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# MISSISSIPPI NOTEBOOK

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## ROUTE TO CONQUEST

There is an old story about an emperor whose mighty army planned to attack an enemy stronghold on top of a mountain.

"Exalted One," his spies reported, "the city cannot be taken by storm. There is no way for a large force to approach it."

The emperor smiled inquired: "Is there not even a narrow pathway, wide enough for a donkey laden with gold?"

## POWER OF MONEY

Just as that ancient emperor knew human nature, today's integrationists and their stooges in our midst know the power of money and the persuasiveness of pocketbook appeals.

Many Southern leaders have already sold out for federal pap and political prestige at the national level. Their narrow selfishness has become infectious throughout Dixie.

Much is being said about the harmful effects which resistance can have on the South's economic prosperity. The dollars-and-cents angle is becoming uppermost in many minds. The voice of the Pocketbook Patriot is growing louder and louder.

## IT FRIGHTENS THEM

The South's pocketbook patriots are terrified by any thought of sacrifice, inconvenience or belt-tightening for the sake of mere principle and conviction. They usually pay lip service to the Southern Way, but criticize attempts to defend it.

Haunted by fears that they might lose a dollar by organized resistance, they mount pious preachments about respecting the Constitution — as if those forces arrayed against us have any respect for it.

Pocketbook patriots would never admit it but money is their god. How to get it is their religion. They think, act and vote purely from a standpoint of material considerations.

## "WHAT DO WE GET?"

Their usual approach to any issue is "What's in it for us money-wise?" Their ideal statesman is the politician who gets better and better treasury handouts for his constituents.

When they say, "Remember Little Rock," they have reference to how business fell off there during the trouble. Their anthem and theme song is the jingle of coin and the tinkle of the cash register bell. Their

group emblem is the Golden Calf.

## THE SAME SPECIES

If our dollar-worshippers had lived in the Revolutionary War period, they probably would have been among those who branded Patrick Henry as a "rabble-rouser" . . . who denounced the Sons of Liberty as "hate-mongers and trouble-makers" . . . who whined that it was "bad for business" when the King's tea was dumped in Boston Harbor. . . who urged the colonists to worry less about principle and work harder to develop a more prosperous commerce. . . who lamented the defiance of "constituted authority" when the Minute Men made their stand at Concord Bridge. . . and who called the Founding Fathers "extremists."

## SENSE OF VALUES

We do not suggest another Revolution, nor do we advocate armed resistance to federal power. Certainly we do not discount the importance of prosperity, which we respect and desire as much as the next person.

Our point is that no freedom has ever been won or preserved by people who valued wealth and good living above all things — but such a self-indulgent breed has lost many hard-won freedoms throughout the world in centuries past.

Freedom is never secure when people lose their sense of value and become unwilling to sacrifice for their convictions.

## NEW AND OLD THINKING

At the national level, there are those who advocate compromise and friendship with Communism. Perhaps this is desirable, although we sent many American boys to die not long ago for the ideal that the world cannot exist half slave and half free.

We have spent billions to persuade others that Communism is evil, but now there is a change of thinking in this country. The most important thing, some feel, is global prosperity and a more abundant life for all, with Democracy and Communism working in partnership for this objective.

A truly great American, the late Teddy Roosevelt, may or may not have been right when he warned: "The things that will destroy America are prosperity - at - any - price; safety first instead of duty first; the love of soft living, and the get-rich-quick theory of life."

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## VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Letters to the Editors must be brief, must be signed (though name may be withheld on request) and must avoid defamatory or abusive statements. The Editor reserves the right to reduce lengthy letters and to limit the number of letters on any one subject.

Dear Editor:

Soon now, the monster of integration that stalks the South will attack in Mississippi.

Already our "Moderates" are laying the ground work to urge acceptance of "token" integration. "Token" integration is just as unrealistic as is "token" pregnancy.

Do we have people in our communities who will advocate submission to "a little bit of integration" in order to avoid a clash with the Federal Government? These people would advise potential victims of robbery, rape, mayhem etc., to cooperate with

the criminal so that no crime would be committed!

How vulnerable is your community? How about your city and county officials and your school board? What position has the editor of your local newspaper taken? Have your scalawags and carpetbaggers been spotted?

Let patriotic Mississippians stand shoulder to shoulder in eternal resistance against the tyranny of integration. Let's hold this fortress until our Yankee and border state brethren come to their senses. This could be Mississippi's finest hour.

Sincerely,

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