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EDITORIALS

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And He May Be Wrong*

Public School Model — Washington, D. C.?

In the past few years millions of words have been written on the general subject of what is wrong with our public schools, and all of these learned elders who have written dodge the central issue; which is forced integration.

All anyone has to do is to look at Washington, D. C. Twenty years ago Washington had one of the very finest school systems in the world — for both white and colored students.

But then about 15 years ago President Eisenhower ordered that the public schools of Washington be made models of racial integration. Today our national capital has one of the very sorriest school systems in the world for both white and colored students. Now the enrollment of the Washington schools is 97.5 per cent colored and 2.5 per cent white.

Last year there were two murders in the schools of Washington, countless felonious assaults, rape too frequent to be mentioned, extortion, dope peddling, assaults upon teachers, and principals.

Police have to patrol the halls of all schools, and the cost of operating the Washington schools is something in the order of three times today what it was when President Eisenhower issued his infamous order.

No one has benefitted; most of all the students have not benefitted. Vandalism runs into millions of dollars each year. This has come about because white teachers have not been able to deal firmly with that incorrigible element who are neither interested in education nor their own welfare.

Because of a criminal few students, the education of all students is being irreparably damaged. To a degree the identical situation exists in all schools where forced mixing of the races has been brought about by official stupidity

and public cowardice.

White school officials have found that they cannot count on the backing of their superiors if they insist upon discipline in their classrooms.

Students who deliberately disrupt classes are either let off with no punishment or so little punishment as to be laughable. To an exactly equal degree unruly white students run over colored teachers who are also afraid, or at least reluctant, to be as firm with a white student as they would be with a student of their own race.

Breakdown of discipline is the root of all the evils in our schools today. Of all the places in the world where discipline is an absolute must, school rooms come first.

Sin of Omission

Last Wednesday an 18 year-old Richlands housewife was arrested by United States Customs officials for accepting delivery of 21 pounds of marijuana which had been mailed to her by her husband in Viet Nam.

For a long time it has been well known by all levels of law enforcement that a large part of the flood of illegal drugs that our young people are being exposed to are coming through the mails from Viet Nam, and by units returning to the states by air and sea who had the opportunity for large profits.

This teen-age bride and her young husband are now in very serious trouble because of their greed, but to a large degree we feel the United States government itself is an accessory.

In World War Two all troops overseas had every letter to anyone either in Europe or back home censored, and even ridiculously trivial things were

Evil Lives on

"The evil men do lives after them, the good is oft interred with their bones."

This is one among the many ageless truths of Shakespeare and no where in the long history of men has this been more apt than in the role Americans played in two tragic acts of slavery.

First, with the hauling of countless thousands of slaves from Africa under conditions too miserable to retell to continued slavery here where people had left Europe to find freedom.

This slave trade made many of New England's Puritan families very rich, but nothing their descendants have been able to do can erase the scar on the national conscience of this evil traffic.

Then a later greed for quick profits by those same New England shipping families led to the enslavement of many more million people, when English and American traders introduced opium to China and dragged the world's largest, most cultured and proudest people down.

Now the evil of both of these enslavements hangs heavily upon the world. The understandable hatred of all foreigners which the Chinese exhibit today is not simply a national psychosis but is the ugly memory of what outside forces did to that great nation.

For a hundred years England, Japan, Germany, France and the United States lorded it over the people of China and continued to sap the mental and physical vigor of that great people.

Great fortunes were made by pirates whose interest was in money and not in people. All the thousands of missionaries that penetrated China from one end to the other could not in a thousand years erase the exploitation of this proud people, nor compensate with any amount of rice and Christian charity for their debasement.

So today inside our country we are faced with a flood of narcotics that Communist China is repaying us with.

It is equally fruitless for White America to try to salve its conscience with a wide assortment of compensatory concessions to the grandchildren of those African slaves who were dragged in chains across a long and deadly ocean.

cut out of the mail of every serviceman.

Every package mailed home also went through the same tedious inspection. Now for a long time our higher echelon officials have known, or surely should have known, about this flood of narcotics which is pouring into our country in this manner; yet, nothing intelligent or effective has been done.

For every individual who has been caught there has been a thousand who got away with these criminal acts. That is why all of the large military bases are considered to be worst areas of drug addiction and drug distribution.

That has been a key in the great flow of illegal drugs into and through Kinston — the nearness to these military bases.

It baffles the imagination to attempt to assign reasons for this dereliction by our top leaders in both military and civilian positions.

There are sins of omission as well as sins of commission and in this particular area there has been and still exists the grossest sin by omission.

In addition to the huge traffic in narcotics there has also been a flood of weapons and ammunition mailed back into this country by service men, the most of whom merely have larceny in their hearts, but many of whom have revolution on their mind. This ought not to be allowed to continue, but there is apparently no strong effort being made in this direction.

PERSONAL
PARAGRAPHSBY
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A hundred years ago a great English historian predicted that the United States would be destroyed in the 20th century by vandals from within; that the country would either sink beneath the trouble sea of anarchy or turn to some form of dictatorship.

Either way, he predicted, the United States with its great freedoms for the masses would perish. It is hard to contradict this hundred year-old prediction which one tries to comprehend the bombing of the nation's capitol building. When a few scattered ROTC buildings, and a few corporate office buildings have been bombed it did not bring into harsh focus the monster proportion of this nihilistic disease.

Most of those who have known the immensity of this disease have been afraid to talk publicly about it, and that few who have been willing to speak out have been either laughed or sneered at. Discipline has collapsed from the cradle to the grave. It began in our homes and has now spread to every corner of this troubled land.

Children are not taught to obey simply because they are children, but instead have been fed on a steady, dangerous diet of permissiveness which has left them like ships without rudders. If the child is not made to obey the simplest rules of the home he will inevitably grow into an adult who will disregard more complex rules of modern society.

Perhaps as that farsighted Englishman predicted so long ago: this collapse of discipline was built into our system of government, since it contained the seeds of anarchy that are inevitable when the masses are hoodwinked into believing that their government can give them something it has not taken from them.

This is a disease not only suffered by the very poor; if anything it is suffered worse by the very rich since the measure of their rape of the republic is far worse than that for the welfare recipient. Did you see where one doctor had collected over \$140,000 just from Medicaid patients here in North Carolina in just one year? Or did you read about the Griffon druggist who had overcharged \$18,000 for Medicaid prescriptions.

So it is a dangerous fallacy to blame our national problems on Russia, or Viet Nam, or Red China. These bastards are our very own get. Now I'm sorely afraid that the only remedy for the problem we have created for ourselves is very bitter medicine — medicine that will purge our system of many of those freedoms we have taken for granted; freedoms now threatened by our own neglect. Freedom is the most difficult system of all because we must have the character as individuals not to abuse these freedoms and the courage to defend them.

Today all too many of us lack both the character to control our own greed and the courage to fight those who blindly are destroying this nation.

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