

## Choice of Weapons



# EDITORIALS

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

## Boston Manure

A large part of the intellectual manure that fertilizes the anarchy on our streets today is generated in the brain cells of such imbeciles as that of the Christian Science Monitor editorial writer who whined last Thursday, "We would emphasize that two assumptions are too easy: That Malcolm simply brought it on himself in a feud among extremists; that, though the fingers on the trigger were black, Malcolm was really the victim of a white society providing the atmosphere for such events." And after assuming that such assumptions are "too easy" the Boston based pundit with typically clouded phraseology opines in print: "The significance may lie in the complexity of a situation in which both views can be held. It was rifles for defense, not attack, that Malcolm advocated. He could seem like an opportunist to some, an evolving leader to others. The clouded symbol sowed the wind, the groping individual reaped the whirlwind."

We have not seen so much manure in one pile since they tore down the

old livery stable.

Malcolm X was a pimp, thief, bandit, ex-convict who capitalized on ignorance of his own race and the craven humility of the white race.

His murder is in the classical tradition of mob rule, when one mobster begins collecting the dues, or selling the dope that had been previously in the domain of another mob.

There was no intellectual cleavage between Malcolm X and Elijah Muhammad. The issue was over loot.

Another Bostonian whose grasp of reality is comparable to that of the Monitor editorial writer — one Thomas Atkins, a dues collector for the NAACP, declared that Malcolm X's murder was comparable to that of President Kennedy.

Which, of course, makes the same amount of sense as the Monitor's hypothesis that the dead pimp was the victim of a "white society."

If Boston could bag this stuff they'd get rich selling it to fertilize dog fennel farms.

## Sunday School Lessons

This paper has not altered its opposition to any and all kinds of censorship by anyone except the individual, but this does not mean that we favor the indiscriminate distribution of the most virulent forms of pornography through the medium of Sunday School classes.

We are frightened and amazed to see the reading list of "Young People", a Baptist Young People's Union Quarterly, recommend three books by James Baldwin. Unfortunately, this book is too lurid to be quoted on this page, but suffice it to say that Baldwin's latest book, "Another Country" is a collection of utter filth.

And we champion Baldwin's right to try to free his mind of his guilt-inferiority complex by sweeping its filth out into the sewers of American "Belle Lettres."

What we question is the propriety of such sewage being recommended to teen-agers by church people and in an official church organ, paid for by the entire church membership.

In this month's issue of Harper's there is a definitive study of pornography by George P. Elliott, who divides this trash into two basic categories: 1. The erotic use and 2. The Nihilistic use. Baldwin is classified as an "old-fashioned nihilist in Elliott's article as one who "preaches destruction in the name of love".

The bedrocks of Western Civilization, and all it has meant and means in every facet of its society are 1. The family unit, and 2. The church.

The Baldwins in all of the anti-art effort of our time seek to destroy both family and church. Whether they do this consciously or simply by their lack of purpose is of little consequence since the end result is the same.

So this makes all the more weird the efforts of nearly all our churches to commit suicide by brainwashing their young people with pornography that is foisted off in the name of art by people whose central purpose is the collapse of our civilization morally, which of course ultimately kills it completely.

## County Building

Not the least of problems that constantly confront public officials is providing enough office space for the ever-expanding hordes of people working in all phases of government. Lenoir County Commissioners are suffering from an acute attack of this variety at the moment.

Every county office needs more space, and once they get more space they'll need more workers to fill the new space. There seems to be no way to stem the crushing tide of government, and undoubtedly ultimately it will collapse of its own weight.

But in the time between now and this collapse offices space, filing space and parking space has to be provided.

So in the name of that most forgotten of men; Old John Q. Taxpayer, we humbly petition the Lenoir County Board of Commissioners to exercise the axiom of the Late County Welfare Superintendent George B. Hanrahan; "To get the most of the best for the least money".

In the realm of building this demands planning and not helter-skelter buying and renovating of unsuitable white elephants that may have been dumped onto the market.

For our money, and for the convenience of the public it seems that the best possible planning will ultimately turn to construction of an adequate and expandable annex to the present court house.

