

"Quite Impractical"

Editor of the Daily News:

A letter entitled "It Is Disgusting," written by W. N. Jefferies, state director, N. C. Defenders of States Rights, Inc., appeared in Public Pulse on March 18.

The "disgusted" writer seems to think that Alabama's Governor Patterson did a commendable deed by insisting that sit-down demonstrators be expelled from Alabama State. He even went further in threatening to cut off school funds unless demonstrations ceased.

The writer condemns Governor Hodges, the "moderate," for his no stand at all and blames him for the mess the state is in now.

While I am not an enthusiastic supporter of Governor Hodges, I think the "moderation" approach is the only solution. Even President Eisenhower takes a very realistic viewpoint when he tells us that demonstrations by a suppressed minority are very normal reactions which should be dealt with by negotiation.

I sincerely hope that our Governor never reaches the place where he is so desperate for retaliation as to threaten our institutions of higher learning with a fund shortage to quell orderly demonstrations by an educated group. Fighting suppression with suppression is quite impractical.

The medical staff at Charlotte's Memorial Hospital favors the desegregating of its facilities. Students and faculty members at Wake Forest are favoring integration. Church leaders and religious groups all over the state are speaking out for equal rights. These are but a fraction of the large group of white citizens who see some long over-due changes in the making.

If the director of N. C. Defenders of States Rights would but look he can easily see the "writing on the wall," even at this "moderation" stage of the changing South.

If he would change his title to "state director, N. C. Defenders of Unequal Rights Inc.," it would fit his viewpoint more sufficiently and not subtract a single word from the title.

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