

ON RACE RIOTS: CAUSE AND CURE

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There is this that may be said of race riots: If the equalitarians who now control our country remain in power, the lives of us all will become more and more chaotic. Lyndon Johnson, given the chance, will destroy this republic. And don't talk to me of Republicans; there is not a Republican on the national scene who has an understanding of the problem. Or having it, reacts as should an honest man.

That is to be expected; the Republican attitude, I mean. There is the same as is held by most of us, an attitude built up on a single premise: All men are equal. And, dammit, all men are not equal. Men are different; races are different; and if we do not come to grips with that fundamental fact — overthrow these equalitarians — we will know a worsening situation, ending in national collapse.

That is the way we are heading, into oblivion. As an indicator, read the Department of Labor's well-meant (?) unemployment summaries. In all of them there runs a central thread: The races are equal — nothing else is even considered.

I have in hand one such summary, published last March. It will serve as a model.

The unemployment rate among Negro slum dwellers, it goes, is 10 per cent or more, as opposed to four per cent, nationally. Then it says, unemployment on the part of Negro individuals "is primarily a story of inferior education, no skills, police and garbishment records, discrimination, fatherless children, dope addiction, helplessness".

No doubt.

It says, six of 10 applicants lack skill; one in five is poorly motivated; 15 per cent are heavy drinkers.

Now, the recurring reason given as to the cause of this total situation — false as that reason is — is the only clear note struck: This situation prevails, so we are told and retold, because of racial discrimination, that White people mistreat Negro people, invidiously discriminate against them; "we" do not give the Negro a chance.

And that is the lie of the century. Hitler, in all his fancy, never dreamed of one so big.

People are coming to realize the monstrous nature of the charge but because they don't know what to do about it, because the equalitarians keep the truth larded over, the rotten mess that is Lyndon Johnson's integration policy lies soggy in its own deceptive context, its rot permeating every element of our cultural and political life.

Read again those facts on Negro unemployment and while you read, consider the possibility that there are, in truth, meaningful differences between the races, characteristics of one race that make it impossible for the other ever to compete successfully. In that frame, they take on a different nuance, don't they?

Suppose for a moment it is true that races are unequal — i.e. different — that the talents and shortcomings of each race follow divergent paths. And suppose both races are caught up in a common culture, a culture cut to the measurement and standards of one but not of the

other. Should it surprise you, then, when the "alien" race does not do as well as the race that created the environment? Does it surprise you when a duck on a pond outswims a chicken; both are birds, you know, and in that sense, equal. And are you aiding the chicken when you keep throwing him back into the water with instructions to swim like a duck? Or are you, bit by bit, drowning the benighted, confused critter?

Face the truth: Until the Negro race was exposed to the White race, the Negro's cultural history — by White standards — was a 5,000-year blank. Negroes had not domesticated an animal; they had not learned the principal of the wheel; the extent of their architecture was mud huts; they had no written language; no system of mensuration; and their idea of agriculture consisted of digging a hole in the ground and dropping in a seed; cannibalism was a common practice and, in Africa, remains just that, a common practice.

Now, then. None of this necessarily makes the White race superior to the Negro race. You may think it does — by your standards. But "superior" and "inferior" are relative words, matters of opinion. However that may be, these particularities certainly do make the races different, that is, unequal, as an apple and an orange are different and unequal.

And if you take mud-hut people and pit them in competition with those who create cathedral spires, and lay down rules according to "cathedral" standards, what would you expect?

Wouldn't you expect unemployment to be at least 10 per cent, crime to be rampant, drunkenness rife, and bastardy the normal thing. Ultimately riots?

I would. There is a line from a song that seems apropos: "Give a man a horse he can ride".

Do so and our race troubles will level off. Fail to do so and we will have Watts, Newark, Detroit and way stations.

