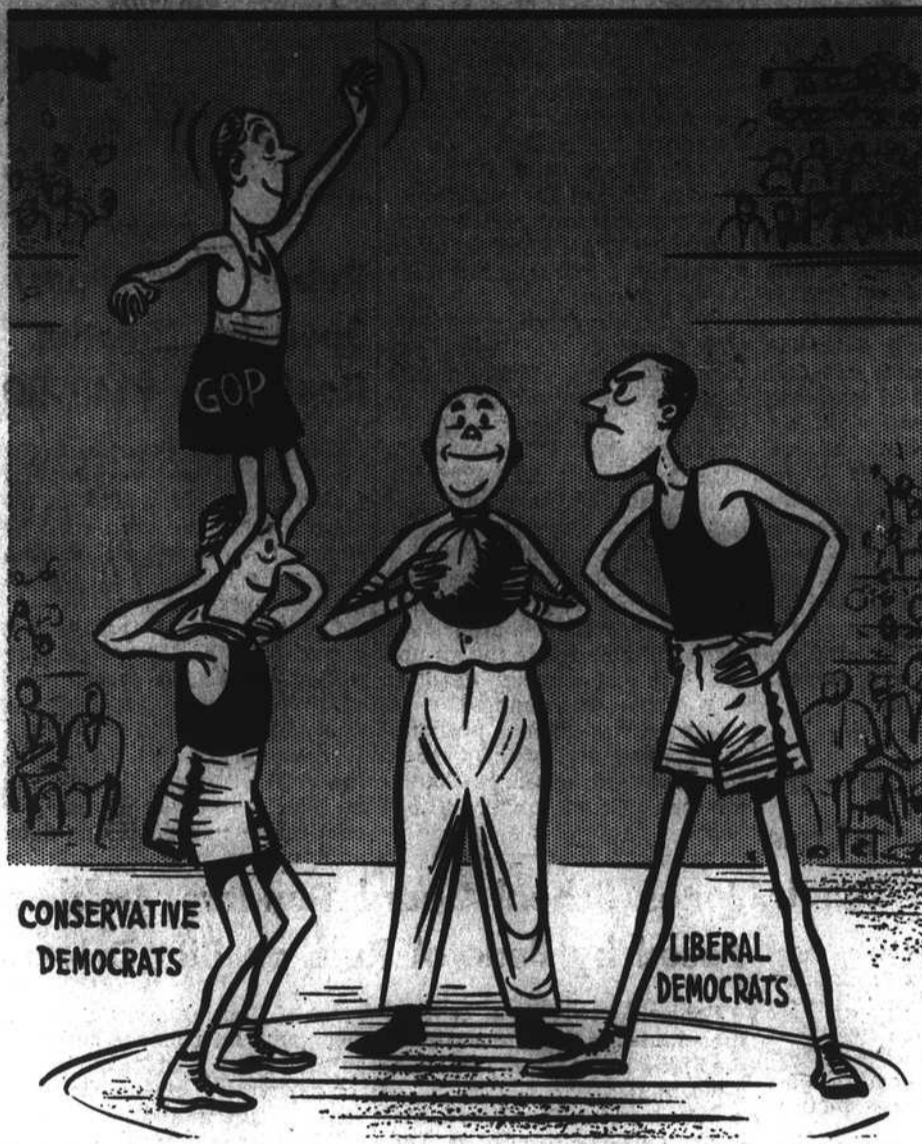


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EDITORIALS

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

The Liberal Journalist

Among the fauna of our time is a particular specie known generally as The Liberal Journalist. He is identifiable by numerous strong markings and characteristics.

He writes objectively of "arch-segregationists" and "enlightened-integrationists", of "right-wing fanatics" and "left-wing believers". He recognizes Southern prejudice but is unable to find a northern bigot.

In the lexicon of this queer bird Mrs. George Wallace is an "ex-five-and-ten-cent-store-clerk" and Hubert Humphrey is one of the "Great Liberals of our time".

