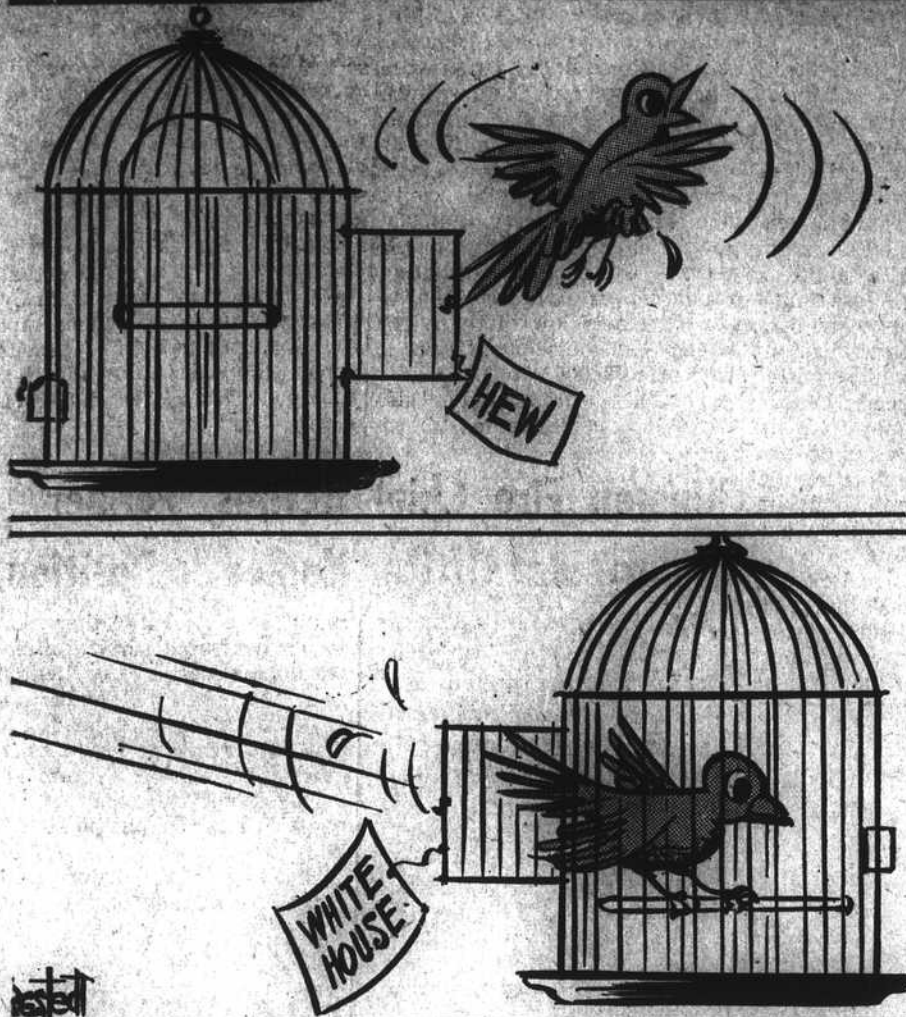


Washington bird lore: the short flying finch



EDITORIALS

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

About Senator Smith

Maine Senator Margaret Chase Smith made an important speech on the floor of the senate recently that has been given a great deal of attention, but most of the comment we have seen about the speech overlooks one mistake the senator made.

In an attempt to be fair Senator Smith was more than fair, and this, of course results in being unfair. She tried to balance her comment by placing equal blame on the extreme left and the extreme right. This sounds good but it will not stand analysis.

Where is there a burned out campus building that can be blamed on the right-wingers?

Where is there a burned out inner-city that can be blamed on right-wingers?

Where is there a campus in the throes of anarchy caused by right-wingers?

Where has there been a session of any court thrown into disarray by right-wingers?

Where is there an instance of planned murder of police officers by right-wingers?

Where is there in evidence the murder of a national figure by right-wingers?

Where is there a courthouse nearly destroyed by right-wingers?

Where is there a deliberate plot to corrode our youth with narcotics and pornography sponsored by right-wingers?

Where is there a plot to stab our troops in combat in the back sponsored by right-wingers?

Senator Smith has surely raised a basic point, but it is not simply the extreme right versus the extreme left; because in the ultimate conclusion the extremists are all authoritarians, whose principles only include their own right to rule over everyone else.

What the country faces is a stern, and long-delayed repression of these authoritarians of both the left and right by the majority of us who are damned well tired of seeing our flag, our nation and our youth betrayed by these matley mobs.

Those construction workers in New York had no political motivation. They were simply fed up by the few rotten apples in the barrel of youth that threaten everyone.

Matter of Concern

In this issue we publish a news article based on the annual report of the North Carolina Board of Health on communicable disease for the year 1969.

This report documents by county and by race those diseases listed in the communicable category, and there are a great many happy reflections one can make on study of these statistics.

Such happy reflections as the absence of polio, smallpox, rabies and other dread diseases that use to kill and cripple a great many people and the dramatic drop in diphtheria, whooping cough and tuberculosis add up to a very big gain in this vital area of communicable disease.

