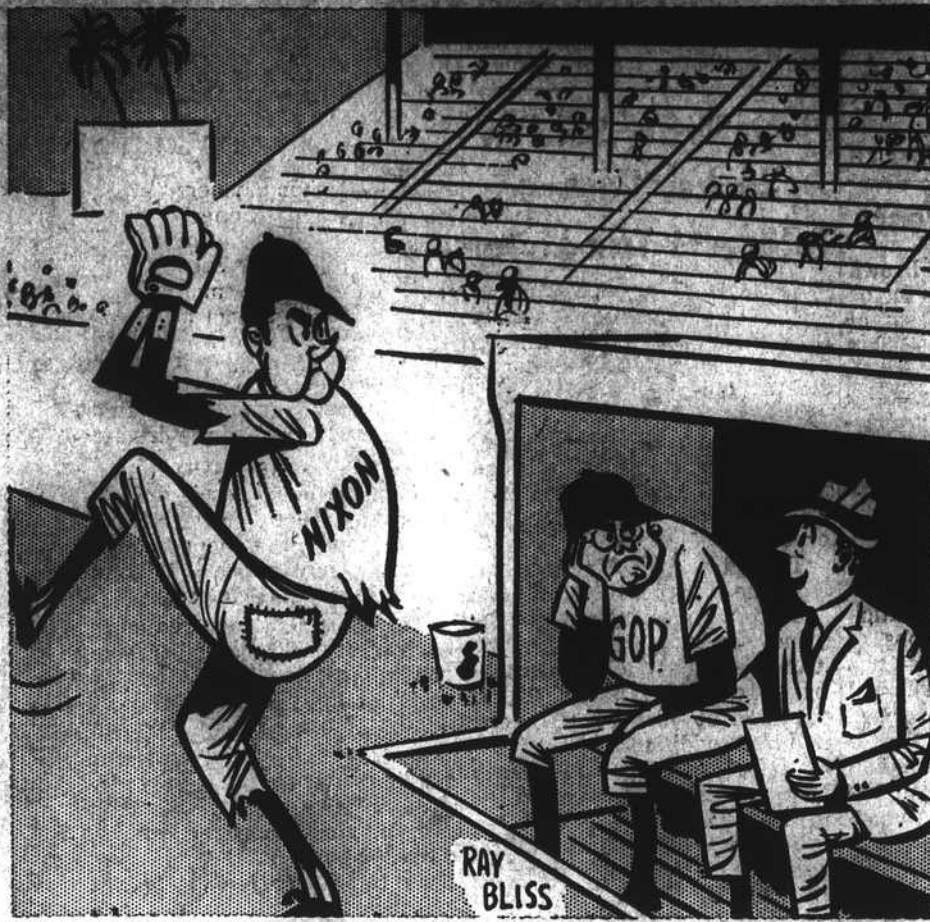


'No fast ball, no curve, no slider—
but, boy what experience!'



RAY BLISS

EDITORIALS

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

A 'Musty' Statement

The "Revised Statement of Policies for School Desegregation Plans Under Title VI of The Civil Rights Act of 1964" is one of the most "musty" official diatribes ever mimeographed in the bat caves along the Potomac.

In its 13,000 ambiguous words one word comes up so frequently a refrain is established that causes this "musty" odor.

That single word: Must, appears 98 times in giving local school boards across the nation their orders on how to run their school systems. The report comes fully equipped with everything except a rubber stamp.

Under "basic requirements" the ambiguity begins: "No single type of plan is appropriate for all school systems." Why not? One law against murder is enough. One law against stealing is enough. Why not one simple clearly worded law for mixing white and colored children in the public schools?

The answer is as obvious as the ambiguity: "Based on consideration of all the circumstances of a particular school system, the Commissioner may determine that its desegregation plan is not adequate to accomplish the purpose of

Title VI, in which case he may require the adoption of an alternative plan."

