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LAW AND ORDER OR DISCONTENT?

The winds of change are upon us and those few Americans who can still see clearly, realize what even the three presidential candidates seem not to: the continued demand for "law and order" only will bring four more winters of our discontent. For one thing "law and order" has become another hackneyed phrase, another meaningless abstraction that has taken its place alongside the other undefinables of motherhood, nation, God, country, and Mother Goose.

One would almost like to stop and ask the speeding American politician exactly what is and is not law, what constitutes and does not constitute order, if the poverty of slums may come under this term order, if consequently order may be defined as the perpetuation of the inequalities that are plaguing this land.

Certainly our patriotic advocates of law and order would have and little or no sympathy with those unpatriotic rebels who threw that tea off the boats in Boston, those men who fired those shots in Lexington and Concord, or that rebel who went shouting "To arms, to arms, the British are coming." The sad truth is that the rebellious spirit that gave birth to America is nowhere welcome today and dissenting opinion is dispelled as being opposed to order.

Where order itself seems to be on the decline, one presidential candidate proposes to turn back the clock. Yet, what he proposes—a return to state power, the bringing back of the segregated school, the greater suppression of the black man—is much more likely to produce discordance and total disorder from which no reconciliation will be possible. Evidently Mr. Wallace never heard of Victor Hugo and his saying that "Nothing on earth is as powerful as an idea whose time has come." Thomas Wolf also would have had a few words of wisdom for him: "You can't go home again."

It must be admitted here that there have been many great men in this country—some of them lawmakers—who believed in the importance of the law. Among these venerable men may be numbered such figures as Jefferson, Franklin, Webster, Sumner and others as well as George Washington. It cannot be denied here these men's worth to the country, their devotion to democracy, their contribution to the building of the nation. Even they, however, probably would not have defined the term law and order.

For what it's worth once there was another lawmaker, who spoke to the people, only in those days they called them multitudes. Strangely enough, he did not speak of law and order, but he spoke of peace. But that was a long time ago and as this writer has said, "the winds of change are upon us." But maybe if the American people could remember that term peace, peace not law and order, maybe then we could avoid the next four winters of our discontent that appears imminent.

Political Outlook Viewed By Students

By WILBERT MYATT and
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If one stops to hear George Wallace tell it, he really thinks that he will make it to the White House. He will not. Whatever be the outcome of the popular balloting, Wallace aims to deny a majority in the Electoral College to either Hubert Humphrey or Richard Nixon. By doing this, if he does, he hopes to be in a position whereby one or the other would be willing to barter for his support. It is a possibility that this could happen under the existing U. S. electoral system. The United States' political history weighs heavily against this principle.

Wallace cannot win a plurality. Even if he can carry seven states in the South, at the most that would give him only 66 electoral votes or 17% of the total with which to bargain. The election will not be thrown in the House of Representatives, but it will be a close one.

Even though Wallace seems to be gaining considerable support in the North, that is not necessarily an indication of the outcome of the election. In all the other states, (beside the seven in the South) Humphrey and Nixon supporters far outweigh Wallace supporters. Part of this answer is that many people are not willing to be counted with extremists such as Wallace. They would rather vote for someone who expresses what they themselves would say only more moderately; therefore, they follow Nixon. Those who are liberal and those who just don't like Wallace or Nixon but wish to vote, vote for Humphrey.

There was a time when party affiliation would have been the determining factor in choosing the person for whom one would vote. This election year, however, has seen many loyal Democrats and Republicans change their minds. In the South (See Political Outlook, Page 4)

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

All NCC Women Are Not Tramps

Dear Editor:

After that little dandy speech of his, just about all the women on campus wanted to tell that little red-headed "boy" some things—not all of them nice. However, they wouldn't find the telling too effective because he never hears bitter words. He emerges from the most powerful onslaughts of emotionalism, unscathed. Only cold logic can restore him to their world long enough to be attentive and cold logic is something they didn't use—mainly because they don't know how—also because they have no premises. "Why can't you respect me, why can't you respect me," one girl shot at him. She probably was disillusioned and thought that she was winning some kind of a hasty victory over him when in reality he never desired to make the matter personal in the first place.

He did not mean to assert that all N.C.C. women were tramps. They are not. There are still a few young ladies around here—probably a real good thing considering the fact there are only a few good ones left in the world. Many of the arguing women didn't stop to think long enough to realize that they couldn't debate the point because "lady" itself is subjective and Miller was only giving his view.

