

'I'll help you carry it—and your paycheck, too!'



Governor Says, No

Belatedly Governor Dan Moore now says, "No" to a big shot communist speaker on the campus at Chapel Hill. Pity is that he didn't face up to the exact issue when he chickened out under the pressures of accreditation and academies last December.

Then was the time to enscribe clearly on those hallowed ivy-covered walls that the people who foot the bill are the proper people to call the tune.

But the issue was lost in a cloud of scholarly smoke and a meek general assembly joined the governor in abdicating their responsibility to the people of our state.

Today the issue is between the board of trustees and a student group. The governor infers that he thinks this is merely a harassing effort of the students. But most basically it is an issue between the people of the state and the general assembly.

Those 170 men and women are trusted with carrying out the mandate of the people, and not the precious whim of even the most precocious schoolage brat.

And when the governor convened the executive committee of the trustees to act on the current tempest he left town clothed in the hope that the committee would act, rather than abdicate.

But the people of the state do not elect university trustees, and they are two reaches beyond the grasp of the voters.

This is a situation in which the incumbent general assembly members will not enjoy this spring. A lot of us in every corner of the state have the list and we are keeping it fresh in our mind so that we can do all in our power to help out those who violated their trust in last year's special session. Help them clean OUT, is what we really intend to do.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

BY JACK RIDER

Many times before I have mentioned the unalterable truism that: "People, not buildings make slums." Any of us with half an eye to see knows that poverty is no synonym for filth and we know equally well that wealth is just as surely no synonym for cleanliness of either mind or body.

But pressing hard upon every concentration of people from the small town of Kinston-size on up is this problem of human blight, which eats up a vast proportion of the tax dollar and consumes an even higher percent of the manpower devoted to making the nation a better place for all of us to live and play.

At the federal level we now have a new cabinet member whose job is the pestilential urban sickness that is epidemic from Los Angeles' Watts to Lenoir County's Happersville. The disease, crime, illegitimacy and human misery spawned in such areas cannot be fenced in, or forgotten. It hangs like an evil fog always there; both a threat and a sorrow.

Robert Weaver is the first negro to be a member of the presidential cabinet. He is a brilliant man with a long record of accomplishment in this difficult field, but the labors of Hercules are tiny compared with those spread before Weaver. His job is so nearly impossible that none but the most optimistic could presume his full success.

But somewhere, sometime a start had to be made. It would have been far better if each community of every size could have taken its own dilemma by the horns and wrestled it into submission. But sitting in the court house in Kinston or in the city hall in Kinston and looking across the river into the pits of filth and degradation so close at hand understandably cause strong men to shake and weak men to flee. And so, the national approach; from the distant ivory tower where the thunder of federal power will be cast about to heal or cover over pockets of blight and misery.

But where does man or government begin or end this business of being his brother's keeper? Is it with housing, education, free medical care? Or does it include washing their bodies, their tattered rags and cleaning their polluted minds?

If the gates of the Taj Mahal were left opened this shrine would become just as filthy as the rest of India. It takes very little chicken manure to spoil the biggest bowl of chicken salad. And that very bluntly but truthfully is the fact of life we must accept.

Vrest Orton of Weston, Vermont in his "Voice of the Mountains" recently put it concisely: "The do-gooders and bleeding hearts suffer far more anguish for the state of the underdog than the underdog ever suffers for his own condition, because, when the truth is recognized, if the underdog were not happy in this state, he would do something to get out of it."

Our system would be unsupportably cruel if it bound the slave to the plow, the mechanic to the forge, but after the path is opened I do not think it is society's responsibility to carry the human blight on its back out to higher ground, where it will sink instantly to the same circumstance from which it has been dragged.

EDITORIALS

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

Mistakes Compounded

We still subscribe completely to Stephen Decatur's toast: "Our country! In her intercourse with foreign nations may she always be in the right; but our country, right or wrong."

But this surely is not blind submission to whatever direction; right or wrong, that our country may take, at home or abroad.

Such a willingness to fight to preserve our republic imposes the most constant effort on each of us to do all in our power to insure that our country will be right.

