

## 'Now it's your responsibility!'



## EDITORIALS

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

## The Paul Green Syndrome

Among the bleeding hearts attempting to persuade the general assembly to do away with capital punishment is that eminent expert on law; Paul Green of Chapel Hill, who when away from the law books wrote "The Lost Colony."

Green, like so many people who achieve success in one field, automatically presumes himself to be an expert in all fields.

Living the sheltered, luxurious life of a highly successful writer Green has never seen a battered body lying in a huge pool of blood because one man decided to kill that other man to steal his property. Green has never seen the utter misery, shock and shame written on a woman's face because some animal attacked her and went on his lustful way.

Nearly all newsmen have seen such horror and nearly all newsmen favor capital punishment — not because of any deterrent effect it might have on society, but for the very simple fact that capital punishment will surely pre-

vent the same defendant from repeating his crime.

This misguided kindness evidenced in the Paul Green syndrome is the kind that would oppose putting a mad dog to death.

To argue that the poor criminal is "sick," a victim of his environment and not really to blame for his crimes is to turn the country over to the rapists, thieves and murders.

The alarming rise in our national crime rate is the direct result of this Paul Green type virus infecting our courts, our legislatures and our individual consciences. We confuse sympathy with justice and we ignore the general welfare in preference to the individual welfare.

No one more strongly supports the rights of the individual than we, but individual rights are not a license and once any individual extends his rights beyond the law, morality and the general welfare they should and must end if our civilization is to survive.

## Frustration Compounded

One dedicated public school official recently was asked, "What does the immediate future hold for the public school system?" His answer was:

"No one in the education system knows. Operation of schools has been taken out of the hands of educators and placed in the hands of politicians, judges and agitators."

No school district in the nation, and especially none in the South knows upon what basis it will operate in the coming school year.

All across the nation a series of "briefings" for public school officials has been held by lower echelon flunkies from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

In these meetings local officials were told they would have to "comply" with the federal civil rights act of 1964 or federal funds would be cut off. But these flunkies did not tell local school officials how to go about "complying." The reason, obviously, is that the flunkies did not know.

As one result of this marching order

being given local school boards have been scampering off in countless directions to seek "compliance". Now the North Carolina superintendent of public schools has called on all of the 173 units under his command to halt until someone is able to find which direction they are supposed to go, and how far they are to advance — or retreat.

It is not surprising nor unique that the hydra-headed monster called the federal bureaucracy does not know where to go or how to get there. Too many cooks have spoiled much simpler recipes than the one for either education or civil liberties.

The Grainger High School basketball team and its coach, Paul Jones, have accomplished almost a miracle by winning two consecutive state championships. It couldn't have happened to a nicer bunch of fellows.

If you haven't gotten your 1965 Kinston Eagles pass you'd better tend to it right now, because baseball season is just exactly one month away.

## Unusual Election

Without spending a lot of time in research it is fairly safe to say that it has been a very long time since Kinston has had such a quiet election as that which will be held on April 6th.

Incumbent Mayor Simon Sitterson Jr. is unopposed and only four candidates are seeking the two vacancies on the city council. These include one incumbent, Carl Wooten; two former candidates Jim Ward and Joe Beard, and one newcomer to the political wars, Donnie Gay.

This strikes us as a flattering commentary on the manner in which our city government is being run, because, all things being equal, if the public is dissatisfied it is generally reflected at election time when there is a great deal of opposition.

If this theory is logical it must follow that people are pretty well satisfied with the policies and practices of the present administration.

## The Economic Bleat

No old goat in the gliberal flock bleat more loudly than Drew Pearson who Wednesday laments that a major northern company last week announced its plan to build a multi-million dollar plant in that same Alabama town that a collection of freaks was trying to crucify.

It is news to note that despite the very worst efforts of northern agitators over the past decade to stir up trouble in the South their basic effort has completely and miserably flopped.

Their basic effort was to frighten industry to that point where it would halt its flight into the South. The growth rate of industry in the South is still sky-rocketing. It will continue to do so because the men charged with making decisions on the location of industry are not hoodwinked by professional agitators, slanted news coverage and venal politicians.

