

BY THE WAY

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A NEGRO'S VIEW

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Yesterday we pondered the senseless, needless and frustrating cross-current of misunderstanding that has been created in America by too much of the news media and too many of the news makers. As a result of it all, the Negro has been unfairly symbolized, in the minds of too many whites, by the violent riots in the streets—when, as a matter of fact, sorely the vast majority of Negroes in America view such conduct with the same disgust as citizens of other races.

By the same token, because of reckless and unfounded expressions by politicians, agitators, commentators, and others, the white man has been symbolized, in the minds of many Negroes, as a bigot, often as violent racists determined to heap oppression upon Negroes. This is equally untrue and unfounded.

What is needed, as we mentioned yesterday, is for the majority to be heard from—the majority of Negroes who yearn for a peaceful, orderly society, and the majority of whites who have no desire to trespass on the rights of others, but who are growing increasingly resentful of the disruption of society and the growing demands that they surrender their own liberties to placate demanding mobs.

Also, on yesterday, we shared a portion of the contents of an impressive statement by the Negro editor of a Chicago newspaper who, we think, typifies the attitude of many responsible Negroes in America. The statement by this editor, Clarence Reynolds, of *The Chicago Free Press*, deserves careful consideration. Today we would quote further from Mr. Reynolds' statement, which he headed, "My Credo":

"Better education, this Negro editor said, 'does not mean bussing your innocent (children) into white neighborhoods' miles from (their) homes and loved ones. Better education means up-grading all schools regardless of area and regardless of whether they are 'all-negro' or 'integrated.' Better schools should mean the best teachers regardless of color. In this vein, I might state that better teachers also means devoted teachers, not striking, gun-carrying, riotous, and, incidentally, selfishly parading for increased pay without concern for the child's learning—or future. I always believed in 'teachers' who Negroed it out, said, 'I'll draw the line when professional people like school teachers degrade themselves into a pressure group which use little children as pawns to further their own selfish interests.'"

Then, Clarence Reynolds, the Negro editor in Chicago, continued with these words: "Because I saw the first lily of day in these great United States, I am an American. I fought in three wars, saw the blood of mothers' sons spilled on the battle fields and in the thickets of the jungle. I like to think that I was a good soldier. I never questioned an assignment and I trusted my superior officers. Today, that is looked upon by the 'hippie' crowd as old-fashioned. Anti-war protesters in their 'warrior' costumes, long hair, dirty neck lines, and sooty pigsty 'puds' want to take over. They have desecrated our institutions of higher learning. Pep pills, opiates, marijuana, and even pine sniffing have become status symbols. That's what some would call the 'New America'."

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First place in the Governor's beautification program for the 4th quarter of 1968 was awarded Thursday to the Newberry County Beautification committee. From left are C. E. Anderson and Mrs. Peggy White, who made the presentation; Mrs. Richard L. Baker, chairman of the committee, and State Senator Robert C. Lake Jr. See story elsewhere in this issue.

Beautification program gets wide acclaim

Beautification awards from state and national groups were presented to the city and county last Thursday at a luncheon meeting in Kaufmann Hall at Newberry College.

The City received a "Keep America Beautiful" citation, while the County Beautification Committee received its second quarterly award of the year in the Governor's beautification program.

Mrs. Richard L. Baker, chairman of the county committee, presided and introduced special guests, members of the county and city committees, and others who had cooperated in making the awards possible.

Guests were brought by Mayor Clarence A. Shady, Jr., State Senator Robert C. Lake, Jr., and Dr. A. G. D. Wilcox, president of Newberry College. C. E. Anderson, chairman of the Governor's Board on Beautification and Community Improvement for South Carolina, and Mrs. Peggy White of the state's Parks, Tourism and Recreation department, presented Mrs. Baker with a plaque for the city's selection as winner of the 1968 4th quarter beautification award. The county had already received one quarterly award for the year.

Allen B. Seed, Jr., of New York, executive vice president of Keep America Beautiful, Inc., presented that organization's citation to Mayor Shady for the city's outstanding beautification efforts in the local anti-litter program.

When anti-litter campaigners say "every litter bit hurts," they mean it, according to Mr. Seed.

Fires fed by litter caused \$17 million damage and resulted in the deaths of 120 persons last year, he said. It costs on the average of 31¢ to pick up every piece of litter

thrown out on the nation's highways for a national clean-up bill of more than half a billion dollars each year.

The speaker told his audience that litter is "the breeding ground for rats and flies." He said a littered neighborhood is the first sign of deterioration as the prelude to the filth and debris of a slum area.

The executive vice president of the nation's clearing house for beautification and anti-litter programs said litter-fed fires cause one third of all forest fires in the country.

"Some of us who have traveled throughout this nation have been somewhat shocked and disillusioned by the shabby

appearance of the United States. But we are seeing a vast change in our cities today. The trend is to beautify. But if we are going to create beauty, we've got to do something about that obnoxious fellow, the litterbug," Seed said.

Seed quoted H. L. Mencken as having said, "Americans don't simply tolerate ugliness; they have a positive passion for it."

"They don't do it with malice or out of meanness," he said. "It is simply carelessness and thoughtlessness."

He urged strict enforcement of anti-litter laws, pointing out the lack of enforcement as the

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County Board not to air its meetings

The County Board of Education reversed itself Tuesday night and voted not to allow Radio Station WKDK to tape record its meetings for broadcast.

The four-to-two vote reversed the decision made in January to allow the taping and broadcasting at a time "convenient to the Board and to the station."

Board member Billy Taylor who made the motion favoring broadcast in January, moved Tuesday night to rescind the action. Some board members expressed reluctance to allow full discussions of issues to be broadcast.

Approval was given by the board for a \$3000 advance to Newberry High school for the purchase of band uniforms. The uniforms now worn by the band have been in use for 14 years.

The school now has on hand \$2000 for this purpose, according to Board Chairman J. Ed Young. Band parents have added \$2000 to the fund and the additional \$3000 will make possible the purchase of the uniforms which are expected to be about \$100 each.

A special meeting has been called by the board to discuss a subject of special interest to all school patrons—desegregation plans for the 1969-70 school year. The Board is now operating under a plan approved by the department of Health, Education and Welfare. Approval by HEW was based primarily on the second phase of the plan, the operations of schools for 1969-70, which calls for complete integration of all schools.

The meeting will be held on March 10 and Mr. Young said that members of the Citizens Freedom of Choice Committee will be invited to participate in the discussion.

The Board adjourned its open meeting and discussed further matters in closed session.



The newly-organized Agriculture Committee of the Newberry County Development Board met Tuesday morning at Newberry Inn. Purpose of the committee is to further agricultural pursuits in the county. Members are, left to right, seated, Elmer Epting, Frank Addy, Walter Hamm, president of the Board, James C.

Suber and Gurnie Stuck; standing, Al Busby, Clifford Smith, Henry Mills, Earl Bedenbaugh, Harold F. Long and Dave Waldrop. Busby, Hamm and Dave Morrison are ex-officio members. Absent when the picture was made were J. W. Dickert Jr., Warren R. Cousins and E. H. (Gene) Mathis.