Two Lenoir 4-H'ers At Wildlife Camp

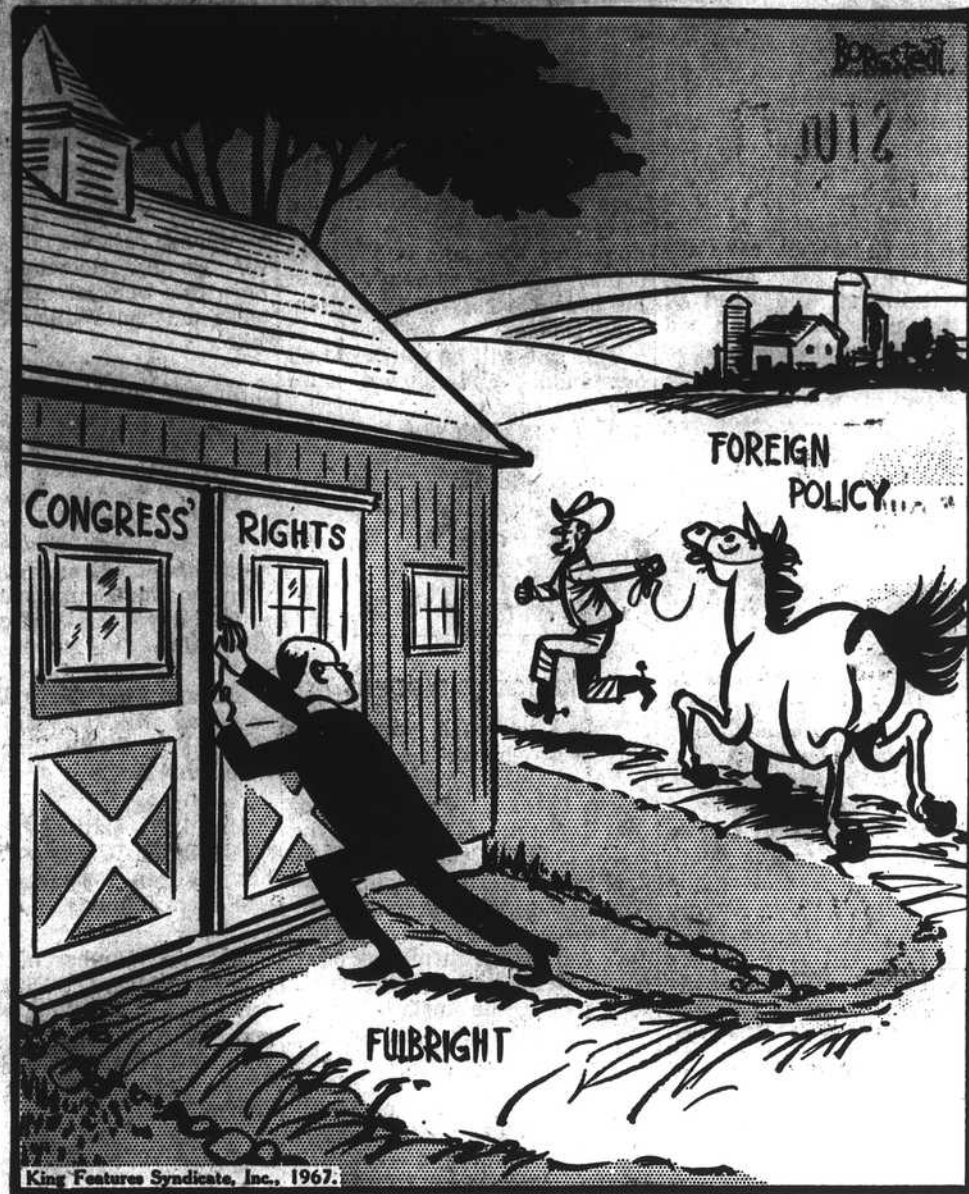
Two Lenoir County 4-H Club members are attending the North Carolina 4-H Wildlife Conservation Camp this week. They are Thomas Ray Rhodes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack V. Rhodes of Kinston Route 3 and Annette Simpson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Simpson of Pink Hill.

The camp is being held at Millstone 4-H Camp which is located on the Wildlife Conservation Reservation in Richmond County near Ellerbe.

The purpose of the camp is to provide the opportunity for qualified 4-H Club members to learn conservation in greater depth. Specialists in wildlife, soil and water conservation, and forestry will conduct various phases of the week's educational program.

Thomas and Annette were selected as delegates on the basis of their accomplishments in the 4-H Wildlife Project. The sponsor of their trip is the Federal Cartridge Corporation.

Too Late to Slam It!



SENATOR SAM ERVIN ★ SAYS ★



The search is underway in government circles and elsewhere to find the causes and cures for the breakdown of law and order in this country.

In many quarters, it is said that the persons who participated in the riots were deprived persons who had lost hope in their effort to cope with the society in which they live. Almost in the same breath, it is said in these quarters, that while the riots were "deplorable", they were "understandable". But, if the phrase "understandable" is to be used as a springboard for some of the new proposals now being circulated in the wake of the riots, I think we had better take a second look at the whole matter. The Senate Judiciary Committee has been conducting hearings on anti-riot legislation in recent weeks. It has come up with some persuasive evidence that deprivation existing among individuals in our cities is not the whole story.

Moreover, a recent issue of U. S. News & World Report quotes a Detroit police detective as saying that "a good number of the guys we pulled in for looting worked steady at Ford, Chrysler and General Motors over the past three or four years. They were making \$125 and \$150 a week." The article says that Detroit police state that in one suburb "105 of 111 looters arrested had jobs and late-model cars", and in Milwaukee, one of the rioters was "a \$3.50 an-hour foundry worker." It also says that in the Watts riot "about one fourth of those who took part in the rioting had some college education."

Senate hearings have indicated that those who are willing

to burn, steal, and destroy are being organized by agitators who have the avowed purpose of creating a climate that leads to disorders. Often the underworld aids in these riots, the police say.

If this is so, pouring many billions more into major cities in crash programs is not a panacea for these ills. Already, the federal government is spending \$25.6 billion annually to help the poor in this country.

Detroit was supposed to be a model showcase of what the federal government could do to erase poverty. It received about \$220 million, I am told, in federal funds in the last twelve

months.

What these revelations mean is that pouring fantastic sums into the cities by the federal government beyond any reasonable budgetary considerations appears to have less bearing on the problem than what the people begin to do for themselves in these localities.

Some forgotten ideas seem appropriate. Our schools, welfare agencies and employment agencies need funds, but they need more than that. Schools need the support of the parents and community leaders to preserve discipline so that students can receive an education to obtain jobs and build a better nation. Welfare agencies should help the needy, but such programs ought not to be administered to encourage immorality by the recipients of such aid. Tax-supported employment agencies were instituted to find jobs for the unemployed, not to encourage idleness. These programs will work, however, only if responsible citizens begin to take more interest in their functioning.

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