

OTHER EDITORS SAY
WRAL-TV VIEWPOINT

Powell Is Just Too Much

One of the loud-mouthed racial agitators is said to have threatened the other day that there will be a great "civil rights" march on Washington if the Congress persists in its evaluation of the conduct of Adam Clayton Powell, the Congressman from Harlem. And just a day or so before that, the former head of the organization known as CORE (Congress of Racial Equality) said that if Congress tries to cut down on Lyndon Johnson's "poverty" programs, there will be a "march on Washington" which will make any previous racial demonstration look like — as he put it — "a Sunday School picnic."

If these threats are to be taken seriously — and we have learned not to be surprised by any turn of events — then we may be approaching the day when the Congress might well consider holding its sessions aboard a battleship at sea. But, we suppose, even that wouldn't work — somebody would dream up a federal program to provide all demonstrators with motor boats and water skis.

We are not particularly surprised to note the outcry opposing a reduction of federal hand-outs bearing the "war on poverty" label. The waste and extravagance in these programs have made fat cats out of countless thousands of characters who have an aversion to working for a living. It is only human nature, we suppose, for them to object to anyone's proposing to derail their federal gravy train. Fortunately, however, the taxpayers went to the polls in November and spoke out eloquently on that particular subject. Unless we miss our guess, citizens who work for a living can, at long last, expect some relief from their burden of providing so much money for so much foolishness.

But the Adam Clayton Powell thing is another kettle of fish. It is beyond our imagination that very many people would travel to Washington to participate in a protest movement in Congressman Powell's behalf. But you never can tell.

Still, Powell's conduct speaks for itself. Jackie Robinson, the Negro baseball player, probably put it as well as it could be stated when he told Powell: "You have grievously set back the cause of the Negro, let your race down and failed miserably in the role which our people justly expect you to play as an important national leader of the Negro."

Adam Clayton Powell has been anything but a leader. In fact, he has been anything but a Congressman. He is a frivolous, irresponsible character with corrupt morals, poor judgment and unmitigated gall. Worst of all, now that he has been caught in all of his various acts, he claims that he is a victim of "racial discrimination."

Oh, there's racial discrimination in the picture, all right. But not the way Adam Clayton Powell claims it. If his skin had been white he probably would have been thrown out of Congress a long time ago. It is the American taxpayer, white and black, who has suffered from this episode of discrimination in reverse. All the rest of us have been forced to furnish the money which Powell has squandered on his girl friends, and on pleasure trips around the world, because of a Congress which has not acted heretofore for fear of being accused of racial prejudice.

So, Jackie Robinson is right. Adam Clayton Powell has done

the Negro a vast amount of harm. And each time that he has been reelected, in the face of his sorry record, has served only to lower the opinion of the rest of the nation concerning the mentality of the voters in his district. As a high government official he has displayed contempt for the people, for the law, and for the decorum of the Congress.

It is worthy of recollection, by the way, that Powell succeeded a distinguished North Carolinian, Graham A. Barden, as chairman of the Committee on Education and Labor of the U. S. House of Representatives. One remembers the days when *The News and Observer* fought Congressman Barden in every election, demanding that "Hap" Barden be removed from office so that a more satisfactory — from *The News and Observer's* view — chairman of the Education and Labor Committee could take charge.

Adam Clayton Powell had long been standing ready to take charge. And when an aging, not entirely well Hap Barden decided in 1960 not to run again, Congressman Powell did take over. It seems fair to conclude that *The News and Observer* finally got a committee chairman to suit its fancy. For our part, we wish Hap Barden were back. In fact, we wish he had never departed from the Washington scene.

WHAT IS THE ANSWER?

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Q: Dr. Garrett, when all the argument about race is boiled down, the answers seem to turn on intelligence; whether the Negro's intelligence is the equal of the White man's. Just what is intellect?

A: For convenience, intelligence behavior may be classified into three areas or "faces": Abstract, mechanical, and social.

Mechanical intelligence and social intelligence can be disposed of in a line or two.

The first, mechanical intelligence, is pretty well self explanatory. When a person is dextrous with tools, ingenious and clever with machinery, has a quick grasp of mechanical relationships, then he is said to have a high level of mechanical intelligence.

