

Letter to Editor

"My Generation" By Spiro Agnew

Dear Editor,

On November 20, Vice-President Spiro Agnew once again attacked the news media. This time it was newspapers. He also made an attempt to explain some of his previous statements on youth and on the other news media.

He very carefully explained his feelings on censorship of the press: "I am opposed to censorship of television or the press in any form. I don't care whether censorship is imposed by government or whether it results from the management in the choice and the presentation of the news by a little fraternity having similar social and political views. I am against censorship in all forms." Well, at least, we can be reassured that he is against censorship.

ATTACKS TIMES AND POST

He went on to attack THE NEW YORK TIMES and the WASHINGTON POST, saying that they are monopolies including other news media. His call for public awareness of this situation should be well taken, but it must be legal for them to exist as such. The lambasting did not stop here. The NEW YORK TIMES, he said, saw fit not to print the story on how 300 Congressmen and 59 Senators endorsed Nixon's Vietnam policy. However, it seems that the story did appear and was followed up with several other stories, but the first one did not make the early edition which reaches Washington, but it did get in a later edition that day. Agnew went on attacking the format of the TIMES. But here there seems to be a remnant of that logical fallacy, "poisoning the well."

AGNEW DEFENDS SELF

Agnew then continued to defend himself saying that it was his generation who brought us out of the depression, (and got us into...). He praised the "millions of young Americans in this generation (who) have shown valor and courage and heroism in fighting..." in Vietnam, like those of his generation who invaded "Normandy and the Philippines." Yes, our courageous young men have been taught to kill, to channel their courage through the trigger of a gun, and to save the world's freedom. "But whatever freedom exists today in Western Europe and Japan exists because hundreds of thousands of young men in my generation are lying in graves in North Africa and France and Korea and a score of islands in the Western Pacific." So, Americans, we can be confident to know that our Vice-President, who like his generation, is courageous and is a leader of men who is "still on the job" of bringing Americans out of the 1930's "Depression."

USE COURTS AGAINST DISSENTERS

About the youth of today, Agnew said that "they are our sons and daughters. They contain in their numbers many gifted, idealistic, and courageous young men and women, but they also list in their numbers an arro-

gant few who march under flags and portraits of dictators, who intimidate and harass university professors..." He also said that his generation dealt with those types with courts, now we should do the same.

Our Vice-President is rather insecure and not at all confident of himself, let alone his position. He is trying to build himself up by the merits, or demerits (depending upon your viewpoint) of his generation. If he is so confident of our "millions of young Americans" fighting and supporting the war then why does he mention the others at all, since he does have these and the rest of the silent majority behind him.

UNIVERSITY REFORMS

Agnew goes on to quote Arnold Beichman, about "young Jacobins" in our schools who "have cut down university administrators, forced curriculum changes, halted classes, closed campuses and set a nation-wide chill of fear through the university establishment." So fellow students, we now know that we are leading a "Reign of Terror" in the academic world and beyond. Realistically these curriculum changes have probably been long overdue, the administrators most likely deserved the harassment, since a good many administrators lack any insight into the education (in the true sense) of students and of faculty and always attempt to interfere omnisciently into academic and intellectual freedom. But we cannot look at the good points of these great steps in the advancement of education, because it is sending a "chill of fear through..." those in the administrations of colleges who are afraid and insecure like those in our country's administration, who are also afraid of progress towards a more sane, a more tolerant, and a more humane world.

Just think President Nixon chose Spiro Agnew to represent him and the United States.

Jeff Bloom

Library Displays Art From Dillard Collection

Thirty selections from The Dillard Collection of Art Works done on paper are on display in the Guilford College library until December 10.

The Dillard Collection consists of 88 original art works done on paper by American artists. They were purchased at annual exhibitions of such art works held each fall at the Weather- spoon Art Gallery at UNC-G.

This traveling show is the second such show organized from the Dillard Collection. The previous exhibit toured six South-eastern states for two years.

O'Neill Tells of Ireland, Politics

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Moderates are the eternal losers. The left wing accuses them of being sluggish and the right wing accuses them of being radical extremists. Nobody loves them.

Captain Terrence O'Neill is the classic example of the ill-fated moderate.

A man with 21 years experience in public life, he was forced to resign from his post as Prime Minister of Northern Ireland because he tried to bring about civil reform and to reconcile the opposing factions in the religious struggle in his country.

O'Neill is a low key, extremely intelligent man. He speaks with confidence. He handles all varieties of the news media with an air of self assurance that is enviable.

Membership in British Parliament either makes or breaks a man. It has definitely made Captain O'Neill.

