

### The Puzzling Piece



# EDITORIALS

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

## Judge Not . . .

### WHEN DRAFTEES ARE RANKED BY MENTAL SCORES

Mental Group	White Draftees	Negro Draftees
I	7.6%	0.3%
II	32.1%	3.3%
III	34.6%	18.2%
IV	16.0%	38.2%
V	9.1%	37.1%

Men in Groups I, II and III, scoring from 31 to 100 on Armed Forces Qualification Test, automatically meet mental standards for military service. Those in Groups IV and V, scoring 0 to 30, generally are considered unacceptable without special literacy training.

### HOW REGIONS AND RACES FARE IN DRAFTEES' MENTAL TESTS

Year ended June 30, 1966 — Per cent failing Armed Forces Qualification Test

Region	White Draftees	Negro Draftees
South	18%	68%
South Central	12%	57%
Northeast	12%	45%
Midwest and West	8%	37%

Note: Data are for Army Areas; Alaska and Hawaii are not included.

This tabulation above will receive the widest and wildest kinds of interpretation.

At one end of the racist rainbow it will be offered as proof positive that negroes are inferior to whites, and at the other end of this dull-tinted rainbow it will be offered as proof positive of white exploitation of negroes.

But it is neither. It is only testimony to the difference that exists — always has and always will between people of utterly different lineage. Into this tabulation go factors of climate, of food, of government — or lack of it — that reach from the cradle of creation to the momentous times of this mid-20th century.

Necessity is the mother of all invention, and that segment of mankind whose roots are in a lush tropical do-

main do not have to reach so deep, or cling so firmly to barren soil as those whose seed were washed up on less hospitable shores.

Neither the negro nor the white man is responsible for these accidents of history, but today they are equally the victim of those who find it necessary to erase both cultures in the instant acts of an ungenetical crime called "racial integration". Crossing Holsteins with Herefords does not result in better beef or better milk. Bird dogs make poor rabbit hounds and few Beagles point birds.

Tabulations of cold statistics such as these we include above reflect the unbending zeal of white missionaries to force every society into their own imperfect mold. Few white people could pass a survival test in Equatorial Africa that is child's play to a native there.

Forcing a misfit into an unsuitable world leads to fear, frustrations and the violence that is eternally the by-product of these two emotions.

No where since recorded history began has any considerable segment of the negro world reached the levels in every field or endeavor that are enjoyed by the best elements of negro society in the Southern States of these United States.

That this has taken place in a segregated society is deplored by people who have no understanding of the overall problem. In the South the negro has been accepted as an individual; exceptions have been made for the extremely able negro and exceptions have been made for his less able brethren. This has permitted the finer elements of negro society to reach pinnacles never dreamed of by negroes any where at any time in the world before.

Graduates of negro schools in the South do better in colleges than graduates of racially mixed schools in the north. Why? The answer is simple; negro teachers can teach negroes better than white teachers. By the same token white teachers can teach white children better than negro teachers. This is not an argument of racial superiority or ra-

## Not So Surprising

No one should have fainted in shock when the President of the Carolina Power & Light Company rose up in opposition last week to the possibility of eight Eastern North Carolina towns building their own electric generating facility.

This chief power executive cannot be pleased with the prospect of losing millions of dollars per year income, which, is what would happen if this dream comes true. And we surely hope that it does come true.

There is no ceiling to electricity sales in sight. Experts in this field have even quit guessing about when the sales of electricity will level off.

That is the most important reason why these cities — all in need of revenue — should leave no reasonable stone unturned in their search in this direction.

The vast profits of the privately owned power monopolies are surely not illegal. But neither are similar profits from city-owned facilities that can be turned to do the things that cities are now forced to do in the way of providing services to their citizens and their trade areas.

Cities are now crying for revenue. Even such wild propositions as a local option sales tax are being seriously considered. Profits from sale of electricity make much more sense.