This keeps the lash in the hand of Childe Harold Howe, the third, late of the University of North Carolina, and presently the Federal Commissioner of Education. He determines, he requires, he establishes alternatives. Not the law, nor logic, nor congress; but "He", Childe Harold, the third.

"School officials MUST take steps to encourage community support and acceptance of their desegregation plan. They are responsible for preparing students, teachers and all other personnel, and the community in general, for the successful desegregation of the school system." Amen, or Heil Hitler, depending on one's religion.

"These people in Washington can't believe that there can be a school system in which people of both races are satisfied with their schools," Kinston Board Member Payne Dale said Monday night. This puts the idiocy of Washington in one sentence, and epitomizes the ugly philosophy which says 'one man or one race is not equal to another because it cannot teach as well, or learn as well by itself as in a mixture.

Cake or Crusts?

There is only one certain way to topple the card castle erected in the name of state socialism in Washington, and that is a very difficult way.

Economic collapse would certainly destroy this debt-ridden monstrosity we Americans have erected over the past 30 years.

But the question we all must face is whether we prefer the cake bought on credit or the hard crusts that are paid for with honest labor? The question almost answers itself.

We have voted again and again to send men to posts of central power in congress and in the White House whose philosophy was built upon the principle of deficit financing.

The modernist theory is that governments are not supposed to operate at a profit; that governments are merely servants of the people and to equate them with private standards of finance is to endanger private finance.

We are told that private debt is a sin while public debt is virtue.

One thing that is undeniably true is that the total national economy — pub-

lic and private is built completely upon credit. Sudden curtailment of credit — not ending, just curtailment would send the national economy into a tailspin from which it would inevitably crash.

The complex, interdependent doll house in which we live today is more delicate than a moonbeam. If all vehicular traffic except emergency varieties were to stop for 24 hours the blow would probably be fatal. The loss in petroleum sales for a single day would be enough to throw the whole economy out of kilter.

This is a long, long way from the simple life; which we sometimes look back to as "The Good Life." The simple farmer, whose pantry was filled, whose barn was filled, whose woodpile would stand the longest winter, whose smokehouse protected family from starvation; he was a stout fellow, indeed.

Today such a stout fellow, dependent upon his own labor and ingenuity is "poverty stricken" because his house lacks running water and a smothering mortgage.

Which way did "Independence" really go?

Baseball Situation

Since the 1962 season baseball fans in the Kinston area have been the beneficiaries of one of the finest systems ever offered in professional baseball.

Directors of the local team, knowing what it cost to operate a team at the Class A level of baseball hit upon a bargain basement plan which made season passes available at the ridiculously low price of \$20 which is good for all home games, and which can be used like a meal ticket to take 70 people to see one game, or one person to see 70 games. And children are also permitted to attend the games free if they are under 13 and accompanied by a season pass holder.

As with every small priced item volume is necessary or the plan fails. One automobile would cost millions of dollars to manufacture. One bottle of pop would cost hundreds of dollars. Low prices can only be maintained on any item when volume is maintained.

The system in Kinston will not work when income from these season passes falls below \$20,000. This obviously means the sale of 1,000 season passes is necessary to keep professional baseball in Kinston. At this writing — just a week before the season opens — less than 600 tickets have been sold.

Surpluses from years past when many more than 1,000 tickets were sold are still in the baseball treasury. Enough to guarantee the 1966 season. Last year only 850 passes were sold and the club lost over \$7,000.

Unless at least 1,000 tickets are sold the directors who have worked so hard and long to bring local fans this tremendous baseball bargain will refuse to sign another working agreement for 1967.

The directors as a group, and this writer as president of the board of directors feel that it should not be necessary to twist arms to persuade people to support such a wholesome program. We feel that if there are not enough fans to back this program, then Kinston does not want baseball so the simple thing to do is to lock beautiful Grainger Stadium up during the summer months and let people try to find an entertainment bargain to compare with Class A Professional baseball at less than 30 cents per game.

