

How About Equal Rights—For Whites? An Editorial

Well readers, what do you think about this Martin Luther King thing? Do you think it was expanded out of proportion? What was your reaction to the declaration of a legal holiday? Is the murder of a Civil Rights Champion of a 20% minority to be considered on an equal — with the assassination of a President?

Is the murder of a civil rights leader more worthy of national prominence than the death of a Cardinal of the Roman Catholic Church — or the head of any Protestant — or other Christian Church in the nation?

When President Kennedy, our duly elected leader chosen by a majority of the voters, was assassinated — it was a matter of National and International concern. And, he was on Official Duty — in Public — under the watchful eye of the Secret Service — when he was slain. This made it a matter of even graver concern.

Mr. King, on the other hand, was shot down at a private motel where he had spent the night and was in the midst of civil demonstrations which are highly unpopular with many people — both white and black! And, when you are openly baiting your opponents in public, you are taking a calculated risk of personal physical harm — of which Mr. King was fully aware of.

As far as human life is concerned, both were human beings — and both were killed suddenly by well aimed bullets from one or two expert snipers. But how about the innocent white motorist out in the Mid-West that was pulled out of his car and stomped to death by a mob of colored demonstrators. Isn't that a much more bestial manner to be murdered — than by a bullet? Isn't that a perfect example of "mob-rule"? Was a legal holiday proclaimed for this poor victim? Did his family receive the condolences of national political figures? And, did they receive offers of the use of private-owned planes etc.?

Not to detract, or take anything away from his achievements — Martin Luther King was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his efforts in Civil Rights. However, in subsequent years, it has appeared to some observers as if there had been a subtle change in his attitude and efforts.

The Indians used to accuse the "palefaces" of speaking "with a forked tongue". And, in the last year or two, we are wondering if this is restricted to the white race only!

Mr King had preached "peaceful demonstrations" but every one of these so called "peaceful demonstrations" have ended up in violence! Thus, we can't see how anyone can be considered an outstanding leader — when they can't control their followers. (That is, unless that is the required end results.) If his followers had been so dedicated to his teachings — why didn't they themselves police these marches to make sure that no violence occurred?

In 1932, World War I Veterans were chased down Pennsylvania Avenue by Federal Tanks and Cavalry in pursuit — when they made their "Bonus March" at the height of their despair as a result of being jobless and clothed in rags. These were Veterans that had laid their life on the line in World War I — to preserve Democracy in our World! And, was there any disorder — looting — or pillaging as a result? NO!

Then why in the name of REASON should a less than 5% of the Negro population, representing an already 20% minority, be allowed to loot, pillage, and commit arson — against property owned predominantly by White Businessmen? After all, the majority of the money to replace all of these damages wrought by this unnecessary violence — is going to have to come from the 80% white majority.

We say that it is high time that the 80% majority of "Whites" be given "equal rights" — and be given protection to protect their "life", "limb", and "property" against ANYONE who tries to infringe on their "rights" guaranteed under the Constitution! And Furthermore — anyone, regardless of color, race, or creed, should be stopped from committing acts of violence such as looting, pillaging, arson, rape, or assault — with whatever force is necessary — including shooting!

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50 YEARS AGO

April 12, 1918

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James Nobles is moving to his father's farm near Whitesville.

E. J. Atwood has purchased the Porter Block on Main Street.

The Third and Fourth Grades at Andover High School, gave their teacher, Miss Mary Snyder a surprise visit Tuesday evening.

Miss Muriel Earley has been home from Alfred University this week on account of illness.

The property on Barney Street owned by the late Mrs. Katherine Walker, has been purchased by Mrs. Mary Walsh.

Snow shovels were brought out, once again, to do duty Thursday morning when Andover residents awakened to find the walks covered with snow nearly a foot in depth.

Miss Mary Dean of South Hill returned Wednesday to her school work in St. Elizabeth's Academy in Allegany.

Miss Margaret Burdick of Wyoming, N. Y., was a guest of her aunt, Mrs. E. R. Crandall of Independence Wednesday and Thursday.

Mrs. Chas. Bines and Georgia are spending a few days with Mrs. Bines' parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Upsyke of Independence.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Bassett of Independence were week-end guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Langworthy of Alfred.

Mrs. J. V. Stearns is visiting her husband at Spartansburg, South Carolina.

Miss Hattie Day visited her sister, Mrs. Leon Cook of East Hill, Saturday.

Private Ralph Perry was home from Camp Upton on a 54-hour furlough the last of the week.

Mrs. V. W. Hann has returned to her home in Hornell after spending a few days visiting relatives and friends in this vicinity.

Private Ernest Gill of Camp Dix was home on a few days furlough this week, visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gill, Sr., and other relatives.

Jesse Baker, Edgar Baker, Albert Baker, Oliver Baker, and Claire Backus went to Alfred on Tuesday evening to help out their hand at the Liberty Loan Mass Meeting.

40 YEARS AGO

April 13, 1928

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Mrs. Anna Ella Carr, 27, died Wednesday, April 4th at the Bethesda Hospital. Her husband, her parents, a sister and a brother survive. Interment was in Almond.

At the annual meeting of the Citizens Hose Company, held Friday evening at the fire hall, the following officers were elected: W. F. O'Connell, President; A. L. Youmans, Vice-President; B. B. Hann, Secretary; A. L. Rogers, Treasurer; Earl Kemp, Foreman; E. P. Rogers, First Assistant; Ed Walsh, Second Assistant; A. O. Kemp, Chief; F. E. Boyd, First Assistant; Henry Livermore, Second Assistant; D. E. Witter, Trustee three years; M. J. Gray, Janitor; and David Slocum, Mark Kemp, Harry Kemp, M. J. Gray and George Vickers, Fire Police.