Certainly the president of any private power monopoly knows full well that when cities build a modern generating plant they are going to learn the high profit secrets of these monopolies.

We daresay the telephone company doesn't want to surrender any part of its equally rich monopoly.

In the months ahead as this controversy gets hotter keep one thing very clearly in mind: Privately-owned utility monopolies have nothing — absolutely nothing in common with private, competitive business.

## The Terrible Lesson

For those of us fat and fiftyish who trudged or flew across Western Europe in World War II it seems rather weird that Germans are still being tried for the concentration camp murders that have made Hitlerian Germany a synonym for hell on earth.

But the trials do go on, and if they do nothing more they should remind us what a fine line exists between civilization and barbarism. Nothing is more civilized than the pudgy, beer softened German, singing and dancing to the wild cadence of so much great German music.

And nothing this modern world has known — or is likely to know — surpasses in savagery this same easy-to-cry, baby-blue-eyed German when he is equipped with uniform, jack boots and total power.

Xenophobia is a word now being freely used against the mainland Chinese, who have replaced the Russians as the people most suspicious of all that is foreign. But 25 years ago the Gentle Germanfolk carried this hatred of foreigners to its ultimate terror by de-

stroying not only all that was foreign but all that was not totally "Aryan" in its own midst. Jews whose German lineage went back a thousand years were cremated along with Poles, and their only crime was that they were not "German".

This kind of blind hatred, irritated by the "Super Race" rhetoric of Hitler and Company led this not-so-super race to the edge of annihilation. This same kind of blind hatred, irritated by the "Black Power" rhetoric of Stokely Carmichael and Company can very easily cause millions of other innocent people to tumble off the precipice.

Those racial extremists in our own nation — at either end of the issue — are blood brethren to the Hitlerian Legions who very nearly plunged the world into a second "Dark Age".

Those of us who have high hopes for the future of our descendants and the world as a whole should weigh very carefully the crude, cruel arguments that are now being heard all up and down the land.

This virus has reached its high fever point in the current sickness of the American body politic and it can be safely said that the patient will recover, although the convalescence will be long and at times painful.

## PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS BY JACK RIDER

If you had to make a wild guess what would you say is the most revolutionary force at work in the world today. Communism? Capitalism? Christianity? Atheism? Pretty good arguments might be made for each.

But I have reached the firm conclusion that the most revolutionary force at work in the world today is television. The force of television has hardly been felt in the world at large, but here in the United States it has already begun to exert its unimaginable force.

Gutenberg and movable type opened up unimaginable vistas for those with a thirst for knowledge, but now television plants the seed in even the most reluctant soil. No effort to even learn to read is necessary for the total impact of television. In fact, reading may be an impediment to the ultimate total power of this educational force.

The humblest hovel now sprouts a television aerial. More American homes have TV than have running water, indicating something that may give rural sociologists recurring nightmares. But for good or evil TV is here to stay. At its best it can excite the imagination, stir the noblest emotions and lead the way to great new frontiers, but at its worst it is an instant house organ of pornography and selfishness.

No politician can ignore television with impunity. We face the almost certain possibility in the reasonably near future of the Madison Avenue president, conceived, and born in the back rooms of advertising rather than in the smoke-filled convention rooms, which heretofore have been the breeding grounds for our "Great Statesmen".

Television lets the poorest laborer walk into the most magnificent penthouses, see the finest wines, richest foods, most elegant clothing just a tube's thickness away from his finger tips. Ah, Tantalus.

Television can either be evolutionary in upgrading the tastes, the dreams, the ambitions of the masses, or it can be revolutionary in creating animosities beyond the temporizing ability of our economy. Television is a force that requires much more constant care and feeding than it is presently getting.

Somehow it does seem that there has to be a finer destiny for this magnificent medium than the peddling of soap powders and denture cleansers. In its few fine hours Television has offered more to more than any medium in the history of civilization, but in its average to less-than-average hour television has kept its eye on the gutter when it should have been looking to the stars.

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