Ronald Reagan is an out-of-work actor hamming it up in politics, but Dick Gregory is a great crusader for "human rights" in the language of this "objective" breed of prostitute.

The Constitution of the United States to these traitors is a "fraud upon the people" in the language of their chiefest apostle, Gunnar Myrdal, but the United Nations charter is something more sacred than the Bible, Koran and all other

charters for world morality combined.

"One-man-one-vote" is an absolutism in the mind of the liberal press when the "provinces" are considered, but in this same sacred United Nations a tribal fiefdom in darkest Africa, which changes "presidents" more frequently than its presidents change underwear has the same vote as the most populous nation in the world.

It is democracy to boycott Rhodesia but imperialistic to suggest boycotting North Viet Nam when these pundits put it down in black and white for their readers.

And the final and foulest distinguishing feature of this strange bird of the press is its habitual fouling of its own nest; from which it screams on cue and frequently about freedom, while hiding, or attempting to hide from the world anything that its precious reasoning feels "not in the public interest". Censorship by government is heinous, but censorship by these journalistic "liberals" is an act of conscience. They said it, not us.

'Equal Opportunity'

The current issue of "North Carolina Education", the magazine of the teachers' union comments editorially, "Equal opportunity — a Myth", and deplores the fact at length that there is a spread of \$428 to \$264 in the expenditures per pupil in the school districts of our state.

Are we to suppose that if each of 169 districts spent the exact penny for education that there would be "equal opportunity"? If we are to suppose this we are to suppose a myth, because equal dollars do not make equal anything.

One man may earn the exact penny another but the way they use that exact wage can be as far apart as the poles. One may save and invest wisely and the other may spend beyond his means and die a pauper while the other dies wealthy.

The passionate concern of public schools to equalize everything and everybody is almost as dangerous as it is

ridiculous.

It is dangerous to indoctrinate children for 12 years in the concept of equal lunches, equal grades, equal honors and then to expect them to understand, much less believe in the principle which has made our country flourish.

It is ridiculous to instill instant equality in young minds and turn them loose in the brutal inequities of the adult world. And this is more true in the egalitarian societies of communism than in the capitalistic world. The spread between a commissar and a peasant is light years further than between the richest American and the poorest, either in material or political affairs.

If the people who live in a school district where \$264 per child per year is being spent do not like it they can move to a district where \$428 per year is spent each year on the education of each child, and if that is not good

The Greedy Reach

Most North Carolinians understand the ugly motive behind the current "Brown Bagging" publicity. For the uninformed we include this information.

The entire teapot tempest was spawned by a handful of hoggish restaurant owners in the big cities, who want to widen their license to rape the public by being permitted to sell whisky by the drink.

Since 1937 when liquor was legalized in North Carolina it has been the accepted custom of diners out to order a chaser and pour their snort from their own little bottle of booze. This has broken the hearts of the cafe keepers. They would rather sell the thirsty traveller a 25 cent drink for \$1.50 than to sell him a mere 10-cent chaser for 25 cents.

In order to bring this issue before the general assembly North Carolina's biggest city, "Queen Charlotte", home of many a charlatan burst forth with this bright little idea: "Let's raise so much hell that the law will have to begin enforcing the law".

The "law", as everybody big enough to mix a drink already very well knew, is that it is illegal to drink legal booze anywhere except in one's own shanty.

The publicity outran the hopes of these greedy would-be saloon keepers. It got out before Christmas and knocked a huge hole in their holiday parties.

North Carolina is, or was the most inexpensive place in North America to take a drink. Whisky sold under state monopoly is cheaper than in states where competition kicks the price upward by about 25 per cent.

And with that cheaper bottle of booze one can pour his own drink from his own bottle and even with a 25-cent chaser get out with about a 40-cent drink that would cost him not less than \$1.25 and as much as \$3 bucks in some clip-joints across the land.

The members of the general assembly are well aware of this underground effort so we can relax and look forward to nothing extreme being done when they meet next month.

What Is Cheating?

The editor of the Grainger High School paper has shocked some and irritated others with an article in which he asserts that 92.5 per cent of the school's students have admitted cheating.

