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Woe to him that buildeth a town with blood, and establisheth a city with iniquity. Habakkuk 2:12

Our Heart Goes Out . . .

Our heart goes out to the oil industry, now choking with embarrassment over third-quarter profits. At the very moment the Arabs have us in an oil squeeze and the nation is being asked to turn down the thermostats to save fuel, the oil bigs are forced to admit a tidalwave of earnings.

The Wall Street Journal in a recent edition commented at length on those oil company profits.

Said The Journal:

Exxon Corp., the biggest of all, turned a \$638 million profit in the third quarter on revenues of \$7.32 billion, a spectacular earnings surge of 80% over the same period of 1972.

The only relief in sight for this embarrassment of riches is the possibility that the Middle East oil squeeze will force the industry to cut back on its capacity, especially in Eastern Hemisphere operations where the greatest surge in profits has come this year.

What seems quite remarkable to us is the defensive posture that majors have struck in trying to apologize for or explain away as anomalous the profits they are now reaping.

Put all these apologies aside, though, and it remains that the oil industry is doing very well indeed, and for a nation beset with energy shortages that is very good news.

The reason profits have soared is that the industry has been operating flat out in the production, refining and marketing of oil products.

With corporate coffers now finally filling with cash, the industry is getting in a position where it can afford to add to refinery capacity, to develop synthetic fuels, to explore for and develop new sources of petroleum.

Vote Yes For Clean Water

One of the questions facing North Carolina voters in the November 6 election is approval or disapproval of a technical amendment to the State's Clean Water Bond Act of 1971.

Adoption of the amendment would release about \$30 million for helping local governments build or improve wastewater treatment facilities.

The \$30 million is part of a \$50 million allocation set up by the bond act to meet Federal requirements for State matching funds for local projects which were approved for Federal assistance.

Late last year, however, Congress eliminated the matching requirement. This action had the effect of freezing the \$30 million balance in the account, since the money can be spent only for matching grants.

The 1973 General Assembly authorized a referendum on a proposed amendment to the bond act which would allow the State to use the \$30 million for grants for local projects rather than restricting their use for matching Federal grants.

"The need for State assistance to our local governments is just as clear now as it was last year when the voters overwhelmingly approved the Clean Water Bonds," said James E. Harrington, Secretary of the State Department of Natural & Economic Resources.

"I hope the voters will go 'FOR' issue No. 2—the bond law amendment—on November 6 and make it possible for the \$30 million of State aid to be put to work.

A favorable vote on the amendment is essential to the continued progress of our clean water program in North Carolina.

RALEIGH TIMES

State Has Surplus of Needs

Senator Ralph Scott's opposition to a tax cut by the 1974 General Assembly is both well-founded and welcome. In his opposition, he joins Governor Houser, Lt. Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr., House Appropriations Chairman Carl J. Stewart, Jr., and Frank R. Justice, legislative budget analyst.

Senator Scott, a legislative veteran, is chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee and is chairman of the Advisory Budget Commission.

Some legislators have been talking about tax cuts, apparently seriously. And, there may be a credit balance as high as \$150 million for consideration by the 1974 legislature—but a credit balance isn't a true surplus.

Any credit balance should be used to meet very definite needs for state services. There must be substantial pay raises, for example, to help battle inflation. There are the needs of the mentally ill, of the school children, of higher education, to mention only a few.

"I am against a tax cut in 1974. North Carolinians don't like taxes any better than other citizens do, but they are reasonable folks and they know the services they demand and deserve cost money.

"Maybe I haven't been talking to the right folks, but I haven't heard any great hue and cry for a tax cut. What I have been hearing are demands for new and improved services. Has North Carolina advanced so far so fast in any category in any national ranking of states you can think of, that she can meet new demands for services and cope with inflation by means of a tax reduction?

"We may have a surplus of money, but we also have an even larger surplus of unmet needs which involve human beings and their lives and dreams. Under these circumstances I think a tax cut would be a delusion. Whatever we do, let's not fool ourselves."

Broyhill Will Override Nixon Veto

Congressman Jim Broyhill (10th District, N. C.) today announced that he will vote to override President Nixon's veto of the "war powers" bill.

This legislation, which was passed by Congress earlier this month, would require that any broad in hostile or war-like circumstances be approved by Congress within 60 days of the troop commitment.

Representative Broyhill, the Lenoir Republican, said "My decision to cast a vote to override the President's veto of the 'war powers' bill next week is in no way a criticism of his handling of the Vietnam crisis. But this crisis has served in my mind to highlight the need for an effective Congressional response to situations involving U. S. troop commitments."

Broyhill continued, "The history of the past decade illustrates that present Congressional mechanisms in respect to U. S. military involvement abroad are clearly inadequate. Short of declaring war, there is little Congress can do to deal with situations like Vietnam or the Middle East. A clear-cut Congressional procedure, such as that outlined in this legislation, can prevent U. S. involvement in future, now-inconceivable situations and will of Congress and the American people."