Men who have the responsibility of locating huge investments in plant and machinery deal with facts, not Hubert Humphrey demagoguery nor Martin King platitudes.

These men know that race relations in the South are far better than they are in the north; that the South has a better labor force, a better climate, better water supply, better natural resources, better electrical rates and better living conditions than the frigid reaches of New England and the motley shores of the Great Lakes industrial complex.

Drew Pearson cannot halt this inevitable trend; no more than all the other bigots who twist and warp the news of our generation.

## Some Shocker

We have known for some time that a majority of public school teachers in North Carolina favor racial integration of the schools and their facilities but we were shocked last week to see the proportions of this feeling.

Of the 34,000 white teachers in the public school system 24,407 voted to integrate racially their union and only 5,015 voted against this long step down the road toward total racial integration of every facet of the public schools.

The state is divided into 10 districts and the vote was similar proportion in each of these districts, so there is no way to support any theory that one part of the state is more or less inclined in this direction than the other.

Negro teachers were not involved in this vote so it is impossible to do anything more than guess about their attitude, but we feel it safe to guess that the percentage of negro teachers who favor total and instant integration of schools and facilities would certainly be no higher than the 82.9 per cent of white teachers to support this trend.

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PERSONAL  
PARAGRAPHS

BY  
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This week I was rather amused by the impassioned reaction of two Unitarian Universalist preachers to an editorial I did over WFTC in which I said, "I am surely sorry to hear of anyone dying — from any cause, and most especially from violence . . . but I cannot find any pity for the Boston preacher who has died in Alabama from a beating he richly deserved."

The most vocal of the pair was horrified that I should have so little concern for human dignity and he wanted to know on Tuesday if I still felt as I had on Friday or if I were ready to modify my Friday viewpoint. I let him know that I felt myself as much concerned with human dignity as anyone, including the ministry, and that I had not changed my mind to any degree about this Alabama tragedy.

Believe me; I am not a hard-hearted, ruthless person who loves violence and gloats in sadistic treatment of anyone for any reason. But I find no more pity, and the same concern for this Boston preacher than I would for a person who jumped off the Empire State Building because he was opposed to the law of gravity. My concern is for the safety of others. The Boston preacher and his coterie were endangering the life, property and peace of a fine small town by ignoring the law — city, state and federal — and by defying the people themselves. In the same degree the nut who jumps out of the Empire State Building not only defies the law but endangers the lives of innocent people in the street below.

I admit this is more of the oversimplifications that my preacher friend accused me of abusing. To me the comparison is on point if extreme. I asked these preachers if either of them had ever heard of Selma, Alabama before it was made the target of a flock of self-righteous agitators from outside who had with malice chosen to make an example of a town almost exactly the same size as Kinston. Neither of them had.

One of the preachers took particular exception to one of my "cute phrases" — "These platitudinous anarchists talk about law and order, and they pray every ten minutes — in public — for the South to obey the law . . . but they disregard the law over and over again."

The most dangerous anarchist is not some nut with a long beard, a black hat and a bomb in each hat. Lenin never threw a bomb in his life, but he constantly bombarded his people and the world with the same sweet, empty platitudes that are being mouthed now on the picket lines, in the pulpits and by our noble leader in the White House.

It is eternally true that the pen is mightier than the sword. That is why the communist conspiracy has directed its most strenuous efforts to capture the minds who control the communications media of our country. And these communications media include the schools of journalism, the seminaries and the major schools of education. If people are exposed to these anarchistic platitudes in their newspapers, on the radio, on television, in their Sunday School lessons, in their sermons and in their classrooms the inevitability of the conditioned reflex is upon us.

The thing most frightening to me is the relatively small number of people needed to set about a revolution when the media of communications are subverted. Lenin's highwater mark was 1100 party members before he took over dictatorship of Russia. Infiltration of the faculties of the handful of major schools of journalism, religion and education has been a specified and publicized goal of international communism since the time of Lenin, and it is still that today.

For sanity to return to our country we must recapture these three basic media of communications for if we do not the battle is over, and long before the first shot is fired.