

The Wages of Sin In Greenville, S. C.

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The record shows that overt racial trouble in Greenville County, South Carolina, began on November 6, 1970, at a school named Berea High. Somehow, that day, a student of one race struck a student of the other race.

Why?

Hear a Black student leader: "Tension had been under the surface — then it just broke out all at once."

Thereafter — for two weeks thereafter — Greenville was ripped with racial strife. It knew the whole tired bit: Shootings, confrontations and demands. It experienced the metallic thump of soldiers' boots, and the siren's shriek; the swift and meaningful coming and going of the police. And it came to know a fear none now alive in Greenville had ever know before — fear of another because of the color of his face.

Who was responsible?

White parents are bitter in their well-founded recriminations; they blame the Blacks. After the initial outbreak, Whites formed an ad hoc Committee and laid into school authorities as well as elected officials. They wanted their children protected. They said they had had enough of hijacking, of larger Black children bullying and robbing smaller White children. They wanted such mistreatment stopped and they wanted it stopped right now. Blacks, too, had grievances. And their's, as those of the Whites, were basic and equally well founded.

Here is a quote from one of them: "Everything (in that school) is slavery time." And from another: "I'd like to see the Black schools up-dated and brought back like they were. I say that because in the White school I feel like I'm being discriminated against. In class, if I raise my hand for an answer, and a White raises his hand, too, the White is called on. Then I get lower grades. Whites sit on one side of the classroom, Blacks on the other. Then the teacher teaches the Whites."

A newspaperman told me what the Blacks are thinking. He should know; he is one of Greenville's leaders, one of its elite. He said: "They think we are destroying them as a race. One girl, with tears in her eyes, sat where you are sitting and accused us of killing their spirit. She said we had scattered them all over the county and now, she said, everything is gone; no dances, no fun any more; no nothing."

"You can believe it," he added, "they don't like integration any better than the Whites."

And this, I thought, from a spokesman for the leadership that had billed Greenville as a "model" in achieving "with grace and style" massive classroom integration. Some style. Some grace.

I asked what of the future? And with my question his sympathetic attitude seemed to change. I thought an edge came to his voice.

"We have a two-point program. One, we are going to maintain law and order, and two, we are going to educate."

That is Greenville's plan for the future. Two points; not three. No re-examination of their policies; no apparent con-

cern that, perhaps, they had done wrong. Just iron-willed omnipotence. And I felt the urge to plead as Cromwell had once pled: "I beseech you, in the bowels of Christ, think it possible you may be mistaken."

Who, then, is responsible?

Forget the parents and the children of both races: Woulding?

The guilty are those goldplated spiders who have made soulless automatons of the area's children. The guilty are Greenville's leaders, every one who has advocated massive race mixing — they are the guilty. Those who, in pious robes, have 'co-operated with the Courts,' who have used their monopolistic voice to destroy their own people's once-cherished ideals; who have denied an aspiring race the right to aspire, as a race; who have shown themselves willing to do whatever benighted thing

is needed to be done to protect their special interests (8 per cent). These are the guilty.

And one day, if the edge is you blame tail-tied cats for fight-not struck from their voice, if the mote is not plucked from the eye of these illiberal liberals, the mobs will race their pannelled webs, will make a shambles of every cozy thing they own; their home, their eight per cent. And, aye, your home, too, and my home.

The cry will ring again, I fear: Liberty, Fraternity, Equality. Above all, Equality. Such are the wages of sin.

WHAT IS THE ANSWER?

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Q: Dr. Garrett, define for me, if you will, please, this word "racist."

A: The proper definition of the word is self-evident. Its meaning depends, as does the definition of so many words, on the way it is used; the spirit in which it is used. Those, for instance, who hate all others of another race, they are called

Other Editors Say

WRAL-TV VIEWPOINT

Jane Fonda, News & Observer Get Lumps

About a week ago, Henry Fonda's daughter, Jane, dropped off at Duke University where several hundred students each contributed a dollar apiece to help finance the cause of the militant Black Panther organization. It cost a dollar to enter the auditorium to hear this young woman mock and revile her country — a country that has been exceedingly kind and generous to her family, and tolerant toward her.

Jane Fonda's performance at Duke University was pretty much the same as it has been everywhere she has gone for the past year or so. She hates America, and never misses an opportunity to say so. To say that she is depressing would be an understatement. She is an outrageous bore.

But hers is the kind of intellectual vacuum that apparently turns a lot of kids on, as the saying goes. She has nothing to say that every loud-mouth militant coming down the pike hasn't said a thousand times before. She's crude and she's shallow, and if she weren't Henry Fonda's daughter she'd have trouble raising the price of a plane ticket to come to Durham.

She is Henry Fonda's daughter; and because she is, she made it in the movies. And because she's willing to trot around the country making irrational speeches, she has become the darling of campus adolescents willing to kick in the cash to fatten the Black Panther coffers.

There is, however, a sort of indirect unwitting significance to Jane Fonda. She is a self-declared 24-carat, revolving left-winger. Not surprisingly, she has been constantly publicized and glorified by the leftwing press, radio and network television.

Her significance is that she is an example of a very serious fraud that has been imposed upon the awareness of the American people. For nearly a generation now, there have been warnings from responsible quarters that America is being led into turmoil and chaos by the communist propaganda appara-

tus. But leaders high in politics and government and higher education have shouted down the warnings.

