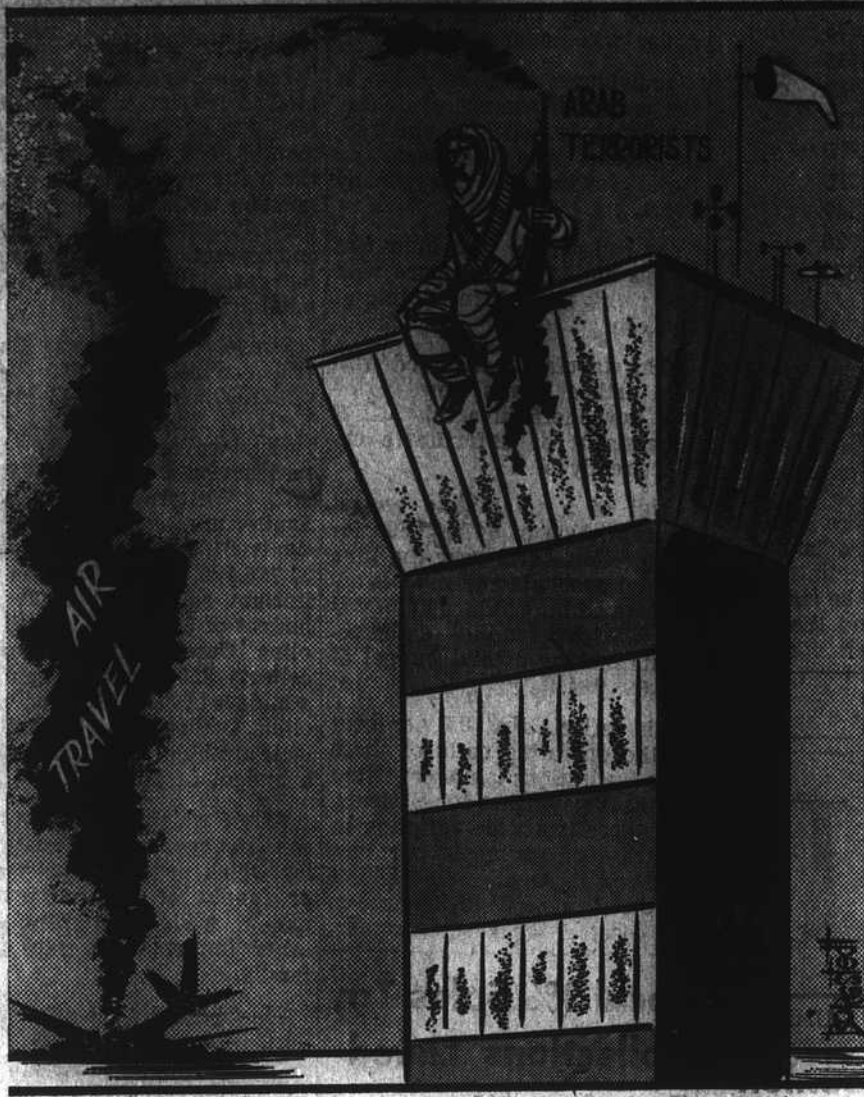


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EDITORIALS

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

The Pain of History

Publication of the Lindberg diaries and the movie "Patton" remind us again, if we needed reminding, of how painful history really can be.

Both offer the brutal inference that America should have turned on the Russians as soon as the Germans were defeated and have become rulers of all the world.

Let us hope that no responsible leaders of any country ever suffer that disease of world domination again, and the world is fortunate that the leaders of England and the United States did not permit such stupid reasoning to prevail in 1945.

World rule is not only undesirable. It is also impossible.

And any maniac who dreams of world dominion for any power is just one step ahead of the butterfly net.

The temptation of power-maddened men to simplify the most complex problems and their thirst for personal power and glory are the surest path to destruction of both those they lead and those they seek to conquer.

Napoleon led France white, and brought it to its knees.

Hitler did the same for Germany. The long history of those who sought to chase the rainbow of total power has been roughly the same.

Conquering powers have stupidly occupied foreign soil for a long time; as the United States now still keeps troops in Germany, Japan, and dozens of other places around the world. But rather

than holding those people in subjection as we have seen with Germany and Japan they have risen now to challenge the United States in every conceivable manner, while we were bleeding our country of its finest young men and of its irreplaceable natural resources.

Lindberg at least in one thing is right. The United States won the battles but it lost the war. If one doubts this he should consider that the public debt of these United States is greater than the combined public debt of all the other countries in the world combined.

School Complications

When President Eisenhower decided to make the public school system of Washington, D. C. a model of racial integration 53 per cent of the students in the system were white and 47 per cent were colored. Today in Washington 98 per cent of the public school students in the national capital are colored.

When forced racial integration of the public school began in Lenoir County 64 per cent of the students were white and 36 per cent were colored. This year the enrollment of the Kinston School system has reached 51.7 per cent colored and 48.3 per cent white. The exodus has just gotten really in high gear.

