

Editorial **Mirror**

**Support Law Officers**

One thing certain to encourage those with martyr complexes or militant or extremist tendencies is criticism of law enforcement officers combined with rationalizations and excuses for criminal behavior, no matter how well meaning.

Now occurring regularly in the United States are senseless killings of law officers. One of the more senseless occurred recently in Jacksonville, Florida, when a 24-year-old award-winning officer stopped a suspect for questioning and was shot through the head and heart. Similar killings now take place every week, by those who hate law officers. Revolutionaries and militants (including Communists) have stirred up hostile emotions in some cases; some militant minority leaders gain power and position by sensational and divisive hate speeches.

In some cases, of course, especially in the past, police departments have been less restrained in dealing with some citizens than others. This cannot be justified and has been largely eliminated. There have been other faults in operation of police departments, prisons, and in many other areas, admittedly, and probably always will be.

Reformers who succumb to the temptation to champion criminals and excuse their behavior because law enforcement and police protection aren't perfect encourage extremists and the simple-minded to commit awful deeds.

**Football Death**

The latest young life claimed by football (or the latest at the time this is written) was that of a 16-year-old from Columbia, S.C., Ken Brown. After being tackled in a junior varsity game it was found his neck was broken. He died soon afterward.

This is nothing new. Every year high school and college boys receiving their education are killed by the excessive physical violence of school football.

And fickle crowds cheer as the game gets rougher, even have time for a cheer as the injured are hustled off the field on stretchers. The announcers usually describe all injuries as players being "shaken up." It sounds better.

Practically all the other countries of the world play a form of football with less emphasis on physical violence and brutality. It's a more sporting game. It seldom kills players. Even one unnecessary young death a year in American football is too much.

**More Trains**

After years of study the Department of Transportation has finally concluded what most seasoned travelers knew long ago—high speed trains are the answer to travel problems in highly congested areas.

The department now proposes a major investment in high speed trains; the fact that the department has now resolved the issue—it had been flinching with competing concepts of more superhighways and even pneumatic tubes which would whisk vehicles along at 300 m.p.h.—clears the way for action and, one hopes, progress.

All the major nations of the world have efficient passenger train systems—except the United States. All the leading European and many other countries offer good passenger train service on clean, fast trains.

Pollution in the United States has been rapidly rising in recent years; traffic congestion is growing acute and highways everywhere are overcrowded. A major federal investment in modern passenger rail service—fast, clean and efficient service—is long overdue and the sooner the program gets underway the better it will be for all travelers.

**U.S. Money**

Faced with a badly deteriorating international financial situation, the Nixon Administration rightly acted, as of August 15th, to check the dangerous slide of the dollar, mounting deficit international payments and inflation in the U. S.

The bold move was a two-way gamble, involving a domestic wage-price freeze and a special import tax on foreign goods. Politically, the move was a gamble for the President. Loud protests have come from some segments of the economy but the public has overwhelmingly backed him.

Internationally, the ten per cent import tax has caused a flurry of protests, warnings that unless the tax is soon removed other nations will retaliate.

But both on the domestic and international scene the August 15th actions have been tentatively successful. Secretary of Commerce Maurice Stans recently revealed that of the nation's 1250 largest concerns all but 38 had voluntarily pledged not to raise dividends.

On the international front, Washington is, in a sense, playing for time before agreeing to end the special import tax. The U.S. seeks to force other nations to realign their currency exchange rates on a more realistic basis, which would alleviate U.S. payments troubles, prior to ending the import tax.

Retaliation does not now seem likely for another few months and then only if exchange rates have not been realigned. This seems to have allowed the U.S. a full quarter, or more, to check its growing deficit in international payments. The Nixon Administration program, then, is to check inflation at home so that when new exchange rates go into effect and the import tax is removed, U.S. exports will increase and foreign goods will be priced slightly higher in this country. Some imports—such as textiles—may be subject to quotas. Phase Two, domestically, and a final international arrangement, are yet to come but the Washington effort thus far is making progress.



A Light In The Darkness

**Nomination May Be Test Between Muskie And Jackson**

Washington, D. C.—There's a growing chance the Democratic nomination will boil down to a test between Senator Henry Jackson and Senator Edmund Muskie. Jackson will draw strength from moderates and the middle ground (and the few Democratic conservatives left) and Muskie will represent the traditional left-wing which has controlled the party in recent decades.

