

'Hey!---Come back here!'



EDITORIALS

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

On Human Rights

Consistency, perhaps, is too much to expect of a politician who is trying to be all things to all people at all times.

Ever since Lyndon Johnson started running for president he has been working the civil rights side of the street and mouthing platitudinous pap about human rights and human dignity and brotherhood — of course, while his children attended the swankiest private schools.

And most of us have become inured to this line, but now that LBJ has established himself in the roll of the greatest protagonist of civil rights since Karl Marx he has done an about face and come out in opposition to "Right-to-Work" laws which exist in 19 states . . . and in case you don't know what this kind of law is, it's simply a law that permits any individual to hold a job without being forced against his will to belong to a labor union and to pay union dues.

But LBJ said Tuesday that these Right-to-Work" laws have got to go, and what the leader wants the leader has been getting recently . . . so we may as well accept the fact that this rubberstamp congress will soon say that those 19 states that have these laws will have to forget them or repeal them and that people will have to pay money and hom-

age to people like Jimmy Hoffa, Walter Reuther, Dave Beck and the other goons who run the labor movement.

But our leader tells us in his most simpering style and with the very sweetest choice of words at the command of his ghost writers that it is a grave crime against humanity to deny a man the right to eat in the restaurant of his choosing, but it is not an infringement of a man's rights to force him to belong to a union that might stand for everything — politically, morally and economically that this man despises.

It's like saying a man cannot be an independent in politics — he has to be either a Democrat or a Republican.

But we live in a phantasy-world in which old values have been abolished or warped so badly they are no longer recognizable.

Liberals are no longer liberal in the classic sense because they stand for more and more government when the liberal in politics originally was that brave soul who stood between the individual and the grinding power of government.

Liberals today are socialists, with a very liberal sprinkling of communists. . . and as we see from the President's speech against right-to-work laws, people such as he only favor those civil rights that serve their own selfish ends.

Medical Blindness

So many medical statisticians — oft-times called doctors — have wasted their time and intelligence belaboring an apparent obvious that they have overlooked what is undoubtedly the basic cause of so much respiratory infection, including the dread lung cancer.

Even chain smokers do not fill their lungs with tobacco smoke and tars with every breath, but people who live in areas where the entire atmosphere is polluted DO fill their lungs with irritants which lead to infections of various kinds.

The smog death-wave several years ago in London and outbreaks of a similar nature in other heavily industrialized areas should have pointed the right

direction for intensified research.

But it is easier to pick on an industry such as tobacco, which has always been the target of physical culture nuts and other equally-wacky groups.

The petroleum industry is so much larger and so much more widely based that the statisticians have ignored the possibility that our pollution problem from oil burning vehicles and industries is far more serious than the few moments of puffing even on millions of cigarettes per day by those afflicted with the nicotine fit.

Undoubtedly the abusive use of cigarettes — as by a John Wayne, who admitted smoking seven packs per day, is not good for health. But driving cars

Traffic in Misery

Nothing is more slanderous to the average parent, and especially the average mother than to be told that she cannot take care of her own children.

This is the gross slander perpetrated on our negro citizens by those morons from out of the South who chant with monotonous bigotry that the negro cannot educate his own children, cannot care for his own sick, cannot minister religiously to his own people.

Now our state officials are meekly hauling feebleminded and insane patients around from hospital to hospital so that each negro hospital will have some white patients and each white hospital will have some negro patients. This has been ordered by the Potomac Gestapo.

The gestapo's interest is political, not medical but in view of the general mad, mad state of domestic politics it would be something less than fitting if the power-mad hand of the federal king did not reach into the madhouse itself; and it now has.

Wesleyan Brainwashing

The graduating class of North Carolina Wesleyan College at Rocky Mount will be exposed to the brainwashing of Arthur Larsen, a parlor pink from Duke University, who covered himself with some kind of aromatic glory in last year's election by waving the threat of governmental investigation at radio stations.

Larsen, reputedly a professor of law, but more basically a socialist pied piper, was alarmed last year that some radio stations in the nation were not doing handsprings in support of the chief socialist, Lyndon Baines Johnson.

