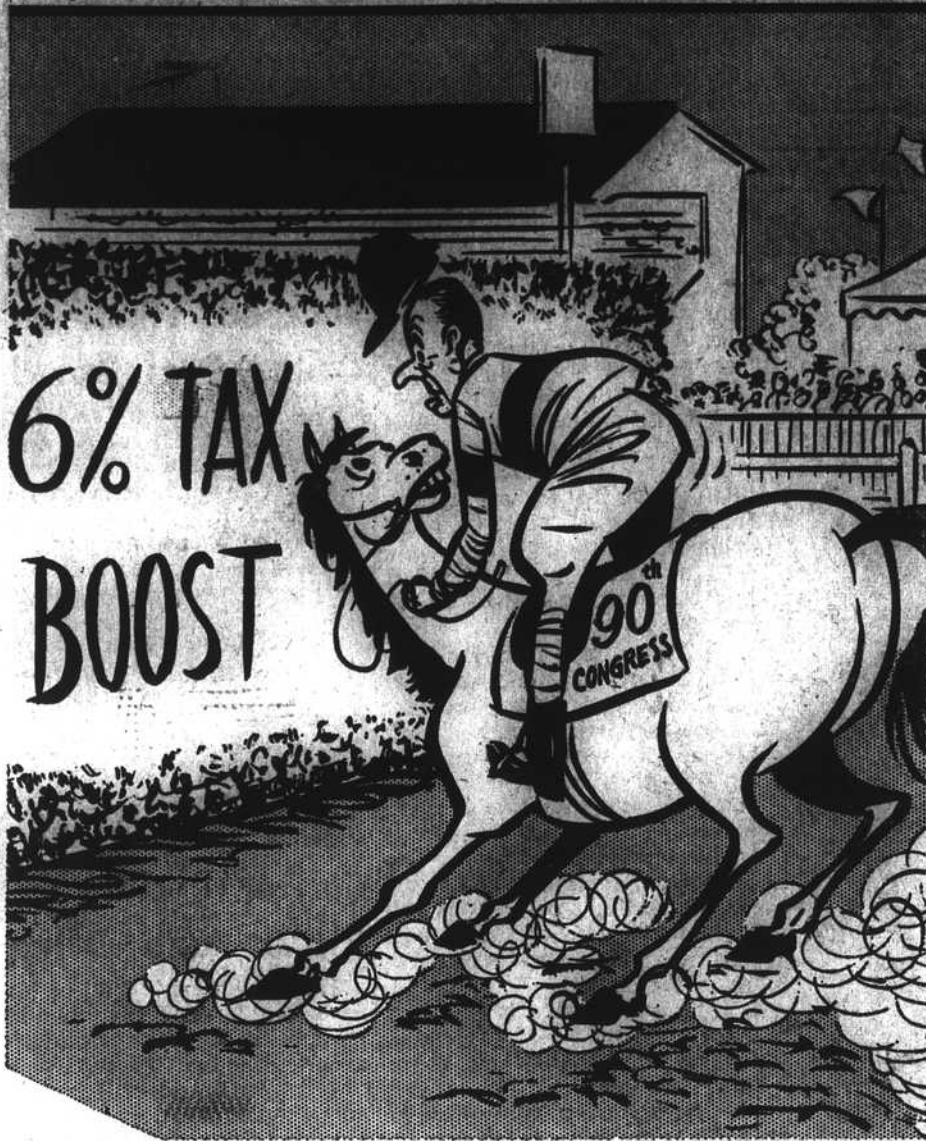


'You think I'm going to take you over that!'



EDITORIALS

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

One More Round

Local school boards in most districts of the south are going through another "round of compliance". They are spending vast sums of the taxpayers' money publicizing and sending out highly technical forms to every parent who has a child in school.

A majority of these school districts still labor under the illusion that "Freedom of Choice" is sufficient to placate the lust for power that swells in the heart of every Washington-type bureaucrat. They couldn't be more wrong.