The foresight of previous commissioners in purchasing a large and well developed parking area directly behind the court house is just one more sound reason for keeping the county's offices together.

Supervision is easier, access by the public is better and certain obvious economies result from keeping the county's business together, rather than scattering it around the county in any random sort of fashion.

## An Obvious Oversight

Each time the General Assembly is convened a considerable amount of valuable time and cheap oratory is wasted on such nonsensical items as the name of state universities and additions of schools to the so-called "Greater University".

Under debate currently are both the name of State College and the addition of a Charlotte college to the administrative alinement of this "greater university".

This little school in Charlotte is no where near as large as East Carolina College, which for so long has been the stepchild of the annual gathering of alumni in the General Assembly to pass out higher education money.

One never can know if making East Carolina College a unit of the "greater university" would help it, but one thing is certain, that the change could not hurt it, because East Carolina College gets the lowest per capita allocations of funds of any institution of higher education supported by the state.

We have no way of knowing if the alumni and officials of East Carolina College would like to get in bed with the Chapel Hillites but even a passing glance at the budgets of those schools "in" and those "out" of the "greater university" union tends to indicate that money-wise; if not education-wise there is something to be said for joining the Chapel Hill based union.

Asking educators and legislators to agree on anything that makes too much sense, however, is about like keeping up with LBJ's "economies" in Washington.

Let us hope that all courts — and especially local courts will cooperate fully in the effort to force parents to keep their children in school. Those who stay out of school are those who need it most.

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## PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

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I have known and admired many men on the superior court bench of North Carolina, and count many of them as very close friends. None closer than Chester Morris of Coinjock and Henry Stevens of Warsaw. They just simply happen to be my kind of people. Like me, their bark is louder than their bite, but I like to feel that I have in common with them the deep and abiding respect for our system of laws and for the rich heritage of our particular corner of the world.

Both of these men are veterans of more than 40 hard years of service in the court room, where they have watched and helped to unravel that difficult ball of yarn called "Justice." In the past week each of these men has spoken out against the soft-hearted simple-mindedness of the majority of our people which is turning the nation over to the thugs, rapists and murderers.

I know each of these men well enough to know that they subscribe completely to the principle that it is better to let fifty guilty men go free than to punish one innocent man. But I join them completely in the belief that the guilty should be punished and not petted. Our governors, parole boards and other professional do-gooders turn confessed criminals loose faster than law enforcement agencies can catch them.

On top of the misguided mercy of juries, the liberating zeal of paroles boards and the political payments of governors society has to bear the much more anarchistic absurdities of the federal judiciary, which has quit adjudication and gone into the profession of "nit picking".

The recent actions at every level of the federal judiciary indicate that it has two obsessions, each of which is psychotic. First and worst is the federal judiciary's view that well qualified state court officials are incapable of dispensing justice and second is the view that the criminal should have more protection than the innocent people they prey upon.

It is axiomatic, and inherent in human relations that when legally constituted authority turns its back on the public and for any reason turns the wolves loose in the streets; then society will turn to defending itself. We know of the recent necessity of Jewish communities in New York City where vigilante groups have been formed to protect their people against the human wolves in that asphalt jungle.

Judges Morris and Stevens have both served their state and nation well but each is quick to confess that there no longer is any law; that rather the law has come to be the day-by-day whim of men who have no judicial background and whose basic motivation is not justice but is either venal political preference or sociological experimentation.

Judge Morris last week saw a mercyminded jury in Onslow County find a rapist guilty of a misdemeanor for which the maximum punishment is two years sentence. And under the paroles system prisoners are eligible for release after serving one-fourth of their term, which means that a man who forced his way into a private home and raped a young woman at knife point would be eligible for release after serving six months in prison.

However, in the instance of this sweet little boy who was treated so mercifully by the Onslow County jury; he broke out of jail, stole a car and was in custody for even a briefer term. Now he is out to break into other homes and to rape other young women.

There is no absolute deterrent to crime, because people of warped and greedy minds always have and always will break the law. But speedy apprehension and certain punishment are the best deterrents ever devised to keep crime at the lowest possible rate. The public and our courts ignore this at their own peril.