Jackson's strength will be in the West and South and among law enforcement officers, union labor (George Meany favors him) and those who think extremists on the left in charge will doom the party to defeat in national elections. Muskie will have strongest support in the Northeast and from many young militants, the far left, the left, most Catholics (but not all, Jackson has staunchly supported Israel) and most of the disillusioned minority.

Muskie is currently far ahead. But practically all political observers agree Jackson has made more progress during the summer than any other candidate. At present, Jackson is concentrating on the first big primary—Florida's, in March. His men admit he must win it, to establish his position as the primary challenger to Muskie.

Other states Jackson has high hopes in are Tennessee, New Mexico, Oregon and California. He is expected to enter several other state primary contests, such as those in Wisconsin, Nebraska and perhaps Pennsylvania. But he need not win in these states, according to strategy. Some of his supporters admit he will probably lose in Wisconsin and Nebraska.

Jackson has strong support in Philadelphia and among law enforcement of-

ficers in that state, and counting on this and good support from organized labor, he might enter Pennsylvania's primary (if a primary reform law passes). It would make Pennsylvania his one sally into the industrialized northeast.

The difference between Jackson and Muskie, and most of the other Democratic candidates, is that he doesn't spend much time crying over Vietnam and police brutality. Recently he indicated he wants the U.S. to get out of Vietnam but he backs U. S. foreign policy, a strong foreign policy in general, and also calls for domestic law and order.

President Nixon is counting on sentiment in behalf of this philosophy to elect him. Jackson may be the one man who would cut heavily into the average or middle America vote in behalf of such sentiment.

Washington, D. C.—For most of the post-war years the various airlines of the world have been guilty of price-fixing, and the United States and other governments have gone along with this cartel-like rigging of prices.

Many foreign countries have little free enterprise tradition and the airline in many of them is government-operated. The governments have used landing rights—the withholding of landing rights—to help enforce agreements. The International Air Transport Association, which has set fares, has

thus enjoyed government backing.

The U.S. Government, in early years, often took differing views from those of the IATA. Pan American and T.W.A. sometimes tried to force IATA to lower fares, to attract a greater volume of travel.

But the recession of the last two years and heavy losses by many airlines have changed things. Not long ago, in fact, Pan American and T.W.A. requested that the Civil Aeronautics Board act to stop the price war touched off in September when Lufthansa announced it would begin offering round-trips to Germany for \$210. A charter airline offered round-trips at \$135. Air France then offered round-trips to Paris for \$170.

While the C.A.B. can do little to halt the lowering of airfares, and should not, it's also true that privately-owned U.S. airlines could eventually be hard put to maintain their position against government owned and partially financed airlines. The major U.S. carriers thus deserve some protection, if necessary, to keep them healthy, in the national interest.

However, a long overdue and much-needed move by the C.A.B. is action to permanently bar cartel-like price fixing and discriminatory rate schedules and to provide a really competitive atmosphere in international air travel.

**REFLECTIONS**

by Rodney Dodson



**The Passing Of Summer**

Sadness is Autumn. The greenery on God's earth is dying, and few stop to mourn its passing for another season.

Like darkness at day's end, the only consolation to the spirit is a faith in the laws of the universe, that decree that as day follows night, spring follows winter, infinitely.

There's still time to catch a fleeting moment as nature's greenery clings desperately to the few remaining life-sustaining days of warm weather.

The leaves are beginning to fall now. The giant Oaks shed their like tears, until they stand erectly in their nakedness, exposed to the cruel elements of winter. Dead, until the resurrection of Spring.

A squirrel scurries up a tree with another newly fallen pecan. It senses the coming reality of winter.

It's a paradoxical season. It's Summer, but it isn't. A faint hint of winter caresses the wind. A shiver, another fallen leaf, the smell of smoke from a nearby chimney. The grass is a cold green carpet.

It's a time to take shelter in the comfort of home--to live off the fruits of Summer like the squirrel. A time to reflect on the past, and to make plans for when nature comes alive again.

sounds great, as played during the show by the Earl Scruggs Revue.

