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# The Daily Tar Heel Editorial Page

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## across the desk . . .

Well, it is with a sigh of relief and a lot of congratulations and condolences that we turn from the political arena toward the books and sun bathing for the remainder of the quarter. It was a lotta fun whether the candidates won or lost. Perhaps the defeated candidates will adopt a fatalistic philosophy and perhaps they will take a leaf from Ferebee Taylor's and Louis Harris' book. There's a great deal of work to be done around here so it may be that you can form an OSCD of your own.

Memorial hall overflowed election eve for the CPU's first speech of the spring quarter. There were many who expressed disappointment at Mr. Henderson's speech and then there were those who felt it to be the first speech of the year during which you had to think to be able to understand what was being said. Regardless of what opinions are being batted about the campus, Leon Henderson's address goes down as one of the meatiest of the year.

Rumor has it that UP politicians have been in cahoots with the bigwigs of Caldwell hall. That landslide was more than a mere accident; it was political science to the n'th degree.

Graham Memorial Thursday night looked somewhat like a combination of the United States Congress and the Stock Exchange in its better days. Only Boss Cochrane knows why the peanuts; they certainly were the last touch to the dignity that prevailed.

Heard in the Dormitories: "What happened to the Baby-Esquire?" Awakening from our usual apathy, we heard for the first time the Baby-Esquire versus two mags controversy discussed around the polls Thursday with sides being taken both ways, some desiring two mags next year, some favoring a Baby-Esquire Combination of the two. Into the pot of the combination versus two mags, has also been added the humor mag runoff next week between Gleicher and McKinnon. Next move will probably be by the campus which, if indications are right, will either solidify in opinion behind the two present mags, or a Baby-Esquire combination.

If opinion asks the status-quo to be preserved, then we will have two separate editors next year. If Baby-Esquire comes out on top, then next year's Mag editor Sylvan Meyer and the winner of the Tar an' Feathers runoff will probably ask the legislature, the PU board, or the students to select one of the two as main Editor and the other as his paid Assistant Editor, all in the interests of a combination magazine. Write your congressman now!

Labor's big boss will be presented from the platform of Memorial hall by the Carolina Political Union this Thursday night. William H. Davis isn't just labor's big boss, he's Dr. Frank's boss as well.

For the many who neither understand labor's problems nor the problems of the administration in Washington as regards labor, this is a real opportunity to get the information you want from the First Lord of Labor. The question period should be pretty lively. All in all, we predict a full house for one of the best presentations of the year.

NOTES ON THE WORKSHOP'S SPRING FESTIVAL SPEAKERS: Paul Green, Carolina's own Pulitzer Prize Playwinner will act as interlocutor in the Workshop's opening night Panel Discussion of the Spring Festival. He will be the man to snap the questions to our country's leading artists on the controversial topic, "The Artist in Wartime." The "Quiz Kids" are James Boyd, romantic novelist and radio pioneer; Clare Leighton, Lady Friend of Sir Stafford Cripps of England and India, and is England's leading woodcut artist; Lee Simonson, Scene designer, founder, and one of the Director's of New York's master Theatre Guild; and Dr. Clarence Adler, concert pianist and teacher of many "greats" who is responsible for the Workshop Chairman's son, Dick Adler, who agrees with many that it must have been an accident. . . .

Does the NYA program benefit the government to the extent the expenses would if invested in some, other way? A large number of NYA students have and will become naval officers, and the leaders of tomorrow will be, in part, products of the NYA.

## Letter

# Lewis Condemns Writer Of '34,000 Lost at Bataan'

To the Editor:

When Axis propaganda invades the very pages of the Daily Tar Heel it is time that some definite action be taken. Throughout all of last year when the Tar Heel had a definite isolationist editorial policy, there was not one editorial which even approached, either in outright lies or in utter stupidity, the complete brashness of Tuesday's editorial, *34,000 Lost at Bataan*.

Without even blushing this editorial declares that the President has "soothed" us. After stating that many have looked at this war as an "interesting little national adventure," which is all too true, the writer goes on to prove that he is not only one of the worst of these but is also a victim and a disseminator of the fact that they have no equipment are accomplishing miracles. *This excuse outdoes Hitler's excuses to his people.* After this unadulterated lie, he asks why they haven't equipment and why were men placed in war zones without it. Well, people have been living in the Philippines for a long time, and the great bulk of both the Philippine people and the Philippine army were placed

## in dubious battle . . .

By Jack Dube

FLASH: A dutch warship disguised as an island escapes from the blockade around Java . . . this makes the old one about who you would rather be marooned with on a desert island fraught with meaning. . . .

HILL-HIGHLITES: Jack Breakstone called up WC for a date last weekend (forgetting about their vacation) and had a five-minute talk (long-distance) with the janitor on the relative merits of coeds and WC-ians. . . . A Carolina man was holding up some steward in front of the Washington-Dook Tavern last weekend when one of his profs passed by in a car. "Ours or theirs," said the prof. "Theirs," said the Carolina Gentleman. "Good," said the ideal prof, "and drove on. . . . Tony Anthony is starting a movement to abolish the woman's council . . . not a bad plan in lite of the circumstances. . . . The DTH Election party was no party for quite a few of the boys . . . many a candidate (harassed by the thought of an 8:30) went to bed before all the votes were in . . . and woke up screaming. . . . Connie Grigsbee and associates have made a beach resort out of the lawn in front of Smith . . . it sure ain't like the old days. . . . Tiny Hutton can't understand it, he applied for a job with Air Corps to fly a pursuit ship . . . and they refused him. . . . Then there is the guy who tears thru the mass of humanity at the "Y" at tenthirty, squirms his way up to the counter, orders and gets . . . a glass of water. . . .

