

Not Our Proxy

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Who is the true Southerner? What is the Southern viewpoint? And who, indeed, fights the South's battles in the matter of race relations?

Without attempting an affirmative answer, we suggest that a man down Raleigh way is the least likely to get our vote as standard-bearer in any crusade for racial harmony.

It seems that a white student from up Nawth was walking along with Negro pickets on a Raleigh street when he was slugged. Who did the socking? Your answer might be that it was some purehearted Tar Heel white supremacist.

Let's see. Press reports said of the man arrested for the slugging that "Police records indicate that (he) has a number of convictions including drunkenness, careless and reckless driving and worthless checks. The records indicate his driver's license has been revoked a total of three times. At present, his license is suspended until 1967."

His is hardly the image of the typical Tar Heel in action. Or is it?