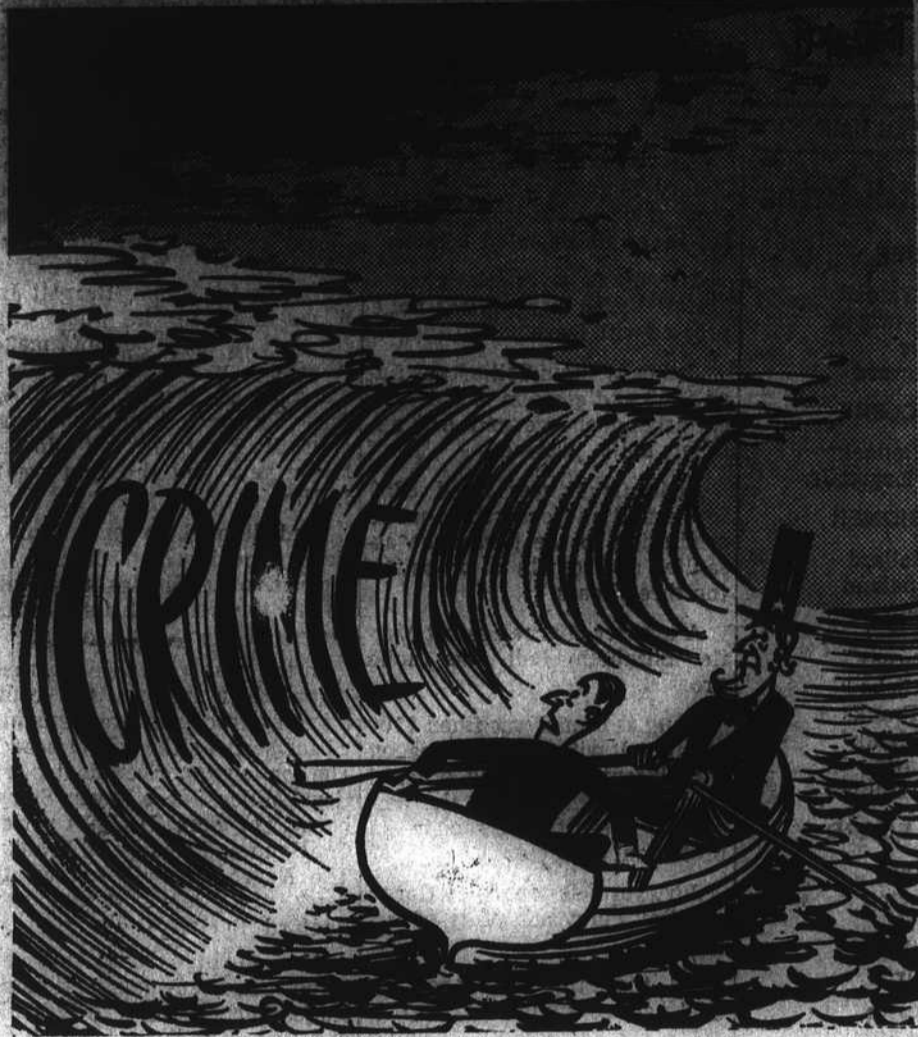


'Let's not sit here...Let's do something!'



EDITORIALS

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

Consent of the Governed

All government, from the most benevolent to the most tyrannical is possible only by consent of the governed. There is growing evidence that the somnolent American body politic is on the verge of refusing to accept the continued imbecilities of the United States supreme court.

But the court grinds dangerously forward in this zombie-like determination to rule or ruin. This week by a 7-to-0 vote this court slapped down the effort of Memphis, Tennessee to preserve its neighborhood school concept, and thus inferentially spit in the eye of everyone from President Nixon on down who is now trying to talk common sense on this issue.

Charlotte and Los Angeles are currently the two most hideous examples of this judicial jerkery run amok. Each has been ordered to freight a sufficient number of its students about to achieve "racial balance".

In Charlotte this means trucking about 13,000 students each day, the initial purchase of 526 buses and the continuing expenditure of something like \$500,000 per year to operate those buses.

For Los Angeles the problem is multiplied by about 20, since the number of students and the distances to be traveled are about in that ratio over Charlotte.

Here closer to home in Kinston there is no proposal to buy buses but to force children to either walk or use family transportation to bring about this same kind of "educational" plan in the junior and senior high school levels. So far the Kinston elementary schools have been left in the tree to be plucked off at a later date when the first plan has rotted sufficiently to cause people to be accustomed to the stench of tyranny.

But it is a long, long road, indeed, that has no turning. For nearly a fifth of a

century now those of the South who loved and respected the public school systems have tried to tell those in and out of the south that total racial integration is not in the educational best interests of either race.

For a long time this truism fell on deaf ears, but now the rest of the nation is beginning to turn up its hearing aid finally after massive injury has been done to the schools and to race relations they are beginning to understand the magnitude of this judicial tyranny, and soon it will be totally rejected.

From Under the Log

What is inaptly described as a "tough young professor" from the University of Chicago has recommended to a committee of congress that pistols be outlawed in this country. When spring weather approaches there are always such worms crawling from beneath logs.

