

## 'Dick's Struck Out Twice . . . But He May Be Due This Time'



# EDITORIALS

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

## Capitalism In Russia

Included in this issue is a contrast between the Russian and United States farm economy and two paragraphs in this contrast point up again the fallacy of our nation's drift deeper into state socialism because it has been proven, again, and with startling clarity that capitalism is the most productive economic system ever devised.

Russia has a total of 650 million acres of land under cultivation, and 636 million of those acres are in state and collective farms. The other 14 million acres is allotted at about the rate of two-thirds of an acre per family to the 26 million peasants who work on the state farms. On this tiny plot of land each of these peasant families is permitted to grow anything it desires and to sell it in the open market without any government controls.

That three per cent of the tillable land in Russia produces one third of all the food being consumed by Russians. One might think that the boys in the Kremlin would take this produce away from the peasants, as they do the production on the state and collective farms.

They did for several years, but the peasants suddenly lost their ability to cultivate any crops. Stalin permitted over five million of them to starve to death in one year because they refused to work the fields properly. Millions more were sent to slave labor camps all across that vast land.

Finally, however, the majestic might of Soviet Socialism had to bow to the stubborn simplicity of the peasant, who has again shown that the profit motive is the motive that will move mountains and grow more pigs.

## Baptist Leadership

Undoubtedly the most confusing position of many confusing positions that have been taken in recent years by those men who profess to be religious leaders is their opposition to any effort by congress to undo the stupidity of the supreme court when it ruled that prayer in public schools was unconstitutional.

Foremost among these church leaders who join the supreme court in opposing prayer in public schools are the leaders of the Southern Baptist Association.

In their convention last week in Atlantic City, New Jersey, a logical place for Southern Baptists to meet, they passed a resolution opposing "any tampering with the first amendment to the constitution," which guarantees religious freedom.

The Baptists in their pussy-footing wisdom have overlooked the most glaring fact of all; that it is not congress that has tampered with the constitution but it is the supreme court that has trod upon, spit upon or ignored this written law that our land is supposed to be governed by.

It has been said repeatedly, and with some bitter truth that the American system is safe from outside assault and that the only thing we have to fear is from

apathy and cowardice and ignorance inside the country.

This convention-expressed attitude of the Baptists involves either or all of these three sins — apathy, cowardice and ignorance.

If the vocal leaders of our great religions prevent congress or even attempt to prevent congress from setting up unmistakable guidelines for this power-hungry court then we are a long day's journey down that lonesome road toward state socialism, because it is the nature of men who have power to take more power.

No matter how benevolent their attitude, nor how paternalistic their goal, it is dangerous and contrary to the principles of this nation to concentrate any more power in the hands of any branch of government than have been legally and openly surrendered to those branches of government by the sovereign people.

The principle of state's rights has been corrupted and debased by the "gliberal" press to that point where states rights is an ugly phrase in the language of politics.

But there are few politicians so crude yet as to spit in the eyes of the sovereign voter, which is what they do each time they take another power that the constitution does not grant.

## California's Message

California's vote Tuesday looks like the beginning of the end for Barry Goldwater's hope of getting the Republican nomination for president. But in this 1964 election year the fellow who gets the Republican nomination is likely to have one of politics' biggest consolation prizes because all indicators point to a victory of landslide proportions for Lyndon Johnson in November. And November is only five months away.

It is possible but hardly likely that something could happen startling enough to derail the Johnson steam roller. But it is more likely that Johnson is too shrewd a politician to not have all rat holes solidly plugged up, such as the Bobby Baker investigation, for instance.

It is unfortunate that the nation cannot have a chance once more to make a choice between a person who believes in capitalistic democracy and one who believes in state socialism.

Many hopes were high that such a race might be run between Goldwater and President Kennedy, but an assassin's bullet put an end to that possibility and thrust a politician into the White House who is all things to all people and it is unlikely that the people will wake up by the November general election to this ridiculous lack of position.

