casting a vote is to play directly into the hands of the demagoguery which is the hallmark of our time. One has to pay hundreds of dollars per year for the right to drive a car, has to pay thousands of dollars per year for the right to earn a living in this country; so what is so terrible about paying a pittance for the right to vote.

But the car tax is hidden, except for the license tag. This tax is extracted at the rate of more than 10 cents for each gallon of gas one uses. But the average stupid user of gasoline curses the rich oil companies, rather than the extravagant government that cause the price of gasoline to be so high.

For a paper of such international reputation as the Christian Science Monitor to headline, "Tax-Free Voting" there must have been a complete loss of reason in the home office. We venture to say that Mary Baker Eddy is frowning down on her offspring in Boston for this lack of reasoning.

## PERSONAL

## PARAGRAPHS

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Since I have been serving on this steering committee that is studying the poverty problem I have taken a lot of ribbing, and I'm sure the other members of the committee have been the butt of some of the same kind of banter. One answer I have is that after all these years and serving on countless committees I have finally found one that I am very well equipped to serve upon.

But seriously, I hope no one is naive enough to presume that this committee, or any committee is going to put an end to poverty. Poverty is such a complex and practically indefinable condition that none but the wildest dreamer could ever declare that he had a plan to end it.

Poverty is best compared to disease. There are thousands of diseases, and they are caused by different germs, viruses and perhaps even by factors not yet discovered. There may not be thousands of different kinds of poverty, but each individual who suffers from one or more of the symptoms of poverty is different. As with disease there are very few of us who are in absolutely perfect health all the time. We have a headache that calls for aspirin, and other illnesses that really do not greatly upset us and do not materially concern anyone except ourselves.

So it is with poverty; few if any of us is free from every symptom of poverty. We may have plenty of money and be poor in friends; or the other way around. We may have an elegant sufficiency of education and a poverty of common sense. We may have the highest "IQ" in the block and the lowest "MQ" (Motivation quotient) in town. We may have ambition, brains, education and never really have a decent opportunity to exploit such virtues. And there are some who have opportunities by the bucket full and lack the ability to cash in when Lady Opportunity keeps knocking on their door.

The same treatment that will cure a disease in one man may not work with another; and so it is with poverty. For those who scoff at any effort to control poverty or to cure it in specific individuals surely would not say, "Do away with medicine, because we're always going to have disease!"

Surely, we're always going to have poverty, just as we will always have disease and injuries. Those who are chronically sick from the pains of poverty have to be given custodial treatment through welfare programs as we treat the mentally retarded, the incurables in other organic ailments. But those who have acute attacks, or injuries that result in the pains of poverty deserve a chance to recover — if they have the will to recover.

As any medical doctor will tell you, the most difficult person to cure of even the slightest illness is that one who doesn't care if he gets well, or that peculiar person who enjoys poor health — in fact, wouldn't be happy if he got well.

Everyone who suffers from the ills of poverty cannot be cured because some don't want to be cured, some have the disease to such an advanced stage that cure is impossible, some simply do not have the ability to survive the medication — medication that might cure, or might not.

The project recommended by the Jones-Lenoir County steering committee to the North Carolina Fund is one that MAY open up new job opportunities for people; one that may add to the cash income of Eastern North Carolina, but it is not a project simply aimed at extending the arm of welfare aid to people who either cannot or will not make the effort to heal themselves.

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