This Frank Zimring blames the national crime wave on pistols so he comes up with the stupid conclusion that if pistols are taken away from all law-abiding citizens criminals will quit acting like criminals.

Such an absurdity would only involve disarming the prey and arming the predator.

The reason why there are too many crimes of violence in our country is not because of guns or knives or cars but is because criminals are not punished swiftly and severely for their criminal acts. No pistol in the history of firearms has ever killed a single person. Either human malice or ignorance is involved every single time any firearm kills or injures anyone. One may fall on a knife and accidentally be killed, but bullets don't fly out of barrels of pistols

Ecology's 'In'

Ecology is the latest "in" thing wherever one turns. From the White House to the Bohemias scattered around the fringes of drug society and all points in between people are twittering nervously about the world we live, and litter in.

Ecology is defined as the branch of biology which treats with the relations between organisms and their environment, so actually it is not a new subject — only a new name for an ancient problem.

Neanderthal man moved from cave to cave to escape his garbage, through which archaeologists now pluck and probe in their effort to understand how our ancient kinsmen lived, and died.

If the alarmists of today are even halfway correct in their dire predictions of immediate doom perhaps a hundred thousand, or a million years from now the archaeologists, or whatever they are called, will be digging and dusting and classifying the junk we are burying ourselves in today.

It is not a pretty picture, and if one simply elects to underplay the terror of simple survival the ecology kick can easily be justified on esthetics grounds.

The utter ugliness, and total vulgarity with which we despoil our environment is too obvious to dwell upon to any person with average common sense, much less common courtesy.

The beer-can tossers, the sandwich-wrapper scatterers are bloodbrothers to the spitters on sidewalks and to the corporate and municipal dumper of raw filth into our rivers, lakes and sounds. They only differ by degree. Their crime against nature is the same.

But even in such an exotic new branch of biology as ecology it is good to keep in mind the Episcopal premise of temperance in all things. These bright and dedicated young people do have a message, and a great calling to rally around, but their entire life's work might be short circuited if parents and schools and government started teaching and enforcing good manners. It is just as unmannerly to dump raw sewage to run downstream on the next community as it is to throw beer cans and sandwich wrappers on your neighbor's lawn.

Think about it!

or rifles on their own motion.

If our country would simply enforce the laws that already exist on the misuse of firearms the small per cent of the population who create the crime wave would be out of circulation, and when and if they did return to circulation they'd think twice before doing the same deed again.

Assault with a deadly weapon is punishable in North Carolina with up to two years in prison, even if no injury is inflicted. Assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill is punishable with up to 30 years in prison. Armed robbery is punishable with up to 30 years in prison. Can you recall a single instance recently in which such existing sentences have been imposed for these crimes?

First degree murder, whether with arsenic or a .357 Magnum is punishable by death, but no one has been put to death in North Carolina for first degree murder in over nine years, during which several hundred people have been killed by first degree murderers.

This Chicago professor has just enough ignorance to be a professor. He might even make a good college president some day.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

BY
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Having been taken into the home of my paternal grandmother on the death of my mother, when I was only 14 months of age, and growing up there under the constant eye of that grandmother, five aunts and finally a stepmother, and escaping from that into a home where I continue under the careful eye of a wife and two daughters I cannot understand what'n hell women are talking about when they begin hollering for Equal Rights!

To me it would seem that the very last thing in the world a woman would want would be to be treated like a man. Like the average household pet dog or cat maybe, but not a mere man. There are such primary considerations, for instance, as the draft board and one moves onto differing levels from that very rough spring board.

Perhaps an indian woman might have a point or two to make on this subject, but not the average WASP woman. The utopian Elysian Field in which the classical indian was supposed to have lolled, consisted of a world in which men did the fighting, the hunting, the fishing, the smoking, the dancing and the women did all the work, white men invaded this men's paradise and fouled it up in short order. But the reservation indian is supposed to be still living in this tribal ignorance(?).

But the modern American woman has the best of all worlds. She is spoiled by the inequality some few of them now are hollering about. Who buys the gas for whose car when the young in heart go a 'courting?' Who brings whom a corsage for that special dance for which the aforementioned "who" has also sprung for the expensive tickets? On Valentine Day who buys whom the big heart-shaped boxes of candy?

Even such exacting souls as tax listers and voter registration workers permit the "weaker" sex to get by with affirming that they are "21 plus", but if a man tried to camouflage his age they'd probably insist on looking at his teeth, assuming that they were still the original equipment.

And look at Scouts! They even start this in those tender cub years when the girls raise their hiking and camping money by selling cookies and boys have to lug, wet, smelly, heavy newspapers around to a junk dealer or get out along the highways and try to find bottles to collect the deposit bounty.

And until recently women had all the best of it fashion-wise. They could not only dress for comfort, but could use the warm, exciting colors, while on the hottest day the poor male of the species was supposed to go around wrapped in drab, hot, uncomfortable threads that had all the character of a guano bag. Recently some males, or near-males, have broken this fashion barrier, but the gals still have the best of it in any reasonably fair match.

Women, it would seem to me, should be happy with their present lot, which, to twist an earlier phrase, consists of being more unequal than the equals.

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