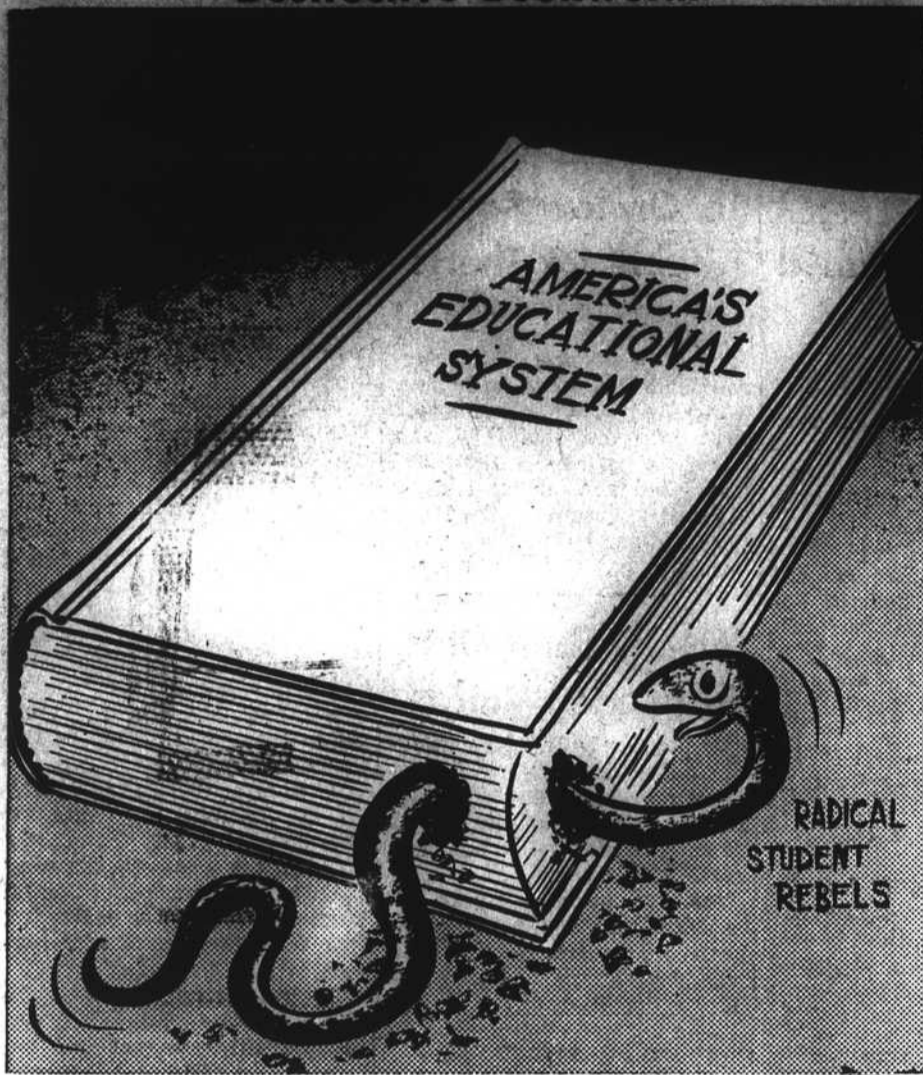


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**EDITORIALS**

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

**An Obvious Point**

Of the monstrous federal budget this year military waste accounts for 56 per cent and interest on the national debt and veterans benefits account for another 33 per cent; leaving just 11 per cent of the total budget for all of the other pressing needs of our country.

There is nothing immediate that can be done about the national debt, because it will have to grow larger before it can ever become smaller, and we are not now doing enough for veterans so there is no chance of a reduction in that department, which after all is a much smaller part of that final 33 per cent than the mere statement might indicate.

This leaves military waste as the only logical direction for our nation to turn in order to find funds for the jobs that have to be done if our nation is to continue to thrive as a viable political and economic unit.

This year \$30 billion will be wasted in Vietnam, which alone is far more than all of the non-military operating costs of the entire federal establishment.

Few among us, it is to be hoped, are ready for unilateral disarmament of the

kind that left our country and England utterly defenseless in the deadly years between 1918 and 1939.

The vast majority of us understand the necessity of keeping our country strong, because that is the only posture from which one can negotiate in a world that is far more motivated by fear than by charity.

But Vietnam has nothing to do with American security, since that precious commodity is guarded by our circle of Polaris submarines, the Strategic Air Force, and what ever super-secret hardware is in orbit in outer-space with the potential to watch and to retaliate in case of sudden hostilities that might be aimed at our country.

We do not need to cut taxes at the federal level, but we do need badly to redirect the use of these vast amounts of money that pour into the federal treasury. At least the annual amount wasted in Vietnam is needed in urban revitalization, in air and water protection, in the total transportation field and in a completely new system to care for the aged, the crippled, the deserted, the chronically sick and the mentally destitute.

**The Liberal Blindness**

Saturday Review Editor Norman Cousins is one of the prime examples of what is worst with the so-called liberal mind in the present context of world affairs.

Cousins is one of those who harps most against American involvement in Vietnam, and but for his age and expensive tastes he'd probably have been at the barricades in Chicago, throwing human manure and urine in the general direction of the Democratic Party's foreign policy, but landing in the faces of Chicago police.

