

American doctrine as compared to the beliefs advocated by the Communists or the Marxian teachings.

I will never forget that I am an American mother, responsible for my actions, and dedicated to impart to my child the principles which made my country free. Together we will trust in our God and in the United States of America.

Very truly yours,
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OUR POSITION ABROAD

Editor, the Daily Press:

I read with amusement in your paper of how Prince Edward County plans to close its' public school rather than let colored and white children study together.

It's always amusing to see supposedly mature people cut off their nose to spite their face.

It would make a good comic opera if it wasn't so serious. The officials of Prince Edward County and the officials of the state of Virginia seem to be willing to plunge their children into the darkness of ignorance in hopes of saving the corpse of a social system that died nearly a hundred years ago. The system has decayed completely and all the South has to do is let the wind take the ashes and scatter them to be rid of its obnoxious orders.

What is more important, though, than the closing of schools, the riots, and the un-Christian injustice, is the impression the current racial problem leaves on the fast rising Africans and Asiatics. The pendulum of world power seems to be swinging in their direction.

They have shown, by the way the present big powers are no longer disregarding them, that they have the ability, manpower, and resources to grasp it in a couple of decades. Now, then, should be the time to make amends for the past misdeeds the white man has done.

Certainly they do not look with favor upon America for the current injustice committed against their colored brothers. If Western civilization is to survive they will

have to be more tolerant and have a forgiving heart. I often wonder if they will treat us as we have treated them.

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PRAISE, NOT BLAME

Editor, the Daily Press:

In March our home suffered a fire which badly damaged our kitchen and dining room. Within minutes of turning in the alarm, the Mathews County Volunteer firemen were on the job. And within 30 minutes there were probably 200 people present trying to be helpful.

In the smoke and confusion, some of my furniture was turned over and damaged through the efforts of these amateur helpers. It has been said that I have blamed the firemen for this furniture damage.

This is absolutely untrue. I have never said anything of the sort, for I know what went on that day. The volunteer firemen were responsible for saving my home, and without their fast and efficient help, other buildings would undoubtedly have suffered damage and destruction.

The Volunteer Fire Department is made up of a wonderful bunch of men who deserve all credit and support possible in their efforts to save life and property, which they certainly did in my case.

Mr. and Mrs. LARKIN DUVAL
Mathews, Va.

THE QUESTING BEE

The questing bee is loud with wrath amidst the honeysuckle vine, cursing the leafsprays in his path and many a stray, wide-groping bine.

With his contemptuous black paws he spurns the board at which he sups;
If he had firmer teeth and claws he'd rend the delicate honey-cups.

The sweetest nectar will be sour to his irate and harmful sense;
For love requires no show of power—
nor love's surrender, violence.

DANIEL SULLIVAN.
(New York Times).

Richard Gaikowski's Letter to the Editor From the Army

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