

# NATIONAL COLUMNIST TAKES VERY DIM VIEW OF TERRY SANFORD'S EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

by Holmes Alexander

When the Hon. Terry Sanford, once governor of North Carolina, was considered late last year for appointment as president of Duke University, some of the alumni questioned whether such a partisan politician could alter his nature to that of a non-partisan university head. I know that a member of the class of 1954 brought up the matter in alumni circles, pointing out Governor Sanford's activity for John Kennedy in 1960 and his leadership role in Citizens for Humphrey-Muskie in 1968. National Democratic leaders in Washington have long considered Sanford as presidential or vice presidential timber. One of his close friends here tells me that Sanford would be glad to have one of the North Carolina Senate seats when the incumbent steps down.

There is nothing wrong with political ambition or activity in the ordinary walks of life, but it is considered unseemly in a university president. Accordingly, I am told, members of the Duke University board of trustees asked Terry Sanford to reassure them that he was finished with politics, and I understand that he did so. Came November 17, however, and Terry Sanford's by-line leaped like an angry jaguar off the op-ed page of the New York Times with large hunks of Spiro Agnew's reputation in the academic claws of the president of Duke University.

It's the craziest performance imaginable. You expect that Larry O'Brien, Democratic national chairman, might make a completely unprovoked attack on a prominent GOP office-holder and presumptive candidate in 1972. O'Brien's motives would Republicans are his natural enemies and they are fair game to be shot at on sight. Does Mr Sanford, then, have the same political motives as O'Brien? Is the Duke president doubling as Democratic pal? Does he deem it his duty to try to knock Agnew off the Republican ticket and somehow collect some credits for himself among Democrats.

It isn't only that President Sanford wrote his political creed in a northern or national paper (I don't believe he'd have done it any closer to home), but he plucked his subject matter out of the blue and was not at all accurate with his facts. Sanford opens up on Agnew for the debate with several students on the David Frost show well over a month ago. Any editor I know of would have sent the writer back to the reference books to check out some dates.

On the TV debate, which was such a good show that it was later re-run, Vice President Agnew acquitted himself with skill and good humor, in marked contrast to the rudeness and ignorance of one or more of the students. Sanford doesn't deny that Agnew "won" the debate, but by the most illusive standard of logic I ever encountered, he says that if the Vice President were a "real leader," he'd have thrown the fight and let the students win. Then in a bare-faced falsification Sanford remarks, "It seems almost cruel to answer the Vice President now, after his political technique failed so badly at the polls." I would suppose that Albert Gore and Charles Goodell, two of Agnew's prime targets, would wonder where this failure came about.

Sanford goes on with totally undocumented charges that "the Vice President could not understand the fundamentals of leader-

ship . . . he . . . implanted suspicion, distrust and alienation... (and made an) effort to stir up doubts about our institutions." Since he gives no dates, places or incidents, it's impossible to know what Sanford is raging about.

His rage loses a lot of credibility when he makes whopping mistakes. Sanford writes: "No one charged the Governor (Agnew) with "permissiveness" because in 1959 Baltimore ranked seventh in the country in the number of serious crimes." But Agnew lives in Towson, Md., and not in Baltimore, and he was executive officer of Baltimore County, which is a separate political entity from Baltimore City. Spiro Agnew was elected Governor of Maryland in 1966, took office in 1967, the same year that Terry Sanford wrote a book, "Storm Over The States,"

with this paragraph on page 146. "In 1967, Maryland, under the leadership of Governor Spiro T. Agnew, enacted a wholesale reform of its fiscal structure that will stand as a model of responsibility and fiscal soundness for a long time to come."

Sanford doesn't mention this in his New York Times article, but he comes out with an unspecified and, I think, unrecorded, set of campus riots during the Agnew governorship. "It would be fair, in this context," Sanford writes, "to recall that the immediate past governor of Maryland (Agnew) was himself caught by this kind of surprise (campus disorders), and many felt that he did not do very well in dealing with his demonstrators."