So to intimidate the gutless who hold a federal license to broadcast, Larsen organized a "watchdog" organization to monitor those stations that were not in the right propagand line. His effort was financed by known socialists and communist sympathizers. It was put quietly to rest when the public voted right on November 3rd.

Now his attention is turned to the tender minds of our Methodist children.

Let's hope it will satisfy the Potomac Gestapo to have 111 negro children segregated almost totally in the seven white schools of Lenoir County.

The booming noises in assorted Carolina League ballyards in the past week tend to indicate that Mike Derrick has come alive in 65. The Pirate chieftains have felt all along that the big South Carolinian had the power but connection was his problem. Now he seems to have solved that.

Passage of another automobile inspection law in North Carolina is about as necessary as mammary glands on a boar hog. But any gesture in the direction of more safety on our streets and highways is gobbled up, no matter how impractical or unnecessary. What North Carolina and most other states need in this department is much more stringent driver license examinations and stricter enforcement of those licensing laws. It's the nut behind the wheel, not a cracked windshield wiper blade that kills so many people on our highways.

120 miles an hour, or drinking two fifths of whisky a day or eating 10,000 calories a day, or playing 54 holes of golf per day; are all bad for one's health, pocketbook and family.

But the national welfare demands that our atmosphere, our water and our soil be saved from the unbelievable mountains of filth and deadly chemicals that pour into them with every tick of the clock.

This is a challenge to our engineers and to our doctors. Cigaretts used moderately may make it easier for the men in both of these sciences to solve the bigger problem that threatens us all.

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PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

BY JACK RIDER

I was amazed last week on reading my friend Tom Johnson's 'Independent' from Montgomery, Alabama to learn that Montgomery County, Alabama is the nation's biggest beef producing county, and I think the average Eastern Carolinian will be amazed, too.

This county, which also finds room for over 170,000 people has more than 90,000 beef cattle in it. It is a big county, 790 square miles in size, compared to Lenoir County's 391 and Jones County's 467; but, still — 90,000 beef cattle. We'd have to have about 40,000 beef cattle in Lenoir County to put us in the same class. We only have an average of 27,000 hogs on Lenoir County farms; only 16,000 hogs on Jones County farms. So you can appreciate the shock I had on learning the proportions of the beef business in this one Alabama county.

And this is the amusing thing. They have to import nearly all the grain they use in fattening their cattle, or they sell their cattle to feedlot operators in other states. Less than one per cent of this huge production of beef cattle in that county is finished for market in the county of their birth, despite the fact that Montgomery has several large packing plants — including one belonging to the Frosty Morn folks who have a plant in Kinston.

Here we have a grain surplus, which a majority of our farmers dump on the market at harvest time to lose about half of its actual worth. In Montgomery County, Alabama they suffer the same poor use of this great resource they have. Their farm leaders are trying to persuade their beef growers to take advantage of the new cheaper grain freight rates pioneered by Southern Railways and finish their cattle at home to realize the maximum return from their effort.

One current result is a co-operative feedlot operation that will be equipped to feed out from 4,000 to 5,000 cattle per year, and this has been organized by only about 15 cattle growers in the county. Here in Eastern North Carolina we have the climate, the feed, the land, the know-how to do exactly the same thing: Bring cattle and feed together. There they have the cattle and lack the grain, here we have the grain and lack the cattle.

The Chamber of Commerce and other organizations that spend a lot of money and effort on a fat stock show would serve better if they organized some pilot projects in this direction. The fat stock shows were fine when we needed 20 years ago to prove to our people that fine meat animals could be grown in our area. Now that issue has been resolved a long, long time.

Now is the time to capitalize on the assets we know we have, and we are not doing it to the degree that our economy demands. The tightened controls on tobacco are likely to persuade many more farmers to move in this direction than have. There isn't a single farm in Eastern North Carolina that cannot increase its cash income by a wide margin by moving slowly and intelligently into meat production. This does not mean that every farm can produce beef, or that every farm can economically produce hogs, or both. But it does mean that every farm can profitably involve itself in one or the other of this kind of operation.

There is plenty of information available, credit is available and all the average farmer needs is the energy and the inclination. The hot fires of economic necessity will soon provide both.