Charles L. Cheesman, 86, died Thursday, April 5th at his home on Rochambeau Avenue. A son and two daughters survive. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery.

Melvin Stebbins died at his home on Pleasant Avenue Monday night after an illness of several weeks.

Clarence Rice, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. John Rice, died Saturday, April 6th. His parents, and a brother survive. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery.

Mrs. John Lewis has received the appointment of Postmistress at Alfred Station.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Montgomery and children of Hornell visited Mr. and Mrs. Arling Friggs of Davis Hill from Friday until Monday.

Mrs. Margaret Walton and children of Rochester are visiting at the home of her parents, Mr.



by Alex Rankin

During the coming weeks and months Republicans and Democrats will be at work trying to discover what effect President Johnson's decision not to run again will have on state legislative elections. And having found it out, they will be hard at work trying to capitalize on it if it is in their favor and offset it if it works against them.

The men who organize and run the state legislative campaigns at the top level have developed somewhat of an obsession about the effect of national politics on local elections.

This is easy to understand. The facts of the 1964 Johnson landslide against Goldwater, for example, stare Republicans directly in the face. That was the year Republicans, to their horror, lost control of both state houses. The

next year they got the Senate back, but they are still chasing after the Assembly.

The current interest assumes that with LBJ out of the way, Senator Robert F. Kennedy has a clear shot at the presidency — and on the Republican side, so does Gov. Rockefeller.

Democrats feel Kennedy would help them hang on to the Assembly and possibly recapture the Senate. Republicans, gloomy over this, feel better when they remember that things look better now if Rockefeller decides to change his mind.

Rockefeller, by the way, could lose the presidential election, but still help Republicans keep the Senate and take back the Assembly.

Before Rockefeller announced he was staying out of the Oregon primary, top Republicans were quietly thinking some of this coalition strategy.

For Democrats the question might be who helped who in 1964? That year Kennedy ran for the Senate against Keating and received 3.8 million votes.

But at the same time, New York State voters were giving LBJ 4.9 million votes; Goldwater got 2.2 million votes, and Keating 3.1 million.

So the question is, who helped the Democrats take over both houses of the Legislature — LBJ or RPK? Or did Goldwater do it?

The President's announcement has flattened the tires of would-be delegates to the Democratic convention who are committed to him. After June 18, it will be a whole new ball game.

Congressman Goodell Introduces Resolution

Charles E. Goodell introduced the following Resolution, bringing to the attention of the world the great fiscal debt owed to the United States by France:

WHEREAS France was obligated to the United States on her World War I debt in the amount of \$6,850,592,550 and was default on principal and interest totalling \$5,077,723,833 on June 30, 1967.

WHEREAS the French Government has not contested the validity of its debt to the United States;

WHEREAS the United States has never recognized that there is any connection between the World War I obligations of France and France's reparation claims on Germany;

WHEREAS France has taken steps inconsistent with the best interests of the United States and the Atlantic Alliance;

WHEREAS the domestic economy of the United States has required spending reductions and the development of new sources of income;

WHEREAS the American people should not be made to subsidize the French war debt; Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (the SENATE concurring), That it is the sense of Congress that it shall be the policy of the United States to require the Republic of France to immediately begin payment of its World War I debt to the United States;

It is further the sense of Congress that the debt should be fully paid within twenty years of passage of this resolution.

It is further the sense of Congress that such payment should be made in twenty equal installments to include all principal and interest now, or in the future, due to the United States;

It is further the sense of Congress that should France continue to default on World War I indebtedness to the United States, the President should take whatever steps are necessary to guarantee payment of that debt.

Keep On Buying Savings Bonds.

and Mrs. Edward Earley of Davis Hill.

Miss Erma Burdick, who is attending the Cortland Normal, is spending the Easter vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Burdick of Elm Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Brutsman of West Greenwood, are the parents of a daughter, Alice Irene, born last week.

Mrs. Anna Wallace spent several days last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Heselton.

Atty. Paul DeRemer of Akron, Ohio, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John DeRemer on North Main Street and greeting Andover friends.

Robert Lynch, a student of Holy Cross College of Worcester, Mass., is spending his Easter vacation with his people here.

Miss Relma DeRemer of Keareney, N. J., returned Thursday evening to her work after passing the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John DeRemer.

30 YEARS AGO

April 15, 1938

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Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bullard will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Tuesday, April 19th.

The Village Board completed their organization Wednesday evening by the appointment of Fay E. Boyd as Superintendent of water and streets and C. S. Rennells as superintendent of the electric department.

Miss Aileen Walsh, instructor in music of Whitesville High School, has signed a contract to remain for another year.

Clifford Burdick and Lynn Mattison entered the CCC Camp in West Almond last week.

Miss Erma Burdick and Mrs. Locha Burdick and Mrs. Olive Downer are spending the week with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Downer of Newport.

The heavy snow Friday and Saturday made the rural roads impassable until the highway commissioner opened them Monday and Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Spicer returned to their home in Independence Thursday after spending a few days visiting their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Vincent in Buffalo.

Mrs. Maude Prest of Bath is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Oakes this week. Mr. and Mrs. Oakes are visiting relatives in the South.

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Trowbridge and son, Robert of Pulaski, spent from Monday until Thursday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Trowbridge. They also attended the Agricultural Alumni Banquet at Alfred Tuesday.

Mrs. Katherine Snyder of Elm Valley is visiting Miss Mary Snyder, Mrs. John Will and also at the Folsing home this week.

Miss Mary O'Leary of Elizabeth, N. J., arrived Friday to pass her Easter vacation with her father, James O'Leary.

Mrs. Minnie Diffin is spending a few days at Easter time with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Brandes on Beach Hill.