To almost everyone's disappointment, the Mountaineer Days Celebration failed to materialize.

I hope this doesn't discourage another such event sometime in the future.

A lot of work went into preparation for the activities, and nobody wanted to cancel it—It was just one of those things.

The Mirror would like to thank Miss Debbie Porter who was selected to ride in our car in the parade. Maybe next time, Debbie.

Studebaker fans, Don't despair! You're coming into your own at last.

My friend John Wilson of Shelby, a member of the Studebaker Drivers Club, says the club's members number into the thousands nationally.

Members from throughout the South attended a meet in Asheville on October 3rd, with 35-40 cars entered in competition.

John came away with a first place trophy for his 1966 Studebaker Daytona, equipped with air conditioning, walnut paneling, mag wheels, and a fresh coat of green paint.

John, who works at the County Social Services Dept., says he's had several offers for the super-Studebaker, but "wouldn't sell."

A meeting of area club members is scheduled for Cleveland County sometime soon.

**John Kilgo**



**GOP Pushing Broyhill**

Republican Congressman Jim Broyhill still insists that he isn't giving serious consideration to the U.S. Senate race. But while Broyhill isn't talking about the Senate, Tar Heel Republicans are trying to push him in that direction.

"I'm still much more interested in running from my district," the 10th District Congressman said in an interview. "I'm staying in my district, meeting and talking to people there."

But what about the Senate, isn't there some interest there? "You haven't seen me on any state-wide tours, have you?" Broyhill answered.

I haven't. But the crowd's been so thick, I could have missed him.

Broyhill hasn't slammed the Senate door shut—but it's highly doubtful that he'll go after that office.

Mecklenburg Democrats tried for 20 years to beat Republican Congressman Charles Jonas. He was knocking out Democrats in a time that Republicans just didn't act that way in North Carolina. Jonas will call it quits after this session of Congress. Probable candidates for that congressional seat? State Representative Jim Beatty and Charlotte-Mecklenburg School Board Chairman Bill Poe as Democrats, and Mecklenburg Commission Chairman Jim Martin as a Republican.

Lt. Governor Pat Taylor will invite the press to Wadesboro next Monday, where he will make his formal announcement for Governor... Skipper Bowles was all over the state for a week but look for him to pull back now, not to overdo it... And when Hugh Morton and Bob Morgan announce, the field's going to be crowded and the sparks will fly.

I don't know about political polls. They all seem to be very encouraging to the man paying the bills.

Charlotte attorney Allen Bailey will take his fight against liquor-by-the drink in Mecklenburg to the courts. Bailey says the law passed by the legislature giving Mecklenburg the right to vote on the issue is unconstitutional. He says it's unconstitutional for the legislature to pass local bills that regulate trade—and it's his contention that liquor-by-the drink regulates trade.

Here's another plank in my campaign for Governor: I will put a head tax on politicians. They will be fined \$100 for every promise they break. I figure I'll be able to do away with the state income tax within three months.

They say it's going to take more than \$1 million to run for Governor, about \$250,000 to run for Lieutenant governor, and all the candidates want to help the little man. In politics, the little man is like a grain of sand in the dessert.

**GOLDEN GLEAMS**

Would you know what money is, go borrow some.

—George Herbert.

The borrower is servant to the lender.

—Proverbs 22:7.

Borrowed garments never fit well.

—Thomas Fuller.

Borrowing is not much better than begging.

—G. E. Lessing.

Who would borrow when he hath not, let him borrow when he hath.

—H. G. Bohn.

**Frontier FOOD NOTES**

By Gene Cox - Historian, Kings Mtn. Military Park

**BEST OF PRESS**

**"Old Round About"**

**Better**  
Absence makes the heart grow fonder—but presents bring better results.  
—Exchange.

**Agreed**  
On one issue at least, men and women agree: they both distrust women.  
—Contact.

**Self-Reliance**  
The surest place to find a helping hand is at the end of your own arm.  
—Globe, Mason City, Ia.

**Irish Wit**  
Time waits for no man, but it sometimes hesitates a bit for a woman of 39.  
—Irish Digest.

**Quite**  
Quite a bit of the world's trouble is produced by those who don't produce anything else.  
—Pathfinder.

One of the more popularly known men of this area once lived on the northern bank of the Yadkin River some fifteen miles above Wilkesboro. This area was known as THE ROUND ABOUT, taking its name from the horse-shoe shape of the river. The nickname "OLD ROUND ABOUT" was given to Benjamin Cleveland because he owned a huge plantation in this area.

