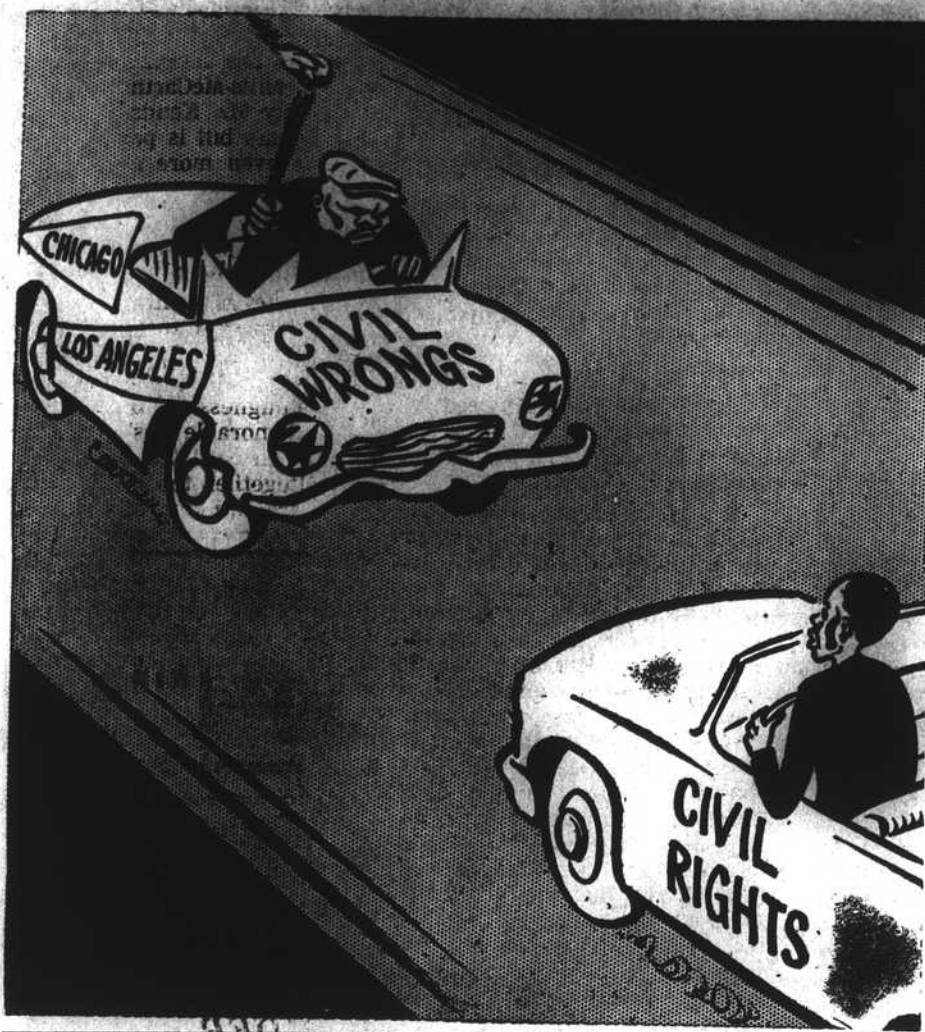


## On Collision Course!



# EDITORIALS

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

## Report on Caswell

So far nothing any official of the Department of Mental Health has told us about the transfer of patients between the state's four institutions of the mentally retarded has proven to be true.

Firstly, the director of this division of the department of mental health, Dr. Sam Cornwell, said a strict geographical allocation of patients was to be used. This week we have sent Governor Dan Moore letters from two parents in Lexington whose children have been transferred from Murdock School at Durham to O'Berry Center at Goldsboro. Even a psychiatrist ought to know that Lexington is closer to Durham than to Goldsboro.

We have been told that every possible effort was being made to avoid transfer of older patients who have been in one institution for many years. But we have supplied Governor Moore with the name of a 70 year-old patient who has been in one institution for over 50 years and has now been transferred to another over the objection of his

family. We have been told that this so-called geographical plan was instituted to placate the officials of Washington, yet no other plan was tendered and it is on the record that 48 freedom-of-choice plans have been accepted by this same Washington agency for public schools.

We have been told that the staff of these institutions have "accepted" this plan without objection. But we learn that the staffs have accepted the plan without objection on penalty of losing their jobs if they make any public protest.

Perhaps in fairness we should admit that one bureaucratic cynicism that slipped Dr. Cornwell's lips is as true now as when he said it on August 10th: That parents who do not like "what we are doing with their children have the alternative of taking them out of our hospitals."

For this kind of insult the taxpayers are paying Dr. Cornwell a handsome salary, and furnishing him a new car to ride about the state.

## Thoughts on Taxation

Nothing is more natural in an era when taxes eat up about half of the average income than for one to dream of a more equitable method of spreading, and collecting the taxes needed to provide the many services the public either demands or tolerates.

For the politician who is the spending and collecting end of this taxation tug-of-war the preferred tax is the "hidden tax" that creeps onto one wrapped neatly in the price of whatever it is one wishes to buy, or use.

The reasons for this are valid and obvious since the politician is able to understand quite well that the natives might get very restless if they were really conscious of the commercial rape their pay check suffered at the hands of government.

The socialists prefer a graduated income tax and confiscatory inheritance and gift tax so that at least theoretically nobody will have any more than anybody else except, of course, the well-kept socialist administrators who live in an expense-account heaven.

Under a truly republican form of government the fairest tax is the use tax, or sales tax; but communists and their bedfellows, the socialists, such as control our country, revolt at the thought.

If one uses the highways let him pay for them with gas, oil, tire and gross weight taxes on whatever he drives.