An individual's social-intelligence level is determined by his efficiency in social behavior; tact, poise, self possession and the like.

The other, abstract intelligence, is the most significant of the three. Abstract intelligence functions in school work, in the professions, and in all but the most routine business activities. It separates man most sharply from the animal and is distinctly a human attribute. Abstract intelligence is usually regarded as

the highest form of intelligent activity because modern civilization could not have developed and cannot operate without it. It is as rare as it is valuable. Not more than 15 per cent of our young people have a level of abstract intelligence sufficient for good college work, and not more than two-to-three per cent have enough abstract intelligence to do excellent college work.

The Armed Forces, over a period of 50 years, have tested the abstract intelligence of Negroes and Whites. Negroes, consistently, trail White inductees in their level of abstract intelligence. And that is why, "when all argument about race is boiled down", it turns on the intelligence factor. White people object to giving up, through miscegenation, a very precious possession.

GARY HILL PROMOTED

Aviation Boatswain's Mate Second Class Gary A. Hill, of 2325 Briarfield Road, was advanced to his present rate while serving aboard the attack aircraft carrier, Ranger, currently undergoing extensive overhaul in Bremerton, Wash.

Two Shootings in Kinston Wednesday And Thursday Night

Kinston police were called to investigate shooting incidents on consecutive nights last week.

Wednesday night Leon Sutton of 720 University Street was charged with critically wounding Betty Stocks with a 12 gauge shotgun blast that hit her in the throat area.

Thursday night James Ray Lee of 16-C Simon Bright Homes was charged with shooting Taxi Driver Earl Gower in the side with a .22 caliber pistol.

Sutton claims to have been acting in self defense and he had numerous knife wounds about his body to support his claim.

Lee offered no better excuse for shooting Gower than that he was drunk and didn't know what he was doing.

At first the Stocks woman was not expected to recover, but it is now expected that she will, barring "complications".

Gower's wound was serious, but not critical, but officers agree that it could have been fatal if Gower had not slapped the gun aside just as it was about to go off.

Sutton and Lee are each charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill.

SENATOR SAM ERVIN SAYS



Congress returns to Capitol Hill in the mood that things will be somewhat different this session. The attitude which prevailed in recent sessions that broad social programs were required for the welfare of the country seems tempered by the fact that the Vietnam conflict has placed restraint on domestic spending programs.

Still the catalog of legislative issues gives notice that this mood is not likely to produce a dull or altogether harmonious session. The issues that have plagued the country — defense, taxes, social security benefits, civil rights proposals, poverty programs, and governmental reforms — are certain to be renewed. National defense is a prime topic for attention, and its many problems are enough to keep congress busy for most of the session.

Civil rights proposals have been a steady topic for legislative battles for years, and a re-submission of last year's controversial forced housing and jury selection measures would renew this battle. I doubt, however, that civil rights legislation will get as much emphasis at this session as it received in former sessions. The housing section of the bill is highly unpopular in all areas of the country, because it would set aside the rights of property owners to select their renters or buyers.

Support seems to have waned for the present, at least, for repeal of State "right-to-work" laws, some of the antipoverty proposals, and massive appropriations to remake our largest metropolitan cities. Budget considerations play a large role in the public attitude toward some poverty and "demonstration

cities" proposals.

One of the tasks which I will undertake at this session will be the organization of a new judicial subcommittee on separation of governmental powers. The Subcommittee will go into operation soon, and as its Chairman, I hope to do constructive work in a field that requires serious legislation attention.

The heart of the new subcommittee's work will be to review the trespasses which the executive, legislative, and judicial branches of government have been perpetrating upon each other in violation of the powers granted to each branch of the government under the constitution. The proper functioning of the federal government is closely tied in to the separation of powers problem. In its largest sense, the problem affects the individual rights of every citizen.

The individual right of privacy has been a growing problem as it relates to federal employees and citizen consultants to the government. Again at this session, I expect to press for action for legislation to correct abuses which the Federal bureaucracy is practicing upon its employees.

All in all, the problems at home and abroad will make for a busy session.

Bobby Meadows Promoted

Bobby E. Meadows, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Meadows, Star Route, Box 23, Maysville, received an early promotion to Army pay grade private E-2 on completion of basic combat training at Ft. Bragg, N. C., Dec. 9.



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