From Daniel Boone or some of the other earlier settlers of the Yadkin Valley who may have traveled to Kentucky Cleveland learned of the good hunting there. "Old Round About" loved to hunt so in 1772 he and four other fellows set out for a trip of hunting and exploration in Kentucky. After safely passing through Cumberland Gap and entering the borders of the famous hunting grounds they were unexpectedly met and plundered by a party of Cherokees. They lost everything they had including hats and shoes. The Indians gave them an old shot-gun with a couple of charges of powder and shot and told them to leave the Indian hunting grounds. This was the normal procedure for the Indians in the early days of Kentucky. Kentucky was a hunting ground and the Indians didn't want anyone taking their game. When it was necessary they would kill to protect their right. However, it would be a few years before Kentucky became the "dark and bloody" battleground. Then the hunters were bringing in women and children. To the Indians this was another matter. Men who had their families with them were men who planned to settle and the Indians didn't want this to happen.

These hunters had no alternative. With their shot gun they were able to kill one small deer. Another shot was wasted. Later they were able to catch a broken winged goose and eventually they had to kill their hunting dog. With this scanty supply and a few berries they managed to reach the settlements in a nearly famished condition. "Old Round About" survived this episode and during the Revolution the name of Benjamin Cleveland sent shivers of fear down the spine of many a Tory.

**Sunday School LESSON**

**God Responds To Prayer**

LESSON TEXT: Matthew 7:7 - 12; Romans 8:26 - 27 2 Corinthians 12:1 - 10; Hebrews 11:6.

This Lesson is concerned with prayer, and the healing, enlightening effect it can have on the life of a true Christian. It is the bridge by which the lowliest of men can approach the loftiest Being the world has ever known. It is privileged communication between God and His most cherished creation... mankind.

Prayer, properly used, can heal all wounds, strengthen the supplicant both spiritually and morally, and will lead to clearer understanding of God's ways. Prayer is an implicit statement of faith, as is acceptance of His answer... whether it be for or against us. Faith is being very sure that an unanswered prayer is truly in our best interests, just an answered prayer is.

Faith is a prerequisite for prayer... we must believe in God, and it must be the active belief that is revealed in the Bible. We must ask in faith, and accept in faith. We must believe in a Divine response, for prayer must be a communication with God in full expectation of response. Prayer must never be allowed to deteriorate into so many meaningless mutterings--- we cannot approach God in this fashion, nor can He hear us in such circumstances.

Matthew 7 is most revealing... "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you..." Ask-- and if, in His infinite wisdom it is right for us -- we receive. If it is not right, we are denied... but it is up to us to seek the why and whereof of such a denial. But, whether our importunings are granted or denied, we have knocked... and God's heart has been opened to us!

The great impact of the power of prayer is brought home to us when we consider that He who taught us to pray, Jesus Christ, prayed constantly Himself. He prayed for guidance, for strength, for Himself, and for mankind. Christ was earnest in His prayers; therefore they were heard by the Father. We must be equally earnest in our approach if we are to seek true and meaningful communion with God. All too often, whenever we err in our praying, and in our approach; being human, we tend to pray for the things we must earnestly desire, and we feel hurt and rejected when our wishes are denied. At times like these, we need to pause and remember that there were many before us who received discipling through prayerful communication with God... Job, for one, and Paul, for another. They both had to bear infirmities, but they were not unaided in the bearing. God gave them the strength and the patience to endure! And He always provides compensating mercies.

There are many times during the course of our lives when we need help beyond ourselves, and our Answer lies in God. Through our faith we have access to the throne of grace. We must always pray confidently if we are to pray effectively. In our own individual weaknesses we must learn to rely on His ever-present strength. We must believe in His reality, and we must believe both in His approachability and His capability.

"They will be done..." (These comments are based on outlines of the International Sunday School Lessons, copyrighted by the International Council of Religious Education, and used by permission.)

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