We doubt that any such sports bargain can be found. In fact we know it can't.

About Viet Nam

At this bloody juncture there is only one really good reason for continuing the sacrifice of young Americans in Viet Nam. That single reason is the fact that we are caught on this Southeast Asia flypaper and our leaders have not been able to find a way to get off.

The blundering stupidities of American foreign policy at the end of World Two sucked us into this power vacuum and the situation has grown increasingly worse with every passing day.

Softheaded American policy went around the world parroting the communist party cry about colonialism and imperialism and exploitation. Americans presided over the eviction of the British from India, the French from Indo-China, (part of which is now Viet Nam), the Dutch out of the East Indies, the British out of Egypt, the French out of Africa, the Belgians out of Africa, the British out of Palestine.

All around the world we went, chasing out our friends and installing in other areas our enemies. We aided and abetted in the rape of Central Europe by Russia and China and by Russian trained communists.

Today De Gaulle in France sneers at our losses in Viet Nam, because we bled his country white in the same place just a very few short years ago.

Eisenhower gave Anthony Eden a heart attack by calling him up and ordering British and French troops out of Suez where they had been sent to protect British and French property against Soviet Subsidized Colonel Nasser.

Now when Soviet subsidized Panamanians demand that we surrender the Panama Canal to them we are haunted by our idiocy that took Suez from its legal owners and gave it to a lecher named Nasser.

What sun would fall from the sky,

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

BY JACK RIDER

Between now and July 1st a lot of people 65 and over are going to get a disturbing note in the mail. It will come from insurance companies with which they have carried hospitalization insurance. The note will be a cancellation of their insurance.

But after July 1st when they are unlucky enough to have to use the benefits of "medicare" their situation will grow even worse. People 65 and over have widely varying hospitalization insurance. Benefits vary from company to company, from plan to plan even with the same company. But there is one thing most of these plans have in common: They are all better and provide greater total benefits than "medicare" promises.

And younger people are being told that they will benefit from having older people taken out of the private hospitalization insurance programs. They say that this will make it possible to lower the cost of hospital insurance to those under 65. Don't hold your breath until there is a rate reduction. Don't buy any 90-foot yachts on the extra money you will be getting from such promises.

Already boosts of from 36 to 59 per cent have been made in the social security tax of every employed person in the nation. This is an extra hospitalization premium each worker will pay until he is 65 or dead . . . and the rate goes higher and higher year after year.

Social Security is a swindle, milking every working person in the name of an illusion. Even if social security were administered as it was originally conceived — with only those benefitting who paid for benefits, the program would not work in modern society because the inflation rate outdistances the benefit rates of this promised security.

Social security is a swindle further in that it makes people pay premiums without guaranteeing them any benefits. Consider a young person today who begins work at 21 and earns a good salary. If he works until he is 65 on his salary he will have paid in \$23,348.16 even at today's rate and the rate, goes much higher in the years just ahead.

And then suppose he dies the day he is 65. His estate will get \$250 to help bury him and the rest of that \$23,348.16 vanishes in those ratholes along the Potomac. Suppose he lives and draws the maximum pension from social security. He will have to live over 10 years to get back what he has paid in, and the life expectancy today is no where near 75. So the whole mess is a patent fraud from beginning to end.

If that same young man had bought straight life insurance, or had just put his money in a savings account he would have ten times more protection and his family would have a lot more to keep them from crying too loudly on the way to the cemetery. Of course, the planners in Washington tell us that this "security" has to be compulsory because so many of us would not buy insurance on our own, or put money in a savings account. This is true.

But it is better for each of us to seek his own security in whatever fashion we desire than for all of us to be swindled all the years of our life by the government which purports to be acting in our best interest.

what moon would fail to rise if every single live American in Viet Nam were suddenly loaded up and brought back where they belong?

Some political stars might fall from the skies, but this is a small loss that the country might also survive with supreme effort.

But if we must stay; let's fight to win with every tool at our command.

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