So, perhaps it would be in order to give here a rather crude picture of "lady" as Miller perceives her. First of all, she must be tactful and not manly. She must not engage in vices such as heavy drinking, persistent and conspicuous smoking, matchless loudness, and peerless aloofness as well as snobbery. She possesses intelligence and humility. A man feels no need to ever vigilant in her company for fear that her real self might be made manifest. She does not make impossible demands on the petty finances of the college man. She is considerate. She is a relief from the world. She is one that a man does not have to blow his wits worrying about. She is there. She is the one that so many women think is nonexistent, but who does live and as a woman has saturated the souls of both great and common men with her presence and goodness.

Some will argue that the day of the "old goodie" is an anachronism and that women too, have a right to change with the times. Miller probably could have no beef there. No doubt, the women that he ridiculed are both believable and acceptable as a part of the puzzle of society, mechanization, the world as it is. But the speaker never conceded the validity of the puzzle as it now exists—he never accepted its paradoxical moral code. To the flightily present day women with her cakes of powder, pounds of rouge, numerous wigs, and padded everything, he might usher a heart-felt scream from the darkness; he might romantically call for a return to nature.

Whatever the case, Mr. Miller certainly regrets that he caused such a stir on campus. He particularly regrets the harsh words spued out to one very dear to him. He hated to see her slandered; he hated to see her become a victim of vicious calumny.

To those who may have gained



Now professors, class starts at twelve o'clock not twelve thirty. Don't keep the students waiting; they have better things to do.

LIGHTS SHINE IN THE NIGHT

By RONALD MILLER

Indeed there must be a great many people besides the weary returners to Chidley Hall who stop to stare up at a dormitory at night and who wonder just why they call it "Resurrection City." Certainly the title is vastly significant in a time when our society appears to be in moral decay, when many black people are still lacking full American Freedom, when another war—this time the Vietnam one—continues to kill off the cream of the youth of this decade. The rational people of our society have told us that God is dead and that reason in addition to science has supplanted Him. The only trouble seems to be that when we pushed God out the door a lot of other things went with Him—among them optimism, brotherhood, love, peace of mind, and an awareness of our own guilt.

Having experienced moral death, our society does need a resurrection. No doubt, man has enhanced his knowledge in this era he is more capable than ever of building a Walden Two. The same science that has give us the atomic bomb could have watered the deserts. But the deserts are still dry. We are on a road but that road's end appears to be Eliot's wasteland rather than any utopia of which we can think.

Indeed at times one might even shrug and dismiss the task of bettering the world as being a task that is imponderable, impossible and hopeless. But when one thinks of young ladies nick-naming their dormitory "Resurrection City" does he not think that there is still an unseen spark

any hint of truth from his words, Miller gives hope. To all others he gives his sincerest regrets. What did Croce say: Woe to the man who seeks to shed a brilliant light where people want to keep to darkness and shadow? Mr. Miller sought to illuminate a dark part of our campus life. Certainly it was not his intention to indicate that vice has ultimately triumphed—that all virtue has become extinct. He is happy to admit that there are N.C.C. ladies. He most certainly does not experience consternation in saying that he loves one of them, and that he still is sorry that the brunt of retaliation fell upon her shoulders instead of on his. She is one of the few ladies that he knows; she is not the only N.C.C. lady that he does know.

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that eventually may illuminate the dark conscience of the land?

It seems that the youth today are discontented, but the ladies in the new dormitory are among a minority bold enough to undertake a resurrection. Certainly the dormitory houses students of ineffable determination, striking ambitions and maybe even impossible dreams. The ladies there might not be familiar with Virgil's saying that "they are able who think they are able," but they most certainly are familiar with the concept. And who exactly knows, what they, the future hopes of our nation, the mothers of the next black generation, those on whom so much of our destiny depends, will achieve? When the women nicknamed their dorm "Resurrection City" they gave hope to the rest of mankind. If today is Ash Wednesday, do the lights shining at night on the hill give hopes that Sunday is not far away?

NCC Participates In Food Seminar

By EVELYN SMITH

Thirty-one employers along with Mr. Robert Smith, director of food services at NCC, were invited to participate in a seminar held at Duke University, October 16, 17, and 18.

The theme for the program was "Health Through Sanitation and Education in Durham County."

This program was sponsored by the Department of Dining Halls, Food Service Schools of Duke University.

Class Welcomed By Student Store

By EVELYN SMITH

North Carolina College Store would like to extend an official welcome to the class of "73." This welcome is extended to the entire college community. The staff and management of the Student Store pledge their efforts to offer a full line of merchandise according to your demands and needs; the best in quality and at the best prices. The prices are competitive with all supermarkets.

New book prices are the same at all books stores. The manager will stock all used books that are available according to their use here at the college. Outline and paperback racks will carry everything on your reading list and more.