Along with students the flight of teachers comes next. This year in spite of the fact that 51.7 per cent of the students are colored there are only 120 colored teachers out of 318 holding professional degrees in the city system.

One Price of Progress

"The hurrieder I go; the behinder I get!" is a garbled but apt description of man's progress throughout history and naturally our own time more than any other seems to fit this confused ungrammatical complaint.

We fly men to the moon and back but it's difficult to get a flight from New York to Miami, without an unscheduled stop in Havana and now this disease has spread to international as well as domestic airlines.

And now that this form of blackmail and piracy has been proven so easy and so effective there is no chance that it is going to suddenly go away.

Putting armed guards on planes is as ridiculous as most of the remedies suggested so far. The only cure is one that nobody is likely to see in our time. That is open and peaceful diplomatic relations between all countries, so that criminals who kidnap innocent people and destroy valuable property can be brought to justice and punished promptly and severely. Our own country, for instance, refuses to enter into diplomatic relations with the government of the world's largest nation, China. In spite of the fact that the United States government and the New York Times together are totally responsible for Fidel Castro being the dictator of Cuba we refuse to recognize this bastard government of our own parentage just off our shores.

So if a supposedly enlightened peace-loving and peace-seeking government such as that of the United States hides its head in the diplomatic sands in this peculiar fashion it is not too fair for us to criticize other nations who suffer the same disease.

The more complex a machine becomes the more delicate it is and the easier it is to foul its working parts. Most any mechanical inclined person could take a pair of slipjoint pliers and a piece of haywire and keep the old Model T Ford running. Today's flivver demands the services of an MIT graduate and a collection of tools and instruments costing thousands of dollars.

Of course the modern flivver is far nicer than the Old Model T, but how long would this modern flivver percolate on the same kind of rutted, mudded trails that the Old Model T had to crawl over, under and around?

This same parallel carried to the "Nth" degree accents the dilemma of air travel and space-age diplomacy that we suffer today. But then Wells-Fargo had its problems when it used to run stage coaches and look what Jesse James did to trains a hundred years ago!

This comes out at 37.8 per cent colored teachers.

Up until now the charge of discrimination has not been raised, but it is obvious that with 62.2 per cent of the professional staff being white while only 48.3 per cent of the student body is white some discrimination against colored teachers has taken place. Even if it has not taken place there is at the very least a statistical basis for supporting such claims.

Another very sore spot among the classroom teacher is that although on paper the ratio is one teacher for each 18.2 students there are many teachers laboring with twice that many students because there are so many teachers who are not teaching. Teachers who are holding down much higher-paying administrative make-work jobs that contribute nothing to the educational process and offer absolutely no help to that beleaguered classroom teacher who winds up having to suffer for all the mistakes of politicians, parents, judges and these aforementioned administrative drones who draw the big salaries, fill file cabinets with useless studies and endless statistics.

The glue that has held public education together for half a century or more is drying out because of the outside heat being applied by people who know little and care less about the educational welfare of the student or the physical and financial welfare of that poor classroom teacher.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

BY JACK RIDER

I can only speak for this party of one which I represent — which is myself — but as for myself, there's one publicity hound that I'm getting pretty fed up with. This may be a cruel and ugly attitude for me to take about a fellow who gets his kicks making noises about protecting us poor imbeciles who do not have sense enough to protect ourselves.

I'm talking about this knight in shining armor called Ralph Nader. Maybe I ought to kneel at the very mention of his name and he may be all he claims to be, as pure as Ivory Soap, as innocent as the new-borne babe and just exactly what this neurotic generation needs to push it off the cliff into total psychosis.

It was bad enough when Nader got his first taste of national glory by telling us how dangerous cars were. There is no record yet of a car, like a pistol, killing anyone. There always has to be a loose human nut involved for any cold piece of metal to become dangerous.

But now Nader has moved over and begun telling us how dangerous our food is and maybe it is. I don't know. But I'd rather die early and die peacefully than to live a hundred years gnawing my fingernails and worrying about every bite I eat or every inch I ride in one of the Detroit death traps that Nader beats his maciated breast about so frequently.

But the whole stance of these professional busybodies annoys me. They are so self-righteous, so sure they are right and everybody else is wrong. I surely do not subscribe to the old Charlie Wilson theory that what is good for General Motors has to be good for the nation. On the other hand I surely do not subscribe to the nutty notion that General Motors or General Foods or any other major industry is deliberately and maliciously trying to send us all to an early grave. That is the ugly brutalization of American industry that Nader tries to paint.

This is just one more twisting of the socialistic screw aimed at convincing the gullible public that they are the instant, constant victims of some diabolical capitalistic plot and all that is needed to make us safe is a take over by the all-seeking, all-knowing, all-loving totalitarian clique which roosts on the banks of the Potomac ready, willing but certainly far from able to run even anything as complicated as a coin operated laundry, much less the American industrial complex.

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