But the young editor admits that among his definitions of cheating is the simple act of helping another student with homework. This leads to a perfectly good question: What Is Cheating?

The dictionary has numerous definitions, and each person is able to select the one that best suits his particular purpose of the moment.

We prefer: "The fraudulent obtaining of another's property by a false pretense or trick." This is quoted as the meaning in law of cheat.

Helping or being helped with one's homework hardly falls under this usage of the word.

The Good Samaritan was helping a man who needed help very badly. A Spartan might have scoffed at this kindly helping hand. If we were to suddenly turn the civilized world into the jungle by living totally by the survival of the fittest, there would be no civilization. And the fittest would not necessarily be wearing a Phi Beta Kappa key.

Surely no one wishes to condone or explain away immorality but one cannot avoid wondering how finely this line can be drawn. If it is not cheating to copy one's homework; is it cheating to copy one's test?

If it is not cheating to borrow money from a friend in a tight spot, is it cheating to borrow his wife? Obviously the distinction between using a friend's money and his wife is wide.

But there are societies of men where enough they can move to Washington, D. C. where the highest per capita expenditure per student exists.

Lincoln's parents did not have to live in a wilderness where their son had to read by candle light. They could have moved to Boston and exposed their son to the patrician academic airs of Harvard. But all of us cannot and all of us would not if we could prefer to live in the intellectual hub of the world.

PERSONAL

PARAGRAPHS

BY JACK RIDER

"Think not of what your country can do for you, but of what you can do for your country." Of the many epigrammatic utterances of the Late President John F. Kennedy this is most likely to be his most quoted, and it surely needs to be.

If we wait for government to do everything for us the end unavoidably is state socialism, which is that exalted state of political prostration in which a few anointed specialists decide what is good or bad for the uninvolved majority of us.

So the danger of state socialism is lessened to the exact ratio that we involve ourselves in the affairs of government; involve ourselves unselfishly, that is . . . If we are merely seeking a soft job, fat retirement benefits and the tenuous "security" of a government paycheck then we hasten the arrival of totalitarianism.

But if we involve ourselves as patrons of government, rather than parasites we enoble our own actions and help bank the fires of those who are trying to build up a full head of steam for those Utopian realms of one kind or another of tyranny. Whether it is tyranny from the right or left; from the perfumed and elegant pretensions of the lesser nobility, as with Lenin's brand of statism or the illiterate bumbblings of a paranoid house painter such as Hitler the end products of socialism either from the right or left are exact because they both meet in that terror of righteousness which ordains one man with the power as well as the "sacred duty" to make the rest of us do what he thinks is good for us.

From the pre-dawn of history until this minute this has been the form of government under which the vast majority of mankind has lived. Even in this mid-20th Century there are few exceptions to this hard rule. The fullest flower of political freedom and material abundance has fallen over us lucky Americans. But it did not fall accidentally, nor is it a divine right which we will enjoy forever.

As our country's population grows the smaller is the per cent of people who can become directly involved in government. A big city has the same number of aldermen, generally, as the smallest corporate village, and so it is through the entire apparatus of government. The importance of personal involvement in government is that one learns that the mighty are mortals, who are subject to the same pressures, dreams and greeds as the most ordinary one among us.

So today if we shirk our small duties to serve; to offer what we can when and where we can we weaken the structure of representative government throughout its length and breadth. The sincere effort of the weakest of us is superior to the least effort of the strongest.

When we stand back and either curse or bow meekly to our government we are guilty of a negativism that is helpful to neither the government or ourselves.

As President Kennedy no doubt understood very well; each of us can, and each of us must do far more for our government than it can do for us. Government in a representative republic has nothing, either spiritual or material that it can give to any of us that has not been first given to the government.

borrowing a wife is far more acceptable socially than borrowing more valuable chattels.

This is one of the basic quests of society: Searching for that kind of morality which bring inner peace, and if there is one thing that this restless society we live in today has proven beyond doubt it is that one must find these answers for himself.

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