

OTHER EDITORS SAY  
WRAL VIEWPOINT

## Liberals Deny Viewpoint Of All Others

There is justified amusement to be found in the angry protests being registered by The News and Observer against some sort of recorded telephone announcements which, in the newspaper's view, are "hate messages" being distributed by "character assassins". We haven't heard the messages, and have no particular interest in hearing them. Still, when The News and Observer commences to talk about character assassins, there will be many to suggest that it takes one to know one. We may be witnessing the ultimate in the pot's calling the kettle black.

Apparently the recorded telephone messages have been directed at certain activities of the National Council of Churches. The information contained in the messages may indeed be false and unfair. If so, it is regrettable that the sponsors of the messages did not choose to select valid information about the National Council of Churches which needs to be brought to the attention of church members who may be contributing, knowingly or unknowingly, to that strange organization.

There are many respected churchmen who are genuinely disturbed about the activities of the National Council of Churches. Much careful research has been done, and many thoughtful evaluations have been made of the council's role in stirring up unrest — and, yes, hatred — across the land. We have in mind, for example, North Carolinians such as Dr. G. Aiken Taylor and Dr. L. Nelson Bell, both Presbyterians, both religious editors. Dr. Bell, by way of further identification, is Evangelist Billy Graham's father-in-law.

But men like Dr. Taylor and Dr. Bell have been almost totally ignored by the "liberal" press. These men, too, voice warnings about "hate." But modern "liberalism" — in the press, in the clergy, and in politics — rejects the counsel of

the Dr. Taylors and the Dr. Bells of our time. For they, you see, point to the errors and frailties of all — of liberals as well as conservatives.

If one accepts the theory that there is a reaction for every action, the turbulent dialogue of our day becomes somewhat more understandable. Those who have encouraged the disorders of the civil rights demonstrations engage in pious pretense as they protest the night-skies' being reddened by flaming Ku Klux Klan crosses. What did they expect? Who will assign all justice to one, and none to the other?

The liberals who today cry about character assassination and hate, and "half-truths" have convenient memories. What, one might ask, will objective historians, have to say about the conduct of the liberals in the 1964 Presidential campaign? Who called whom a war monger? Who persuaded the American people that the election of one candidate would result in certain destruction of Social Security? Who, as a matter of plain fact, built such a climate of hate and distrust that Lyndon Johnson's opponent was never able to obtain from the American people a reasonable evaluation of his principles?

For whatever it is worth, we too regret the present posture of America, for the nation is indeed hoisted on the petards of emotional and therefore often unreasonable conflicts of opinion. But the simple truth is the people are beginning to feel that they have nowhere to turn. They have learned that those who most often cry out about character assassination are themselves character assassins. The news media have too often traveled a one-way street in the discussions of America's problems. The Congress has become, except in rare instances, a rubber-stamp for a master politician. Clergymen are busily engaged in marching in picket lines, or in creating con-

## New Recruiter For Leathernecks

A Marine sergeant with 16 years of service has been assigned recruiting duty in the Kinston area.

The new recruiter is Gunnery Sergeant Floyd Lee King a native of Reidsville.

Sgt. King, or Sgt. Arnold Pate the present Marine recruiter in this area, will be in Kinston each Friday from 9 a.m. until Noon, in the Federal Building. Interested persons can contact either recruiter in Kinston on Fridays.

## PARRISH AT NORFOLK

Pvt. Robert C. Parrish, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Parrish Jr. of 1620 Brody Street in Kinston, was assigned to Headquarters, 4th Missile Battalion, 59th Artillery at Hampton Roads Defense near Norfolk on October 14.

fusion about the birth and existence of Christ, or in defending the political activities of the National Council of Churches.

Our courts appear to be more interested in protecting the guilty than in protecting the innocent. Moral codes are being redesigned, working for a living has been declared old-fashioned. Old truths are being discarded in favor of what liberalism chooses to call "new" truths.

Yes, there is indeed character assassination going on in America. Our national character lies bleeding and dying in the gutters of apathy and deceit. It may be that all of us deserve to go on trial for first-degree murder.

## Nursing Homes Limbering Up to Get Their Share of Medicare in 1967

The state's licensed nursing homes will have to make only two minor administrative changes to become eligible for participation in the new Medicare program, Dr. J. W. R. Norton, state health director, announced in Raleigh.

"When Medicare becomes effective in nursing homes on January 1, 1967," the health official reported, "each home must appoint a 'utilization review committee' and sign transfer agreements with at least one hospital to qualify as a nursing home for Medicare patients."

Dr. Norton said licensed nursing homes in North Carolina already closely adhere to requirements of the new federal aid program, due to the high standard of licensing set by the State Board of Health.

In this state, a nursing home must be under the supervision of a full-time registered nurse, with a registered or licensed practical nurse on duty at all times. In addition, all physical structures must conform to safety standards of the uniform state building codes.



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