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## The Declaration of Independence

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WHEN, in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed. That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shown, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same object, evinces a design to reduce them under

absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security. Such has been the patient suffering of these Colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object these States. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid world...

We, therefore, the Representatives of the United States of America, in General Congress Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the Name, and by authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare, That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be, Free and Independent States; that they are Absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as Free and Independent States, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which Independent States may of right do. And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes, and our sacred Honor.

## The Declaration Is Quiet Thing

HOW speaks the Declaration of Independence? In the voice of a cannon, a firecracker, a windy orator?

No. The Declaration is a quiet thing, as are all images of beauty, strength and dignity. It was so quiet that the English king could not hear all that it said. It is so still that many do not heed it now. But it still speaks in the quietness of reflection and decision. Those who read it with the care of those who wrote it keep hearing its voice and they feed upon its qualities and they lead those who do not read, and the image becomes a force renewed.

The men who wrote the Declaration—reproduced above in part—knew that many would not hear their quiet voice and because they did not there would be noises of war. (And somehow we still celebrate the noise, not the quiet.)

To the English people who would not hear the Declaration said:

We have warned them from time to time of attempts by their legislature to extend an unwarrantable jurisdiction over us. We have reminded them of the

circumstances of our emigration and settlement here. We have appealed to their native justice and magnanimity, and we have pleaded for their sympathy. We have common kindred to disavow these usurpations, which would inevitably interrupt our connections and correspondence. They too have been deaf to the voice of justice and consanguinity. We must, therefore, acquiesce in the necessity, which denounces our Separation, and hold them, as we hold the rest of mankind, Enemies in War, in Peace Friends.

Here there are no adjectives of hate or anger, but only a statement of cause seated in conviction.

Convinced as they were of the rightness of their cause, the authors of the Declaration did not presume that God would champion it. They took the action in their own names after "appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions."

The authors did a quiet thing and there was noise only because the tyrant would not listen.

The Declaration has not changed. Nor have tyrants. But the one lives and the others die.

## The Bug That Medical Science Forgot

THEY'VE discovered wonder drugs, found a vaccine for polio and made many progress toward a cancer killer but nobody has done anything about curing the bite of the golf bug.

Perhaps the professional wise men consider it impossible. Or maybe they feel the victims are hardly worth saving. Meanwhile, that little bug is running wild, leaving many a widow in its wake. Anyway, many a golf widow.

This fact struck home recently when a telephone call to a business acquaintance brought the answer from the poor woman of the house: "Have you tried the office?" If he's not there, he's at the golf course. Try the golf course first."

There was a note of resignation in her voice, like you might find in the voice of a woman destined to live with a drunkard whom she loves too dearly to leave, to live with a criminal whose crimes she reluctantly accepts or to live with a gambler whose one weakness she has grown to tolerate.

Yet some women do not resign themselves to the fate of the golf widow. They tire of their lonely existence. They pull out. But they are the strong of head. The strong of head stick it out.

Too much golf has cost them their jobs. It has also cost some milk money. Many a woman wears last year's dress while her husband is on the fairways, decked out in the latest sporting vesture, reaching for new tricks and passing out ten dollar bills to his opponents.

There is a brighter side. There's a saying that more business deals are sealed on the golf course than in the office.

Too, the game serves to keep the old man's tummy trimmed down and, on good days, his spirits jacked up.

What to do to spare these wretched women this fate? That's a good cue for the scientists to work on — between rounds.

## People's Textile Tariffs: Ike Fiddles while Dixie Burns

Cheraw, S. C.

Editors, The News: TO THE textile workers of the nation and to management: I notice when on Sept. 10 this year tariff will be lowered on Japanese textiles coming to our country up to 48 per cent.

I, for one, am not surprised in the least about anything the administration now in power in Washington does to make the plight in the South rough.

In my opinion, it was started in November a few years past when the people of this nation made their way to the voting booths and voted for the Republican Party to head our affairs of state in Washington.

WHY TO BLAME? You have no one to blame but self.

One of the greatest regrets is that we who will remember the plight of all the people during Hoover times—will have to suffer the effects of whatever takes place with the "I like Ike" crowd.

We were told by some of the True with authority over them for him (Truman) in 1948, our children would be going to school with the Negro. Yet did it happen in the South?

You know the answer to that as well as I do.

HOOPER DAYS I remember how we, the textile people, and others had to live during the Hoover days. Hoover, no jobs. No money. No fit homes to live in. Our families going lacking for just about everything you can mention.

I worked three days a week, 10 hours a day, ditching in a swamp for 50 cents a day on federal relief. I had to go to the relief agency for food. It was, "Come back tomorrow," and much of the time tomorrow never came.

But there are a lot of people who voted for Ike who at that time were staying with Pa and Mama who were listening to those with authority over them instead of listening to those who told them the truth about the way we, the people, suffered under the last Republican Party in Washington.

BOUGHT AND PAID FOR But we all have to suffer for our mistakes sooner or later. So don't be alarmed. You bought this and paid for it at the ballot box, which was your perfect right.