It could be that President Sanford is thinking about the general race riots following the Mar-

tin Luther King murder, and in any event the opposite of what he says is true. Few, not many, thought Governor Agnew did badly in dealing with those troubles. In fact, he did so well that Richard Nixon picked him as a running-mate after a close study of the happenings.

On the basis of this piece Terry Sanford is either off his rocker and should be removed from his campus, or he's using his university presidency to leap back into national politics, and that also is grounds for removal.

## Raymond Stone Named Chairman Drive Raise Funds for Baptist Children Homes

Dr. Raymond A. Stone of Southern Pines, president of



"We are most grateful for the leadership of an outstanding North Carolinian like Raymond Stone at the forefront of efforts to improve Baptist child care and family services in the eastern half of the State." Dr. Waggoner said in announcing the appointment. "Dr. Stone acquired a total commitment toward this important work through service on our Board of Trustees."

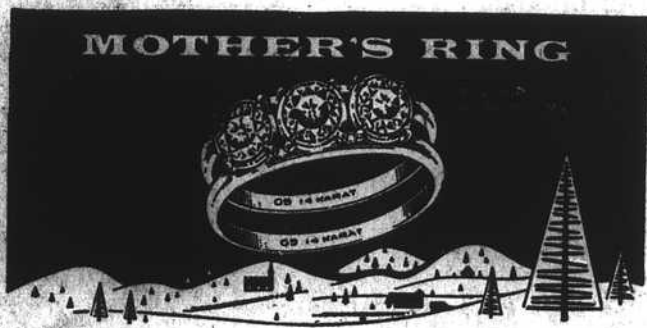
A graduate of Wake Forest University, Dr. Stone earned both his Master's Degree and Doctorate at the University of North Carolina. He taught in the public schools of Wallace and Charlotte before becoming a principal at Wilson. He has done teaching at Atlantic Christian College and at the University in Chapel Hill.

Sandhills Community College, has been named chairman of a five-and-one-half-million-dollar campaign for funds to expand Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina, Inc. which is headquartered here.

Launched this fall, the solicitation seeks \$2,500,000 for capital improvements and another \$3,000,000 for endowment purposes. More than 1,400 youngsters . . . 85 per cent of them from broken families . . . are currently being served by eight Baptist homes in the State.

Recognized by the News & Observer as a "Tar Heel of the Week" in February of 1962, Dr. Stone served as the first Chairman of the N. C. Association of Community College Presidents. He has held committee chairmanships in the N. C. Education Association and in the N. C. Association of Colleges and Universities.

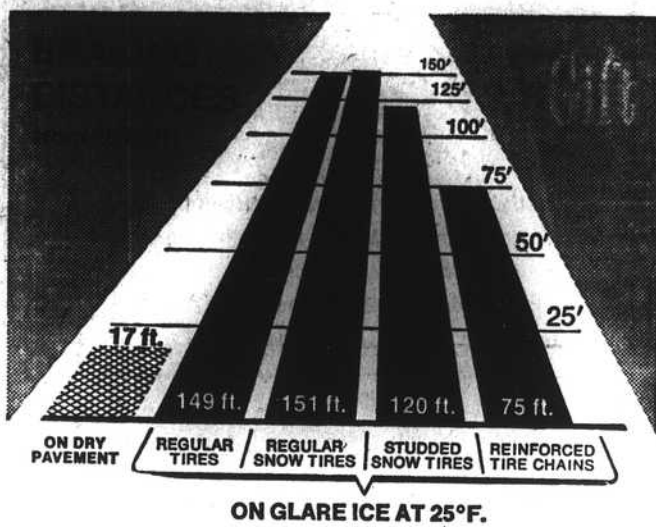
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Under a new law, there is no longer a terminal date for a GI home loan for any eligible veterans, including WW II and Korean Conflict veterans who never used this benefit.

A new law removed the "inability to pay" requirement for all veterans 65 years of age or older having war or peacetime service, and for veterans who receive VA pensions.

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