Anybody stating an apprehension about communism has been ridiculed and rejected as a right-wing extremist, a reactionary, or worse. Don't worry about communism, we have been told. The militants, the protestors — we have been told — are not communists. Clear evidence of the communist leanings and affiliations of one militant after another has been suppressed by the news media.

Last week at Duke University Jane Fonda showed her true colors, all of them red. We invite your attention, first, to statements by her, as taken from television news film. She was asked how she would go about changing America to suit her fancy. She answered:

JANE FONDA: "I believe that we have to strive for a transition to a socialist society. First..."

INTERVIEWER: "How far?"

JANE FONDA: "All the way to communism. I mean I think we should, uh, I think we should all study what the word means and I believe if everyone knew what it meant we would all be on our knees praying that we would, as soon as possible, be able to live under, uh, within a communist structure."

The point is that the leftwingers deny that there is any communist motivation or provocation behind such agitators as Jane Fonda. And, more important, the liberal news media refuse to tell the whole truth about what's going on.

For example, Raleigh's morning newspaper, The News and Observer — which constantly ridicules anyone opposed to, or apprehensive about communism — had a reporter present at the Jane Fonda appearance at Duke University. But what did the newspaper report the following morning? The headline read: "Jane Fonda Has Praise for Newton." It reported that Miss Fonda would like to see a Negro revolutionist named Huey Newton, who has been indicted for killing a policeman, running

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JACKSONVILLE DAILY NEWS

Narcotics Tests: Already too Late

The need for a Crime Lab in this area to expedite the processing and identification of narcotics confiscated by area law enforcement officers becomes more apparent with each passing hour.

The lack of proper processing and identification of these narcotics continues to be a roadblock in the due process of law... and is hampering the efficiency of the court and law

enforcement officers. District judges are continually forced to accept lesser pleas and nol prosses, due to delays in getting classification of suspected narcotics back into the hands of prosecutors. It is high time that state government took a realistic look at the situation and proceeded with all possible speed to set up crime labs where this urgent need for classification of suspected narcotics can be carried out. Then, and only then, will be the law enforcement officers and the courts be able to protect us from this growing drug menace.

JERKINS IN VIET NAM

Seaman Roger G. Jerkins, son of Mrs. Verna I. Smith of Route 1, Trenton, is serving aboard the internal combustion repair ship USS Tutuila operating in the coastal and riverine areas of South Vietnam.

the country. The newspaper carefully avoided any reference whatsoever to Miss Fonda's all-out public endorsement of communism. In fact, the subject wasn't even mentioned in the newspaper story.

That is just one example of the way that communist involvement in the strife and turmoil of America has been hidden from the American people by the "liberal" news media. Would you say that it's deliberate?

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This week the Neuse River Regional Planning and Development Council, (nine counties including Onslow) acting of the recommendation of the Law Enforcement Policy Committee, passed a motion to appeal a recent decision by the Governor's Law and Order Committee. The Governor's group had turned down a request for a regional crime lab.

It is to be hoped that this appeal will meet with success. It is already too late.

Williams Badly Hurt

Vernon "Buddy" Williams of Kinston route 4 suffered multiple serious injuries last Wednesday afternoon at about 5:40 when a farm tractor with which he was pulling farm equipment was struck from the rear by a car driven by Robert Leroy Brickley Jr. of Jacksonville about a mile west of Jackson Crossroads on Highway NC 55.

School Folks Get Nervous Over Mixup Recorded in Tentative Board Minutes

On the first Monday of December the Lenoir County Board of Commissioners discussed with Senator Charlie Larkins and Representative Harold Hardison the introduction of necessary legislation to make the Kinston School Board elective rather than appointive as it is at present and the commissioners unanimously adopted a resolution petitioning these legislators to do just that.

During this discussion also brief comments were made on the subject of merging the county's two school systems, but no motion was made on that issue but it was agreed to give the matter continuing study and to determine perhaps by referendum in some future election what the will of the majority of the people in the county was on this subject.

However, when the tentative minutes of the board were sent to members and the press they included an item saying that a resolution had been passed asking legislation on the merger subject as well.

When this reached the hands of the press and the press dropped this nickel in the slot of educators who were already in a state of semi-shock because of the takeover of the county board by a Republican majority things really got in a fine Irish stew.

Countless resolutions by PTA and other civic-minded groups were passed and handed up to any governing board to whom such pressures might have some effect.

The two legislators mentioned above, along with the area's

third assemblyman, Dan Lilley, were called into executive session with a group of colored citizens, whose principal spokesman Republican Don Pollock lectured the legislators on their duties, responsibilities and other members of the congregation got even blunter in their charges than Pollock.

Last Monday night the Kinston City Council was thrown in the same pressure cooker, and it came out rather limp like the legislators, mouthing platitudes and trying to sidestep an issue in many senses that didn't exist.

The issue is very simple: At present the Kinston School Board has seven trustees each appointed to a seven-year term by the city council, with the school board having the power to fill unexpired terms and the city council naming one member to the board each year.

Under this system there is no geographical consideration given to the membership of the board. At present five of the seven live in Northwest Kinston and the other two live in Northeast Kinston, leaving southeast and Southwest Kinston and the large number of people living outside the city limits but inside the school district without a voice in the operation of these schools.

The suggestion of County Commissioner Jack Rider is that the school board be made elective and that precinct lines be used to set up a system of geographical allocations so that every segment of the school district would have representation.

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