

The Statesman

by

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Several weeks ago, Senator Fulbright spoke on a number of controversial topics facing the American public. One of the subjects he questioned was the United States' position with regard to Castro's Cuba. Senator Fulbright's position is in direct conflict with that of Barry Goldwater, the conservative who wishes outright invasion to oust the new Cuban dictator. I believe we lost our chance at such a move in the Bay of Pigs failure. Senator Fulbright thinks rather differently, and I agree with him. He believes that we should resign ourselves to Castro's Cuba even if it is communistic. Fulbright also implies that trade relations and recognition be resumed. There is much substance to his premise, for at present we are accomplishing nothing with our so-called trade blockade, and any diplomatic business we wish to carry on with Castro is done through the Swiss Embassy. So how are we hurting Castro? Yes, I realize the Cuban refugees would be disillusioned with the United States, but if we tried to please all the political and social refugees of revolutionary countries, where would we be? Someone has to lose, and why should it always be us?

People speak of the communist threat with regard to the rest of Latin America. Where have they gotten? There have been no serious repercussions from the small amount of communist infiltration in Latin America. On the contrary, most of the Latin American countries are not interested; they reject Castro. They have too many socio-economic problems of their own to work out before they can even contemplate such a radical change as the communist ideal (so-called) proposes. So why worry about Cuba? The Soviet Union has taken away their soldiers and nuclear warheads and are becoming a bit tired of spending millions on the ideas and problems of the Cuban government. They seem to get no returns and only help to enlarge their own social and economic problems.

For the first time in years we are getting along with the Russians, so why spoil it over an island that the Russians would not risk all-out war over? Why should we be the ones to antagonize our peaceful co-existence with the Soviets? If the Cubans wish to be communistic, let them! I know I sound sold, insincere and selfish, but I am being realistic. We lost our opportunity to gain back Cuba for the refugees, so let us resign ourselves to the fact that for the present and the immediate future Cuba, with Castro, is here to stay.

I am hardly saying that we would never be able to assist in the regaining of Cuban freedom for the Cuban people. I hope that the opportune time comes when the United States can assist the Cubans to regain their freedom. Revolution might occur under even greater socio-economic stress than exists or had existed when Castro took over. It would be then that correctly delegated aid, military and economic, would possibly release Cuba of Castro and communistic bonds. Only then might we be able to do some constructive good, but half-hearted attempts are a waste of time, energy, resources and money which could be used for better purposes. "Watchful waiting" is the term to be considered now. Let us hope we try it!

The Guilfordian requests that all letters to the Editor, announcements, and all other contributions be typed, double-spaced, and on one side of the sheet only. Thank you.

The Guilford Profile



Our Student Profile for this week presents Sam Scott, the recently elected president of the senior class. Sam is a biology major, and plans to go on to medical school. He is a Dana scholar. He has been active for some time in the Student Government, presently serving on the MSC and in the Student Legislature. Sam lists his hobbies as listening to good music and playing tennis . . .

And where you going in that snappy coat, Sam?

Room Service



Two enterprising young capitalists on the Guilford campus have set up a unique way to make money. They are cleaning rooms for the men students about the dorms on weekends at fifty cents a shot.

Mike Harrison and Chuck Heath relate that their service was originally set up because of "disagreements" with their folks about the size of their allowances. Now, they say, they clear from four to six dollars a week.

The boys operate under a well-organized system. Fellows that want their rooms cleaned contract with Mike and Chuck on Friday afternoons, and the cleanings are done Saturday afternoon. The job includes sweeping the floor, then mopping with Texize; dusting the

shelves and rugs; and cleaning the sink and mirror with Ajax. They are able to take care of about twenty rooms every weekend.

A special May Day Weekend service was set up for the open house on Saturday. Contracts were made on Wednesday and cleaning was done on Thursday and Friday.

Mike Harrison is a freshman from Greensboro, and Chuck Heath is a sophomore from Murfreesboro.

"The boys like it," Mike says. "We've had a good response." And Chuck quickly adds, "We like the extra spending money, too."

As editor of the *Guilfordian*, I wish to express my sincere appreciation to my hard-working staff and especially to my invaluable associate editor, Ted Buddine. Unfortunately, as he is graduating this August, Ted won't be back with us next year. We certainly will miss him but I'm sure that he will be a big success at law school.

All those students that wish to work for the *Guilfordian* next year should contact me as soon as school starts in September.