These pettifogging tyrants operate under the ugly principle that colored teachers cannot teach colored students as well as white teachers. But this is national policy. It is the repeated decision of the supreme court; it is the chief domestic trick in the political pandering of all recent presidents. It is the majority view of several recent congresses, and it is the overwhelming mandate of the voters in 44 of our 50 states, and in 94 of North Carolina's 100 counties.

So these educational generals in Washington would not only be untrue to their

snobbish upbringing but would as well violate the law of the land and the will of the people if they did not pursue racial integration in the public schools to the very end.

Childe Haroldde Howe, federal commissioner of education, cannot be expected to believe that colored teachers are as good as white teachers. It would violate his heritage — expensive private schools — for himself and his children, and so he is religiously righteous when he insists that colored teachers are not as good as white teachers.

But such Messiahs of racism are hailed, while those of us who support the view that colored teachers can teach colored students better than white teachers are classified as "racists", "professional bigots" and "nigger haters". The fact of the matter is exactly the reverse.

The cruelest slander of a proud people is the studied, stupid policy of the United States government. We resent the inference and every intelligent colored citizen ought to reject the slander, rather than accepting it.

On Firing Scholars

There is a great bovine bleating on the heels of Clark Kerr being canned by his bosses at the University of California. We in North Carolina have heard much of this same noise in recent years from the self-ordained intelligentsia, who had a lengthy hand-wringing session when Paul Sharpe was called by the academic gods to a higher level of service from his chancellorship at the Chapel Hill branch of the University of North Carolina.

What strange milk do these scholarly giants feed upon; That they place themselves above the reach of the boss? Even Earl Warren could be impeached, and Bobby Kennedy might even be dethroned; but it has come to be a campus disease which asserts as a keystone of "Academic Freedom" that people who work in schools cannot be fired, for any cause.

The absurdity of this position should be apparent, even to an educator. Public schools; whether grammar or graduate are by the very stern force of finance a part of the political life of their community.

And a political axiom as old as the art of community life is that one has to keep producing, either tangibly or intangibly or someone will be "called" to replace him.

President Kerr has a gigantic reputation in the educational world, largely because he was head of a monstrously large educational complex that had completely outgrown the powers of any single administrator. Now he has fallen on the same sword that lifted him to power.

It is regrettable; but this lesson might be learned if other educators are as capable of learning as they claim to be of teaching. That schools, like armies,

Death of Service Men

Last week 127 service men were killed in Viet Nam. Only the families of those who died so far away are much concerned. They are simply the sad-statistics of war.

But the death of three service men at Cape Canaveral has thrown the nation into deep mourning. There is something revoltingly wrong with this contrast.

A majority of the young men in Viet Nam are there AGAINST their will. Snatched out of civilian life, given a grubby pay check, hastily trained and thrown into an impossible situation that ends either in death or utter frustration.

The young men who work at Cape Canaveral are there voluntarily. They are paid fantastic salaries, live in the richest luxury and enjoy the adulation of the nation.

More importantly, those who work at Cape Canaveral do have some sense of direction; a feeling that they are making a possible contribution to science, while the young men who die in Viet Nam are robbed even of this feeling of contribution.

We are saddened by the death of every young man, whether he is serving with the armed forces or is killed in a speeding civilian car. We surely do not want to exhibit any harshness over the sudden death of the three service men Friday night at Cape Canaveral. They were fine young family men, just beginning to enjoy the fullness of their families and their careers.

We merely say that there is something theatrically wrong when the national reaction to their death is set beside the death in the same week of those 127 young men in Viet Nam.

Amen, Senator

In a speech last Thursday on the floor of the senate Missouri Senator Stuart Symington said, in part, "Upon returning from the Vietnam theater a year ago, I reported to the Senate my growing doubts about the wisdom of trying to achieve peace by attacking the least meaningful military targets most, the more meaningful military targets less, and the most meaningful military targets 'not at all'. With relatively slight variations, this policy continues . . ."