COX AND MACARTHUR: FALSE PARALLEL

Defenders of President Nixon's dismissal of special Watergate prosecutor Archibald Cox have likened this bold action to President Truman's dismissal of General MacArthur from his Korean war command in 1951.

General MacArthur was fired because he insisted on taking U. S. foreign policy into his military hands, going beyond what he was assigned to do when he ignored President Truman's limited war policy.

Prosecutor Cox was fired because he insisted on doing thoroughly what he was employed to do.

MacArthur wanted to carry the war to China—in defiance of the Truman policy to preserve South Korea's independence and to avert wholesale war in the Far East. MacArthur threatened to overturn the democratic tradition of keeping U. S. military authority subordinate to civilian authority.

Cox was in a wholly different position. President Nixon had appointed him to investigate any criminal activity related to Watergate. He was properly given a free hand. It was understood that not even the President would be above and outside the law.

MacArthur defied law and order in the realm of U. S. international policy. President Truman championed law and order by firing him. But Cox was fired for being a champion of law and order on the domestic scene.

The difference is quite clear—except to Americans who wear blinders in fear of seeing their heroes as they really are.—The Smithfield Herald.

Pvt. C. A. Alexander Finishes Training

FORT JACKSON, S. C.—Army Private Cleveland R. Alexander, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence R. Alexander, 905 W. Alabama Ave., Bessemer City, N. C., completed eight weeks of basic training at Fort Jackson.

He received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, combat tactics, military courtesies, military justice, first aid and army history and traditions.

Pvt. L. M. Mullen Finishes Training

FORT JACKSON, S. C.—Army Private Lenotard M. McMullen, Jr., 18, son of Mrs. Kizie McMullen, Route 4, Kings Mountain, N. C., completed eight weeks of basic training at Fort Jackson.

He received instruction in drill and ceremonies, map reading, combat tactics, military courtesies, military justice, first aid, and army history and traditions. His wife, Mary Ann, lives on Route 4, Kings Mountain.

Viewpoints of Other Editors

HE HELPED LAUNCH UFO'S

Since man first looked heavenward, he has been awed by the glimmer of the stars, halos around the moon, and anything that looks like it doesn't belong there.

Letter To Editor

WILL KINGS MOUNTAIN SLEEP A SECOND TIME

Will they? No I don't think so. They can't afford to—they have to get busy—they're a progressive city. I don't intend to create a situation, but I'm sure they were asleep October 9, 1973.

When someone said "We don't need the old Moss administration any more," but things sounded different October 10 when certain irresponsible people began making news coverage that embarrassed its good citizens.

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LET'S GET THE JOB DONE

Having read Senator Jesse Helms' recent News Letter in regard to his warning of the attempt to socialize medicine in the U. S.

Caption: "Socialized Medicine Is Threat To U. S." The following remarks, as quoted: The problems of socialized medicine are comparable to federal control of schools, Helms said.

Nothing that comes out of Washington is "free" and federal controls do nothing but disrupt and destroy the quality institutions very dear to all Americans. Look at what has happened to our schools since congress and the federal bureaucrats and the federal judges moved in to take over.

And far from being "free" when the federal government starts dishing out money, you and other hard working taxpayers always pick up the tab. End quote.

They are taught from their mother's knees to go to church and to believe in God. Yet they are being taught that they have come from the Ape family. It could well be said that perhaps some of our learned school and political leaders did spring from such. As there seems to be a lot of "monkey business" going on.

of a Model-T or Model-A who thought "men from Mars" were invading our universe. And this was before Orson Welles became famous!

But the bad part about our Japanese lanterns were that they became heavy with the damp atmosphere and sometimes fell into dry fields and woodlands with their candles still flickering. Usually we, or others who had sighted our UFOs, had followed them to where they fell, but sometimes they got away so fast we lost touch.

Newspapers carried stories about the resulting fires and asked that such hazards not be sent into the air. But it was fun while it lasted!—By Pete Hulth in the Smithfield Herald.

OUR COLUMNIST SAYS QUOTES OLD AND NEW

I feel that the greatest reward for doing is the opportunity to do more.—Dr. Jonas Salk.

Frustration causes plans to with—and then folks say, "He's in a ditcher."—Dorothy B. Robbins.

A "woman driver" is one who drives like a man and gets blamed for it.—Patricia Ledger.

Don't let life discourage you; everyone who got where he is had to begin where he was.—Richard L. Evans.

Kings Mountain District Schools Statement of Audit Year Ended 6-30-73

Table with columns: RECEIPTS, EXPENDITURES, BALANCE 6-30-73. Rows include: CURRENT EXPENSE: Balance-June 30, 1972 \$164,826.99; Total Receipts 815,714.71; Expenditures: General Control \$30,997.86; Instructional Services 474,575.72; Operation of Plant 34,311.65; Maintenance of Plant 160,789.60; Fixed Charges 67,447.39; Auxiliary Services 19,637.56; CAPITAL OUTLAY: Balance: June 20, 1972 \$ 356,657.39; Total Receipts 2,678,227.79; GRAND TOTAL \$4,015,426.88

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A Local Businessman
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I will work with the other elected commissioners.

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