—CHRIS BROWNE

The Choir Goes North

On the afternoon of Saturday, the fourth of April, the Guilford College A Cappella Choir bid the campus *au revoir* and set out on the first leg of its annual spring tour which was to carry it into eleven states. With thirty-five members in all—including twenty-seven choir members and woodwind ensemble—the choir began its thirty-eighth annual touring season. It was under the direction of Mr. Carl C. Baumbach and assistant director Jerry Smyre.

The choir traveled approximately 2500 miles to bring its all-religious repertoire to eight different churches. Church concerts were given in Salem, Va., Trenton, N. J., Garnerville, N. Y., Cumberland, R. I., Keene, N. H., Landsdowne, Pa., Pitman, N. J., and Newport News, Va. A concert was also given at Friends Academy on Long Island. The various denominations of the churches in which the choir sang included Friends, Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, Episcopal, and United Church of Christ.

The choir received enthusiastic audiences at all points; however, after reflecting on the entire trip, the enthusiasm of one individual in particular stands out. Bus-driver Thomas Caudle, affectionately known as "Tom," was approached by a gentleman whose eye had been caught by the name of the choir printed in big red and black letters on each side of the bus. The man looked at him and asked in a very serious tone, "Was this choir named after Roy Campanella?" It was at this point on our journey that we felt a stinging, but amusingly real, feeling of being in New York City. Actually, we were.

Unique Service

A unique service was held in the Moon Room on Sunday, April 26, as a creative outlet for student expression. At 10:15 a few students and faculty members met for a reading from Isaiah and a short sermon by Paula Michelove.

Miss Michelove told of a voice which challenged that Isaiah lacked insight into man's basic nature. Unless man first reforms the swords of evil inside himself, she said, he can never beat his swords into plowshares permanently. In a prophet and a leader of men something more than impersonal direction is needed; he must also have understanding and compassion for those whom he leads.



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The Senator

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The Communist Castro regime in Cuba today continues to present to the United States and to the American world in general a grave threat. We cannot afford to endure this danger to the freedom and security of our Latin American neighbors. We must be constantly alert to take advantage of every opportunity to weaken or overthrow this tyrant.

Ever since the victory of the Castro forces on New Year's Day, 1959, the Cuban government has been carrying on an intensive campaign of sabotage and subversion against neighboring governments. The situation is particularly dangerous in Venezuela, Haiti, and the Dominican Republic. Cuban-trained infiltrators labored mightily to subvert Venezuela's first free election in forty years last fall, and while they have been temporarily frustrated they continue to threaten the stability of a notoriously unstable government. Haiti, scarcely thirty miles from Cuba, labors under a repressive dictatorship kept in power by superstition and intimidation, and unrest there is growing. Such a political situation offers Communism a golden opportunity to "liberate" Haiti in the name of Karl Marx. The still immature government of the Dominican Republic, only recently freed from the tenacious grasp of the Trujillos, is one of the main targets of the Castro-sponsored revolutionaries.

Cuba today still harbors at least 4,000 Russian Communist "technicians," who have been building up Cuba's military strength greatly. There are presently no less than twenty-four missile sites on the island armed with about 5,000 Russian-built SA-2 missiles carrying nuclear warheads. These installations the Russians intend to turn over completely to Cuban control within the week. At least one American U-2 plane has already been shot down over Cuba. Other weapons in the Cuban arsenal include several dozen Frog tactical missiles for battlefield use, Komar guided-missile patrol boats, and Golem-2 underwater missiles planted off the Cuban coast and aimed at U. S.

Fidel Castro and his cohorts have in the past shown themselves to be dangerously arrogant, irresponsible, and reckless. Castro himself is said to exhibit paranoiac tendencies, such as his notorious logorrhea.

It is such cold facts as these that prompted Senator Goldwater's well known urgings that United States forces "turn on the water" when the Guantanamo supplies were cut off. The significance of this proposal does not lie in the intrinsic value of the water supply itself—it was well known in advance that Guantanamo could easily subsist without this supply—but in the opportunity that was offered us to take effective action against Castro with a reasonable degree of plausibility. It is just such offenses that we must be alert to exploit if we are ever to rid the hemisphere of this threat to our security.

It is dangerously naive to consider any kind of permanent accommodation or resignation to such a bitter enemy to everything the United States holds dear and is trying to accomplish for our Latin American neighbors.

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