Senator Symington quoted a pilot, "On four of our last five missions I have flown directly over airfields, some 12 miles from Hanoi on my way in to attack targets of questionable importance only five miles from that city. Each time we saw Mig-21s on the field; in fact watched them take off so as to attack us from the rear while we continued on to the approved target near Hanoi. Our planes have no tail gun capacity. The Mig-21 can 'out-maneuver' us. Surely an airfield loaded with military planes is a military target. Therefore we cannot understand why we are forbidden to attack those MIGs, on that field. This is not theoretical. Recent MIG-21 activity has been increasing."

Senator Symington adds, "In addition, because of the great and growing costs of this war, it will not be possible to continue, at least on a proper scale, many of the domestic programs which are so essential to the progress of this country."

Senator Symington concludes: "For the above reasons, as well as others, if we do not start fully utilizing our technological superiority, on a conventional basis, it would be better to terminate hostilities as against continuing them on the present quantitative basis."

Amen, Senator, Amen . . .

are nothing more than mobs once discipline has departed.

At every level of every society, no matter how precious we may feel our liberties are, there has to be a "boss", who says, "This far, and no damned further." The rule of law, or the rule of the jungle; law must prevail or the jungle certainly will.

This is a simple fact of life that socio-politicians are also learning the very hard way, and none more slowly than the United States Supreme Court.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS BY JACK RIDER

One of the most frightening political possibilities is the rising star of Bobby Kennedy. The lavish use of money and the power of planned publicity have been combined to push this carpet-bagger far ahead of President Johnson in all recent polls.

I do not put holy allegiance in polls but one is foolish to disregard the pliability of the American electorate. I recall very well how the pollsters "elected" Tom Dewey, but the polls came out too early. Dewey was too insipid and Harry Truman was a politician with the common touch. Each political race is completely different than all previous races; even if the same candidates are running.

Shifts in issues, in publicity, fads rise and fall, luck turns from one to another, and the barnacles of office attach to the "ins" while the "outs" come from their drydock with a fresh appearance, ready to clean up the mess made by the "ins".

But Bobby Kennedy! For President! But don't reject the possibility. When a man born in Massachusetts, who is living in Virginia, who is not eligible to vote can win one of the two United States Senate seats from the most populous state in the union anything can happen. Money has a way of talking that drowns out reason and morality.

Money bought the Republican nomination for Eisenhower in 1952, and sent Robert Taft to his grave, saddened from having been so callously sold down the river. Money bought the nomination for John F. Kennedy in 1962. Never has one political convention offered so much to so many "delegates" as the Kennedy millions offered in Los Angeles. And the Kennedy Family is still far from broke.

In addition to the estimated \$400 million bankroll behind the Kennedys they have two martyred sons, who have died nobly on the national altar. Joseph Kennedy Jr., who was killed on a combat mission in World War Two and John F. Kennedy, who was murdered by a communist in Dallas just over three years ago.

They have a coldblooded, hungry young man in the bullpen, warming up to take his late brother's place. He will stoop to any depth, climb any mountain — even if he has to be carried to the top, to reach this goal. So those of us who revolt at the notion of Bobby Kennedy in the role of the Chief Executive of Our Nation had better arm ourselves with something more effective than our indignation.

Money, organization and dedication will be required in great quantities to stop this eager young Boston beaver. Our nation has gone a long way in its short history. From colonial controls, to representative republic, to mobocracy, to oligarchy, and now it would even appear that we might make the circle complete by returning to monarchy, under this economic royalty that is represented by the Kennedy Klan.

There is a possibility that Bobby may have over-reached himself with his effort to manipulate history through William Manchester, but it is too early to make bets on this, especially when Bobby still has the money and the public relations team to remake his image instantly. He has risen from the reactionary ash heap of the McCarthy Hearings to a very noble "liberal" in one brief decade. If the temper of the times calls for a conservative Bobby has the ability of the chameleon to change his colors quickly and frequently.

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