This leaves plenty of room for wide differences of opinion at home on the specific issue of what is right or wrong.

The consensus minded rule we are held under today is the easy assumption that a huge majority at the polls amounts to a blank check for every action in every direction.

Surely in times of greatest world peril something is expected of all of us that is a bit more than blind negativism, or a simple reflection of our personal respect or disrespect for that transient mortal who occupies the presidency.

From the earliest arrival of "advisors" in Viet Nam until this day there has been neither a moral nor a legal basis for their presence. Perhaps a sense of guilt for the abuse we helped heap upon the French during their long and fruitless labor there, or a sense of fear for our own loss of dominance in The Philippines, Japan and lesser areas could be offered as a reason, but neither of these has sufficient moral or legal basis to support the sacrifice of a single frightened boy in this strange and belabored little land.

The presence of any thing more than diplomatic or foreign aid agents in Viet Nam is a direct contradiction of our responsibility to the United Nations, to NATO and SEATO treaties, to the United States Constitution and to the principles of the Monroe Doctrine, which stated our hemispherical attitudes at home, while we violate them abroad.

The public has been given crumbs from the executive table during the ten-

ures of Eisenhower, Kennedy and Johnson. We have been told by expert guessers that American lives were being sacrificed; 1. to protect a Catholic hegemony, 2. to protect tin and tungsten reserves in the Malayan Peninsula, 3. to contain Chinese communism, 4. to save American "face", 5. to seek a "balance of power."

But neither or all of these excuses for war has been dignified with the legality our constitution prescribes for military involvement.

Certainly the Viet Cong has not attacked us, and a look at the Viet Nameese map tends to question just who is attacking whom in this illegal war, whose purposes are so dimly stated.

There is a dangerous jingoism afoot in the land which labels any who protest our foreign policy as traitors or communists, but it is time now that this issue be debated and decided at the very highest levels and congress is the place where both the forum and the responsibility rests.

Presidents can go no further than congress will permit them, and it is our view that Johnson has gone too far already down the path previously trod by Eisenhower and Kennedy.

And when the debate has decided the legal direction our best interest is in we can all sincerely join in repeating Decatur's toast of long ago.

A Matter of Faith

Religion is surely not the only area in which one must go on faith.

One has got to accept the fact that he cannot understand everything, and let it go at that. Turning on a radio or TV set, or even flipping an electric switch is an act of faith for most of us.

Consider the staggering amount of faith one has to sum up to accept a new super-computer being built by IBM. Its makers say the gadget will make eight million additions and five million subtractions in one second.

Who knows if it's right? Who cares?

Picking on Bobby

It must be obvious to anyone who keeps even a casual eye on Washington that Bobby Baker is being made the goat for a lot of his friends, who are now silent in seven different languages.

The record is clear and frequently repeated that Baker was the closest kind of crony to Lyndon Johnson, Luther Hodges, Everett Jordan, the late Robert Kerr and everyother wheeler-dealer in the United States Senate.

It is too much to assume that Baker it the only person involved in numerous "deals" who acted wrongly. There further is the undeniable fact that bribery is rather like prostitution in that it takes two to tango. So if the government has sufficient evidence to indict Baker for taking bribes it must have similar evidence against someone who was giving bribes.

Up until now it looks as if Baker is being picked on and on the basis of all that has been publicly revealed about him we'd have to vote "Not Guilty," and especially unless some of his partners in crime are indicted.

Strangely enough our highways are safest when they are most dangerous. Maybe our engineers are designing in the wrong direction.

There are some naive souls who accept the premise that federal government can cut taxes while raising expenditures. Recent changes have been simply to transfer taxation from the smaller base of excise taxes to the universal base of wage taxes.

Enough has been said about the weather, but failure to take note of it editorially would be a sin of omission that this sentence prevents.

Baseball fans concerned about where the Braves will play in 1966 can find an easy answer in the fact that over a million dollars advance sale has been made for games in Atlanta and no advance sale has been made in Milwaukee.

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