If yacht and barge line operators use waterways let them pay for them in the same immediate fashion. It is hardly equitable to tax railroads to maintain waterways and air terminals which are in constant direct competition with the railroads.

People who have 10 children should pay 10 times as much school tax as those who have one child and the people who have no children should not be forced to educate the children of others.

These are over-simplifications, and the measure of their unacceptability to the reader is in direct ratio to the reader's degree of acceptance of the socialist concept, rather than the capitalistic.

## Principal or Principle?

The founding fathers of our nation pledged their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honors in defense of principles of timeless value.

Today the men of medicine in our nation comprise a modern group whose intellect and training can permit them to make a similar contribution to freedom.

If enough doctors in our nation were to pledge their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honors in opposition to the socialized tyranny incorporated in the so-called "Medicare" legislation they could delay and possibly halt the total socialization of American society.

A strike of doctors against "Medicare" would not be a strike against the public welfare, but would, rather, be one of the strongest blows that could be struck in behalf of the public welfare.

Those of us who abhor the present climate of government by and for the pressure groups must learn to fight fire with fire. If such mongrel coalitions as AFL-CIO-NAACP-CORE can make congress, the federal courts and the presidency crawl on their collective bellies; think what a much smaller but much more powerful coalition of doctors can do.

Editorial writers, bureaucrats and much of the citizenry have few kind words for the men who wield the scalpel and the stethoscope but when we or our loved ones are in pain we beat a sudden path to that doctor's door.

If unions can use brute force of strikes and picketing to bring huge industries and the government to their knees, and if collections of teenaged beatniks can make monkeys of the law by "going limp" in the White House or in a cafe doorway; think what the nation's doctors could do if they staged a "sit-out" against "medicare."

All doctors need is the courage. They have the power.

## The Private School

For two generations the public school has been the source of education for the majority of us, and in this time the private school has come to represent a terribly expensive finishing ground for the very rich.

For the past generation uncountable billions of dollars have been poured into the public schools at all levels; and they have failed the nation badly, because state-controlled education inevitably led in the direction of state socialism.

Children conditioned to egalitarian bowls of soup in the public school have grown into adults who have suffered the conditioned reflex which is a basic requisite to the lock-step society of totalitarian socialism.

So today, perhaps late — but not too late, there is a nationwide trend back to private school education. It is the hope of those who work to stem the tide that these schools will teach their pupils to think, rather than to conform. That their schools will resurrect the individual and bury the "common man."

The people who are willing to run the gauntlet of the slander by the conformists will have to absorb such epithets as "snob," "racialist," "reactionary" and go patiently about their difficult task.

They will have to keep on paying ever-increasing county, state and federal taxes to support the public schools and at the same time make whatever sacrifice it takes to also support the private school. They will have to choose in many instances between a new car and a better education for their children.

They will have to weigh the cost of sending their child to a private school against the illusion of "free" education that is held out to them by the paternalism of public schools.

This is a crucial decision but we are sure enough people will be able to see the basic need to support the private school adventures in our own area and all across the nation.

Our freedom was won by a tiny majority of our forefathers in 1776. So long as a few today are willing to fan the fires of freedom, tyranny may try but it will never succeed in ruling our country for very long.

## PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

BY JACK RIDER

Semanticists must writhe in agony as they try to keep up with the torturous meaning now given some words. For a hundred years one of the most respected words in the lexicon of political scientists was "Liberal". The classical liberal was that lonely and courageous individual who stood between the individual and the monarchy and then his descendant who rose to stand between the individual and the powers of whatever variety of government there happened to be.

But today those who have adopted this flattering political classification happen to be those who preach the omnipotence of government and the relative unimportance of the individual in the scheme of things that they believe to be in the general welfare.

They have clasped to their breast the ancient liberal battle for civil rights, but they have used and abused this rallying cry as a lever for their own selfish political preferment, rather than for the basically good and just cause of civil rights. They have shown their true color politically by being ready, willing and anxious to completely wipe out one individual's most precious civil rights in their purported effort to bestow a civil right upon another.

They have not learned, or they simply ignore the political truism that civil rights are won by extending, and not taking civil rights. This is as true in political science as it is in economics: That you cannot enrich society generally by robbing Peter to pay Paul. This may temporarily fatten the purse of Paul; but the moral way to enrich Paul, or to extend civil rights is by first protecting the existing civil rights and opening the door to greater economic or political security.

To be personal about a local "liberal," we have one named Don Lawson, who ministers to the spiritual needs of patients at Caswell Training School to earn a living as chaplain. He is the type "liberal" who stands far beyond the firing line in any of the current exercises of the pseudo-liberalism. Lawson supports the anarchical premise that "liberals" have the right to break any law they personally feel to be "unjust." He is an example of the breed who makes speeches about all of the "freedoms." He pays lip-service to a warped kind of intellectual licentiousness, which assumes that only the ignorant are charged with obeying the law and that the anointed ones are only bound by their own peculiar and particular moralities.

Lawson maintains Martin Luther King's divine right to "scream fire" in a crowded theater" on the basis that this is freedom of speech. But this same Lawson has written letters to Attorney General Nicholas Katzenbach in an effort to have me silenced on the radio because I express opinions Lawson is not capable of either sharing or understanding.

Lawson vicariously shares the martyrdom of his contemporary "liberals" who enter and die in the lion's cages of Alabama and Mississippi. Men who die because they lack the spiritual grace or purpose of Daniel in a less deadly lion's den.

Lawson is the modern "gliberal" who expands Voltaire by saying, "I disapprove of what you say, and I will put you to death if you say it." Threatening a radio station owner with the bureaucracy under which he holds license is threatening him with financial, if not physical death. Fortunately the

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