Last Friday in the series of press conferences, seminars, and speeches, Capt. Terrence O'Neill discussed the history and nature of the problems which face his nation.

HISTORY

Northern Ireland is a province of Great Britain which is about the size of the state of Connecticut. It has a population of 1 1/2 million people.

Northern Ireland was colonized by the British about the same time as the colony in Virginia was started.

The Irish were traditionally Catholic before the British plantation in Ulster, a province of Ireland. The British planters and the Scotch settlers in Northern Ireland were Protestant.

The difference in religious traditions has caused conflict for almost 300 years.

Recently, the conflicts erupted again and there were riots and bombings in Belfast, the capital of Northern Ireland.

The Catholics claimed that the Protestants discriminated against them in employment and housing because of their religion.

Protestants reacted violently to the Catholic demonstrations, the two factions polarized, and virtual war broke out in the city. Finally British troops were called into restore peace.

CIVIL RIGHTS REFORM

O'Neill attempted to bring about reforms in voting procedure, housing and employment. He managed to push the one man-one vote rule though Parliament, but with each reform he gained more and more enemies until he no longer had the support of his party.

Until O'Neill's voting reform measure was passed, only land-owners and their wives could vote in municipal elections. The Catholics do not own property, so they were effectively blocked from having a voice in the Northern Ireland government.

HOUSING

Housing in Northern Ireland is a tremendous problem. The Catholics and Protestants live in segregated areas. Their customs, life styles and holidays are different, and they do not really want to be integrated.

The Protestants own most of the land and they are discriminatory in their rental practices. Since O'Neill resigned, a Central Housing Authority for all of



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Ulster has been created to alleviate the problems of housing shortages and rent discrimination.

SCHOOLS

The Irish Catholics believe that their children should only be educated in private Catholic schools. Therefore, the schools are almost completely segregated by religion.

The British government subsidizes both the public school system and the private Catholic school system.

BRITAIN INTERVENES

Most of the reforms which O'Neill tried to put through Parliament have now been made by the London Parliament. The people are being forced to accept the changes which they censured O'Neill for attempting to make.

O'Neill said that during his administration he often referred to the masses of people who did not make their opinions known. He was sure that they supported his policies.

During the last election he was proven wrong. His nominees for offices only removed three extremists from their positions. This was not enough to prove the support which he had been claiming.

RIOTS

"The riots last May were worse than anything Northern Ireland has seen in many years" he stated. "The government at Ulster could not have controlled the situation."

British troops were called in to maintain peace and they are still there. O'Neill stated that he believes that it will many years before they can be withdrawn.

Captain O'Neill commented on



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United States Vice President Spiro Agnew's indictment of the press. He said that the newsmen cannot create a situation, but they can accentuate it.

"Violence and dissention attract newsmen like ground bait thrown in a river attracts fish." According to Captain O'Neill the riots have not affected the general populace anymore than in Berkley or the Sorbonne.

EXTREMISTS

O'Neill is very critical of the extremists on both sides of the religious conflict. He described Protestant ultra-conservative Ian Paisley as a "very effective rabble rouser and a very effective money making machine."

According to Captain O'Neill, everytime Paisley makes a speech, he sends around plastic buckets for the audience to put money in. He even did this when he came to the United States.

O'Neill said, "Paisley is a demagogue of the very worst type. He is a charlatan. He just wants power and money."

O'Neill's criticism was not limited to the protestant extremists. He also criticized Bernadette Devlin, a young revolutionary Catholic who was elected to the British Parliament.

"She wants to be a martyr. She is a Joan of Arc type who has publically stated that she wants to be dead before she is twenty-five." He added, "I don't honestly think she has contributed anything to the very, very, difficult Irish situation."

RESIGNATION

Captain O'Neill said that the reason he resigned after six years is that he no longer had the support of his party. He wanted to get out before the radical wing of his party could come into power.

"I was a political outcast," he said. I lost the support of the Protestants without gaining the support of the Catholics."

Language Test Now Given By National Center

The Graduate Record Examinations Board has announced that, beginning this fall, the Graduate School Foreign Language tests in French, German, Russian and Spanish will be administered nationally at centers established by Educational Testing Service.

The tests, which are constructed and administered by Educational Testing Service under policies set by the Graduate Record Examinations Board, provide a means through which graduate schools may test foreign language reading proficiency as a part of their advanced degree requirements.

Instead of the institutional administrations through which the tests have been given in the past, all candidates will submit their registration forms and fees directly to Educational Testing Service in Princeton, N.J., for one of the five test administrations each year.