But remember the old saying: "Live and Learn."

We won the war over the Japanese on the field of battle and lost it at the conference table in Geneva, on the question of textile tariffs.

Why go away over Switzerland to make agreements to cut our textile industry's throat in this country?

There are too many other nations hungry to ruin our country and our affairs.

I notice the Springs Bulletin sets the tone.

I fear it's too late to start



PRESIDENT EISENHOWER Southern Discontent?

seeing our mistakes in this matter. If some of the would-be Democrats had backed the southern Democrats, it probably would have been different. But we have some Republicans from the South who claim to be Democrats. It looks as if we might have one from South Carolina who recently went to Congress to serve as a Democrat.

Also, it seems that our President is more interested in trout streams in Maine and New Hampshire and the golf course in Augusta, Ga., than he is in the affairs of our people.

And as for Mr. Nixon, all he does is politics and go all over the world making a big show and talking from both sides of his mouth at the same time.

So the popularity that Ike had in the South is gone. For they, the Republicans, have tried to cram the Negro down our throats by trying to mix the races in the South and in our armed services.

Yet the average white and Negro of the South know that they are trying to fool the Negro back to the Republican Party for his vote. Yet that party told the Negro support him when it came very near to starting everyone to death in the depression years.

But the people are not stupid as you might think they are. You will learn that at the next election time. And the sooner that time comes the better.

Let's celebrate this Independence Day in rest, peace and prayer. For it seems the forces of evil are determined to take that from us which we have won by hard work and on the field of battle in years past.

Let's remember we will have

to continue the battle for our rights and freedom and our way of life in this great country of ours.

Let's keep it great by not being deceived by any court or any man or group of men. For we, the people, have the final say if we have the courage to battle for our rights regardless of the cost to any man.

—J. A. GRAHAM

Ethiopians Mentioned In Bible Many Times

Editors, The News: TO THOSE who say "black" is not in the Bible:

Read Song of Solomon, 1:5. He says: "Look not down upon me for I am black."

If I am black because the sun hath looked down upon me."

The Negro is referred to as an Ethiopian. Their land was Ethiopia. Genesis 2:13.

Ethiopia subdued—2nd Chronicles 14:9.

Ethiopian captivity—Isaiah 20:4-6.

Ethiopian judgment—Zechariah 12:7.

Ethiopians are descendants of Cush, the son of Ham Ham was the son of Noah.

Their skin cannot be changed. Jeremiah 13:23.

How many American boys married Japanese girls by being thrown in their company? Now they are trying to tell me that integration will not cause a mongrel offspring generation.

—E. ADAMS

Regional Mortgage Clinic A Success

Editors, The News: THANK YOU for the fine news carried by The Charlotte News stories on our Regional Mortgage Clinic. The meeting was a complete success and is resulting in faster and more satisfactory handling of all types of home mortgages in the Carolinas.

This was the first of 18 such meetings scheduled throughout the United States. One of the principal reasons Charlotte was selected for the initial clinic was the comprehensive news coverage last year's clinic had. Thanks again to you and your news staff for making this possible.

—ROBERT W. BARKER Executive Director Home Builders Assn.

My correspondent makes two points under this wild rambling into "group animosity" (1) That the NAACP is "bush controlled," and (2) that the NAACP is, part of a Communist conspiracy.

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Editors Champion

Cheap Labor Rates

Gastonia

Editors, The News: YOUR editorial cheering about "Southern textile mills not being subject to wage restrictions when negotiating government contracts reveals you as being 'anti-labor'."

But this does not make you a different from the majority of southern editors. All of you have been instrumental in leading the low pay concerns to the South to exploit the cheap labor—to take advantage of the uneducated poor white and Negro.

Yet may set you some lucrative advertisements from these same cheap-laborers so you will have profited by it in the long run. I am ashamed of the Fourth Estate, sir, especially the Dixiecrats ones.

—L. W. MCKINLEY

Charlotte's Aged Need Love, Care

Editors, The News: HAVE a heart. I sure agree with a recent contributor to People's Platform about the dear old people being cared for. I want to beg you, who are having the nursing homes for old people

staring down, to have a heart. Turn your eyes, too, will get old, and need only a few years to live.

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will they get? Anyone who notes out to others anything but love and kindness some day will pay for it. The homes can be lived so they can live as well as cared for. I know some of them may be worrying now because they don't know what will happen. I hope and pray that city councilmen will put themselves in the dear old people's places and meet out to them. They would want the old people to meet out to them. Life is too short for them to have no one to take care of, and some are sick and getting old, and they are somebody's mothers and need love and care.

—MRS. MAYME BARGER

No Help Wanted From Outsiders

Editors, The News: THANK YOU for Charlotte News for your courageous stand on Bryant Bowles.

Thank the good Lord that the people of North Carolina have good sense to settle their race problems in their own wise way without the help of outsiders.

—BARTON A. DONNELL

One-Word Comment On Bryant Bowles

Editors, The News: IN REGARD to Mr. Bryant Bowles, I have just one thing to say:

—JOHN R. SHANNON

A Reply

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