But there is nothing happy nor flattering about the venereal disease report, and especially the story is sad and alarming when consideration is taken of the fact that 24 per cent of the state's population suffered last year 83 per cent of these social diseases.

This is not a racist view of the Negro's dilemma, because the vast majority of the state's colored citizens do not share any guilt whatsoever in this matter, but they do share a far greater part of the peril this problem poses.

This ugly picture flouted by this disolute minority within a minority is

Amen, Brother Doyle

No major church has suffered more embarrassment and anguish in recent years than the Episcopal as the result of ill-considered politically motivated acts by its leadership.

It is refreshing, if infrequent to hear an official voice of protest but The Reverend Peter R. Doyle in a letter to the editor of The News and Observer last Thursday certainly speaks for what we know is the majority of the membership of this great Church . . .

EPISCOPAL LEADERS

To the Editor: Episcopalian Christians have been shocked to learn of a shameful publication put out by their national headquarters staff in New York. In a news release dated May 23, 1970, the members of the executive council of the Episcopal Church demanded that our government effect an immediate withdrawal of all our armed forces now in Southeast Asia. These church leaders urged the reduction of this nation's strategic forces.

They voted their support of the recent — and violent — student riots that shocked America. They justified these riots by claiming our government is unjustly harassing the Black Panther Party and is misusing National Guard and police forces to kill American students.

The majority of Episcopalians do not at all agree with the violent political objectives and tactics of our current church leaders. The majority of us do not support the foreign policy aims of the Communist nations and we do not seek to contribute to the slaughter of helpless millions of Asians by our precipitating immediate American retreat from that area.

We deplore the killing of American students and we deplore the reigning lawlessness in our land which allows trained agitators and agents to use our children in their deadly revolutionary games. We elected our present church leaders to promote the Gospel of Christ and the helping of mankind — not to promote revolution, anarchy and racial strife.

We deny the competence of these church leaders to direct national and international affairs. We deplore their public encouragement of stone and concrete throwing mobs. We deplore their defending the Black Panther Party just as much as we would deplore their defense of the Ku Klux Klan.

Whatever our political convictions, the majority of Episcopalians honor the Biblical teaching that demands respect for legally constituted government. We do not wish for our church to replace the Gospel of God with any particular political or social scheme: for God's Word is not to be confused with man's. . .

THE REV. PETER R. DOYLE
Rock Hill, S. C.

made more vicious by the fact that free cure and free prevention of the entire venereal disease family is available to every citizen.

This sorry picture also reflects rather dimly upon the entire field of public health medicine since there are several fields of much less consequence — such as leprosy and tuberculosis for which treatment is required under law and under close quarantine if the victim of the disease resists normal treatment.

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PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

BY JACK RIDER

Each writer for public consumption is, or should be allowed one column of guesswork on the recent tightening of the political screw in the highest levels of the Nixon Administration. Obviously something is a brewing, but what?

Those who subscribe to the "Southern Strategy" which is, or was supposed to be a part of the Nixon plan for a second term in the White House swear that George Wallace's election had everything to do with the rough game of musical chairs played at the cabinet level last week. I fear this is ascribing to Wallace even more power than he believes he has himself.

But the reduction in rank suffered by Robert Finch, the kicking upstairs of George Schultz and the firing of James Allen seem to fit into the kind of pragmatic pattern one should expect from Nixon, who is nothing if not a realist.

He has moved one of his toughest, and hopefully best administrators from undersecretary of state to secretary of Health, Education and Welfare in the continuing effort to organize something out of the chaos that rules in that huge corner of federalism. Elliot Richardson has the reputation of being able to see the sore administrative spots and to act on them before they infect the entire system. He has certainly not Nixonized the state department but it is felt that as he leaves that department it is more responsive to presidential policies than at anytime since perhaps Truman's time in the White House.

Whether the sudden and drastic shift in personnel in HEW is a certain sign that Nixon intends to soften the heavy hammer of public school racial integration which his Southern supporters are hopefully whistling in the dark about, or whether Nixon is simply trying to make the huge apparatus of HEW function in any given direction has to be decided on the basis of what does happen in the next few months rather than any wishful thinking either at the local or Washington levels.

It would seem that the firing of Education Commissioner Allen was done more for his heresy on the Cambodian issue than on Allen's views about school policies. If this is true then Interior Secretary Hickel may also soon be numbered among the growing unemployed, unless he is also given a soft if reduced rank in the White House inner guard.

At the very least, and for whatever reasons Nixon may have had for acting it is comforting to note that his actions tend to move in the direction upon which his election was based: Conservatism. If Nixon has learned . . . as Johnson never did until too late; that there is no middle ground for meeting the current crop of liberals except that of unconditional surrender, then the executive drift of federal affairs may take a turn that is wholesome from the conservative's point of view and catastrophic from the liberals point of view. Agnew's reception in every part of the country may just have tipped Nixon to the hard fact that it is time for the pendulum to swing away from the permissive federalism of the past dozen years. Let's hope so.