Johnson has promised economy by cutting off a few lights in the White House and by closing down a few obsolete military bases, but with the other hand he has boosted spending and his budget rather than being a cut below the too-high Kennedy budget is going to spend even more money and with the hypnotic control Johnson has over congress he is likely to get more money more easily out of the pockets of the taxpayers with the advice and consent of fellow socialists in congress.

If the long, bloody summer develops that has been threatened by colored leaders there is likely to be a voting backlash against any politician who is a slave to the civil rights "kick" such as Johnson, but if the race is between Johnson and Rockefeller the public will go crazy trying to decide which is the lesser of two evils. And even Goldwater has recently endorsed the use of federal troops to enforce illegal orders of the United States Supreme Court.

The evil forces behind the anarchy that prevails in the ghettos of our major cities have created a situation with the aid of gutless politicians in Washington that will result in either anarchy or martial law, and very soon.

## The Nehru Vacuum

The death of Indian Prime Minister Nehru has created the inevitable and dangerous political vacuum that results when a dictator — even a benevolent one — is removed.

Nehru was a rich, English-educated socialist who spent 13 years in prison as he worked for Indian independence. He was from the highest caste in Indian society and although he gave lip service to the egalitarian concepts of Fabian socialism he never lowered himself to that point where anyone quite felt equal to his gray eminence.

Nehru skillfully guided his huge, hungry masses toward his socialist dream; prying money out of the pockets of American capitalists through their socialist government and getting help from the dictatorship in Russia that is constantly mislabeled a socialist state.

But the one thing Nehru did not do was permit the development of any man of sufficient stature to step into his shoes. In this he proved his inferiority to Gandhi, who did have the great political wisdom to pick a much younger man in Nehru to carry on the fight that he had won for Indian independence.

Gandhi, however, was almost a mystic leader as well as a very shrewd politician and he could do things with a grander sweep and dream better dreams than an administrator such as Nehru who had to be concerned with more mundane affairs than the distant future.

The test of Indian independence is now thrown into a multitude of faceless politicians and although we wish them the very best success in preserving their government the chances are slight for their success.

## PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS BY JACK RIDER

The voting Saturday across North Carolina may have surprised a great many people, but I was not among that number. And as I watched the figures roll in I couldn't avoid a reconfirmation of my feeling that Luther Hodges deliberately kept John Larkins from being governor of North Carolina in the 1960 election when he got Malcolm Seawell to come into the race and split the conservative vote with Larkins.

This gave the second primary seat to Beverly Lake who was badly beaten by Terry Sanford, who could have been just as easily beaten by Larkins if Seawell had not been injected into the race at the last moment by Hodges. Hodges got his reward in Washington for turning the state over to the "gliberals."

This time the shoe is on the other foot and nothing short of a political miracle can prevent Dan Moore from beating Richardson Preyer on June 27th. All the noise and name-calling that will take place between now and the second primary are completely futile, because the issue was decided last Saturday. Preyer is the most personable of the two men, and there is no evidence to indicate that he is the tool of anyone else, for he is both a man of character and intelligence, either of which would shield him from being "used" by anyone. In addition to his intellect and character Preyer is also a wealthy man, which further insulates him against external pressures.

But Preyer despite his ability and qualifications is the captive of a set of political circumstances over which he had no control and in which he had no part in making.

Last week's election in Florida is an example of the same kind of situation; where the hot breath of voter-discontent blew a liberal candidate out of contention and installed the candidate who in the eyes of the public represented a more conservative view.

I suspect that between the political philosophies of Preyer and Moore there is no major difference, but the groups with which they are identified are world's apart and each is the product of his political environment.

This, of course, is just one man's opinion but it seems to be supported by the arithmetic of the first primary and although there is always the possibility that the picture could be changed completely in four weeks the likelihood seems small, indeed.

At the local level there was one more object lesson to politicians in the amazing vote of Cameron Langston, the only candidate who was nominated in the first primary for the county board of commissioners. And that lesson is very clear and simple and I hope more politicians will learn it: That standing up strongly on a major issue when one sincerely believes himself right has never hurt any public figure. Langston after years of debate on the school consolidation dilemma finally concluded that consolidation was inevitable and that immediate consolidation, using existing facilities, was in the best interest of every concerned party.

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