

Two Thoughts On Oppenheimer Probe

IN JUNE of 1953, Gertrude Samuels wrote for THE NEW YORK TIMES MAGAZINE an article entitled "A Plea for Candor About the Atom." It set forth the views of Scientist J. Robert Oppenheimer about the atomic security regulations, and stressed the internal conflict in the man arising from his "dual role as a citizen with unique responsibilities and as a scientist trained to find rational solutions for complex problems."

About Scientist Oppenheimer, the author said:

"To understand the conflict, it is necessary to understand that over the past 10 years, Dr. Oppenheimer has lived with the problem of the atom more continuously than any other man in our history. I lived with it in the sense that he has been privy to all atomic secrets from 1942 to 1953."

"Since the war he has dropped his pure scientific work for close advisory work with the nation's policy-makers and the Atomic Energy Commission; he has desks today at the President's office in the old State Department building, in the Pentagon, and here at the (Princeton) Institute for Advanced Study."

And she quoted Oppenheimer as explaining his inability to speak out frankly about the security laws in these words:

"There are subjects which I must either write about myself or be silent: those questions on which I have advised or am advising the government; those questions about highly secret material; those questions which involve privileged correspondence between the government and me as an expert."

This is the man who has recently been suspended on security grounds—the man whose office had a vault guarded day and night by an FBI agent.

Planning Would Minimize Controversies

IT IS DOUBLY regrettable that a proposal to widen Providence Rd. has already become so thoroughly enmeshed in a political controversy.

It is to be regretted, first, because it need not have happened. Long-range planning for the city and the surrounding area would long ago have evolved a fair and satisfactory proposal for Providence Rd.

And secondly, the controversy is going to make it extremely difficult to work out any satisfactory compromise. Once emotions are aroused and resolute opinions formed, reason makes little progress.

No one can logically argue that Providence Rd. does not need widening. Of course it does. Many other feeder streets into the city need widening. Hutchison Ave. and Banzel's Ferry Rd. are two others that desperately need attention. Avondale-Park Rd., Sharon Rd., Old Sardis Rd., S. Tryon St., York Rd., West Blvd., Beatts Ford Rd. are also overtaxed.

Residents of the Providence Rd. area make a valid point when they complain that they're being singled out for a super-duper expressway. They have another valid point when they contend that a wide street, without zoning restrictions, would soon invite commercial encroachment.

Procedural justice of the city's troubles will always provoke controversy. Providence Rd., for example, should be considered as just a part of the problem of getting into and out of the city the people who live in the fast-developing southeastern section of the county. And when a project for widening of Providence is put forth, long-range plans for other arteries through the area should be included. The Planning Board, for example, has already recommended that Green Ave. extension be straightened out and widened to the Sharon-Amity road in order to divert a portion of the traffic now using Providence.

At the same time, residents of Providence Rd. section might as well face the fact that the popularity of that area for residential development will make imperative, sooner or later, thoroughfares with a capacity far beyond the 30 or 32-foot widths suggested at Monday's session of the County Commission. In fact, the day is not far off when expressways will crisscross all of Mecklenburg County. That day may be delayed by local opposition, but it can't be put off indefinitely.

Draft Board Statement Now In Order

WHEN the five members of the Mecklenburg County draft board resigned last week, their refusal to discuss the facts of the case was understandable, and quite proper.

The facts could not have been revealed without revealing the identity of the draftee. And the board members felt this would be unfair, since they were interested in a principle, not in personalities.

Now that the identity of the young student has been made public and confirmed by his father, it would be appropriate for the draft board members to make the full record public. And it is important, we feel, that they do so.

The impression has been spread widely that the only question before the board was whether or not the college student should be permitted an additional temporary deferment of 60 days in order that he might graduate. We are quite confident that there is more to the story, and that the draft board members would not have taken so drastic an action if the question had been so simple.

Public confidence in the draft system is imperative. If the director of the Selective Service System yielded to "political pressure" and did an arbitrary and unreasonable thing in overruling the local and state boards, the people ought to be permitted to judge how arbitrary and how unreasonable he was.

But beyond owing an obligation to the public, the members of the board, all of whom are men of character and large reputation in the community, owe it to themselves to reveal in full detail the provocation for their resignation.

70 Per Cent For 70 Per Cent

ON MAY 29 Mecklenburgers will vote for a chairman of the Board of County Commissioners and four members of the board. So far there are 11 candidates for the four positions. They, and the communities in which they live, are:

- Arthur Auten, Huntersville.
- J. Randolph Baker, Hickory Grove.
- Ernest L. Brown, Oakhurst.
- J. Herbert Garrison, Pineville.
- Lawrence Griffe, Newell.
- Brittie Miah Hargett, Wilgrove.
- Oscar Harris, Mint Hill.

DEPARTMENT OF ICY CALM

Now, there is restraint for you! There is the minimum response to irritation. It is a good example for us. Next time the driver ahead takes a second or two—even three—to respond when the light turns green, we don't even intend to give a boot.

'How About Sending Them A Flag?'

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Alabama Campaign Similar To Smith-Graham Battle

By DORIS FLEESON

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP)—Alabama is a dry run and that the real test will be the wealthy conservative forces is the senior national leadership is shown by the campaign Sen. John Sparkman, Adlai Stevenson's running mate, is having to wage for reelection.

Rep. Laurie Battle was put into the race against Sparkman in Birmingham's "big miles" race. The only pay dirt he can find in the Sparkman record apparently is Battle, now professing to find in him a "traitor and turncoat" on the South. While Battle has confined himself to these low level, civilized attacks, the customary prejudicial material has begun to appear in the outlying areas.

For example, the Dothan Eagle published April 2 last a photograph of Sparkman with three colored men and including a Birmingham lawyer and his House colleague, Rep. William Dawson of Illinois, a vice chairman of the Democratic National Committee.

The caption read "A Portrait of Alabama's Non-Deviating Sen." The picture is not true. It is the pattern hateful familiar to reporters who covered the Smith-Graham campaign in North Carolina and the Smathers-Burgess race in Florida.

The candidate, educated and attractive, aware that when and if victorious he will make his national debut harnessed to his campaign record, takes the high road and rebuffs the low road. He gets well traveled too, while the candidate says with injured indignation:

"A widespread impression exists here that Battle's race against me is a 'big mule' race."

Incidentally, Alabama. He took himself to the Gov. Bibb Graves, contributed to the political Mexican term "big mules" and to the outlying areas. He was in Birmingham to keep a legislative watch on policy.

Battle was already chosen for his role. He is the son of a prominent Birmingham II veteran, attractive and well spoken. He is 42. There is a large and respected Battle clan, mostly of the older generation, scattered over the state.

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Tiger The Most Evil Of Animals, Says The Hunter

By ROBERT C. RUARK

SIPIKAR RANGE, India (AP)—A tiger has been beaten before, and had been shot before, because he had an idea.

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