But now Cousins is weeping by the bucketfull for American involvement in

the Nigerian civil war, using the same Goebbels' technique of terrifying half truths in his editorial of December 21st Cousins joins Senator Ted Kennedy — another Vietnamese Dove — who is urging "an abrupt and monitored end of arms shipments to both countries." Actually there is only one country, since the United States.

Cousins and his breed very bitterly oppose the blockade of arms shipments to North Vietnam, or to Communist Castro Cuba. But they would have more Americans die in the jungles of Equatorial Africa for a cause as futile as that Biafra is to Nigeria as New York as to

**About Sheriff Yates**

Jones County Sheriff Brown Yates is under heavy attack from many directions, and we do not want to make his position worse, but there are times when the silence of friends can be more damaging than their voice.

Yates is a long-time friend of this writer, who knows from close personal observation that insofar as the enforcement of the law with impartiality and diligence that Yates has done a good job for the people of Jones County, and at very poor pay. The majority of the people of Jones County know and appreciate this, since they have overwhelmingly re-elected him each time an election for sheriff rolled around.

But a combination of many things, including health and tension resulted in Yates reaching that point where he badly needed to take a leave of absence to recuperate both his health and some peace of mind. But unfortunately there are no such provisions made for public officials. Sick or well they feel compelled to carry out the duties of their office.

Yates started drinking on the job, and too much, or at least the amount he drank had too much effect on him, and this has resulted in his being attacked by a flock of people. Some of whom are acting in complete public spiritedness, but some of whom are acting in a spirit of complete vindictiveness.

For whatever reasons, the fact remains that Yates is under heavy attack, and a large part of it is justifiable, even if the motivations for the attacks are not of the very noblest.

As a friend of Yates and Jones County, we strongly urge that Yates take a leave of absence determined by his doctors; perhaps of a month, six months, or possibly even longer.

It is possible that his total health may never recover to that point where he could reasonably carry out the important duties of his office again. That is a chance all of us have to take in any occupation, but in a high public office the situation is different than in private employment.

We have faith in the people of Jones County, and we know to a certainty that if Yates does take such a leave of absence and does regain his health that the people of the county will protect him rather than prosecuting or persecuting him.

of Southeast Asia.

The issue in Nigeria is not freedom vs. slavery, or communism vs. capitalism or even Catholicism vs. Buddhism, as it was in the beginning in Vietnam.

The issue is ethnic, tribal, ancient, endless.

But the American garden variety liberal nourishes his bigotry on the utter myth that the only racism in the world today is that of Southern American whites against Negroes; when in all truth this is the root of practically all of the world's strife today.

What else is the Jewish-Arabic conflict, the Japanese-Korean, The Flemish-Walloon in Belgium, the Catholic-Protestant in Ireland, the Hindu-Moslem in India, the white-black in England? All are ethnic, all are racist.

Which is not to argue that because an evil is widespread it is any more acceptable. Every effort ought to be made to ease the bitter strains of racial and religious strife.

But the first lesson each of us should learn is that those without fault should cast the first stone. It seems someone else suggested this a long time ago, but few of us have ever accepted its real value.

**PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS**

BY JACK RIDER

January 20th is not very far away, and on that day the reins of the federal government will change hands. Each of us who loves and has pride in our nation ought to pray and pray frequently that this new regime has the courage to do just a few very simple things; much of which its leader has promised to do.

Most important of all is the immediate enforcement of the law, and not an enforcement that is mixed up with civil rights or juvenile emotions, nor watered down with misguided notions about academic freedom. We need no new laws; only enforcement of the existing laws.

The federal government has grown so huge that even the wisest Washington heads such as Eric Sevareid fall into the not unnatural stance that there is very little change possible over the the short haul. But this is a disease that grows worse in direct ratio to one's nearness to Washington.

President Nixon will have the opportunity to moderate the activist posture of the supreme court. He will have the opportunity to support an attorney general who believes that the laws are for everyone, and if his first choice for attorney general develops into such a jellyfish as Ramsey Clark the president has complete authority to fire him and hire another.

Some fear that Nixon will lack the courage; that he has been too long a part of the Washington apparatus to rock the boat, but there is just the possibility that Nixon, having finally arrived at the pinnacle of power, will have both the ability and the courage to use that power. Johnson had the ability but he lacked the courage. Johnson wanted everybody to love him and wound up with nobody loving him.

If there is a bitter lesson in the rejection of Johnson and Humphrey it is that there is neither personal political profit nor national security in bowing so meekly before any loud-mouthed minority. And this is not anti-Negro, but is completely pro-Negro, because the people who have been hurt most by this prostration before the Rat Browns and and Stokely Carmichaels and Elridge Cleavers and Huey Newtons are the best elements of Negro society.

These are the kind of people who have flagrantly violated an endless list of federal laws, but not one of them is in jail despite the fact that the federal government has pre-empted to itself, under an illegal decision of the supreme court, the entire sphere of treason. No state government now has a right, so the supreme court has said, to indict or prosecute for acts of treason. Yet this is what this breed of Negro militants is guilty of along with such white pukes as Jerry Rubin, Tom Haywood and Mark Rudd.

If just a few of these stinking, rotten apples were plucked out of this barrel of national discontent it would be amazing how quickly and completely peace would return to our domestic front. This is the single, easy job that a new president and a new attorney general can do, and they can do it quickly. And I pray they will, but cynically I am not too optimistic.

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