SHADES OF SARAH BERNHARDT: Will the girl who lost the Tangee Theatrical Red lipstick in No. 2 please call at our office and receive the same. . . .

DANSATIONS: Everybody goes to the dances now hoping to get a peek at the fellow in the "Zoot-Suit" who appeared at the Frosh-Soph dance last week-end. . . . The Rangoon Rattle should send a bid to Sir Stafford Cripps . . . teach him to jitterbug those Indian troubles away. . . .

OUT OF THE MOUTHS: Irvine Smith: "They can't have a revolution after the war in this country . . . it's against the law" . . . thud. . . . A famous Latin Scholar: "How about doing away with eight-thirty classes on Saturday in order to conserve man-hours. . . . superpoint. . . . Elbert Hutton (Again?) says he has his tents made by Omar. . . . It's the talk of the class . . . Bucky Harward fell asleep . . . in Editorial writing. . . . COED CRACKS: Meet you in Woolen 208. . . .

there by none other than God or the stork, whichever way you like to put it. There have been no men recently "placed" in the Philippines.

Anyone who has read a newspaper during the last nine years and especially the last three years knows that the President has continually warned us of our danger. He has fought with amazing courage against blind isolationists who called him everything from "Dictator" to an international war-monger whose life ambition was to plunge us into "England's war." Every effort he made was met with a barrage of blind lies, hate, and indefatigable asininity.

It was in his first administration that Roosevelt pleaded for the fortification of such islands as Guam. Yet this writer has the unbelievable brass to blame our defeats on him. Our dangerous position today is due almost solely to the isolationists, lie spreaders, Roosevelt haters, and a general collection of fools just like the writer of this editorial himself.

He continues: "Governmental officials are comparing Bataan to the Alamo. Every man, woman, and child fought to the death in the Alamo; Thirty-four thousand men surrendered to the enemy on Bataan with the comparative safety of Corrigidor only five miles away."

One little thing we forgot was to build a bridge to Corrigidor so that our men could cross. Of course the bridge would be a draw-bridge complete with portcullis so that we could raise it when the Japs started to cross it. Then we also forgot to invent a substitute for food—34,000 people can't live on the Tar Heel's imagination. Then there's some foolish old military theory about not running away from the enemy without resisting.

This, however, is mere ambrosia compared with "Hundreds of merchantmen are being sunk on our front door steps and the only reply that the government gives us is to buy more bonds so we can build more ships. We have only heard of a very few subs being sunk off our shores. What's the navy doing?"

There can be no doubt that the "we" (which I am responsible for italicizing) is the editorial "we." I'll tell our writer one thing the navy isn't doing and never will—even to satisfy him: they are not releasing statements every time they sink a sub. No decent navy ever does release such reports. They do, however, release totals for two or three months which can be found in the files of the periodical department in the library by those who were too busy criticizing our war-effort to see what we were actually doing.

The writer then says we're tired of being told to wake up. Yet he is snoring so raucously that he can't hear his own alarm clock. "It is as much our duty to criticize the faults of the government as it is the soldier's duty to fight." So far we've had from this editorial no criticisms of the faults but only of the good qualities of our government—as well as an editorialist's shameless display of his abject ignorance and poverty of thought process.

Finally, I should like to ask: who took this writer's lollipop away from him? He's indignant about privileges which have never been taken away from him though in his case they should be. "We are going to bed and cry for relief from our antagonists; we are going to try in vain to shut our eyes and forget our duties, but the radio, the newspaper, . . . the government, and even our roommates are going to wield the whip of duty across our backs." Crack!

Yours truly, Fred Lewis.

## it happens here . . .

2:30—Benefit tennis matches and fashion show will be held at tennis courts.

5:00—Shaw Choral Society sings in Hill Music hall.

8:30—Playmakers present last performance of "George Washington Slept Here."

Charles Rufus Morey, Marquand professor of art and archaeology at Princeton University will be a member of the summer session faculty on the Los Angeles campus of the University of California.

## THE WAR WON'T WIN ITSELF . . . EN COPRE SANO . . .

THIS IS WAR!

These three words don't mean very much. Think back in your mind as you read them. You've seen them so many times in the past four months that they are almost without meaning.

In the case of many of us, war never had meaning. It is difficult to explain war by mere words. And it is even more difficult to imagine we Americans as a defeated nation.

Conceive, if you can, an America without its cherished freedoms. Freedoms which are so much a part of our everyday life that we take them for granted. Life as a conquered people would be a hazy dream of better days, a search for something to eat and a prayer for relief from our suffering. But this can't happen here, oh no—not here in America. They wouldn't attack us, not us.

But strange enough, we have been attacked and the danger is upon us. The seriousness of the situation grows by the minute, but don't worry, nothing can happen to us, we're Americans.

The attitude of the American public seems to be: Let the war take care of itself and we'll take care of ourselves. As a matter of fact, it has been found that war is an ideal time to take care of yourself. And all the boys are climbing on the gravy train.

Workers, capitalists, industries and politicians, I didn't grace them by calling them statesmen, are all getting into this war effort with both hands—palm upward.

With their eyes on the coming elections instead of the state of the nation, congress refused to pass the bill eliminating the closed shop and 40-hour week.

While there is a desperate urgency for production speed-up and the letting of more war contracts, congressmen take up the time of defense officials with constituent pleasing public utility schemes.

Despite a shortage of labor, WPA projects for beautifying and improving certain state and city properties are still being carried on. WPA doesn't have the labor nor is there any need for the improvement, but the money still goes from war contracts into parks, monuments and statuary.

Funds are being asked to continue CCC activities. The pampered young men in the CCC might well be in the armed services or in war production where they are needed.

Production is still hampered by strikes, despite promises that they would cease. Speed-up is tied in knots by the red tape of labor unions. In the ship yards paint spraying guns can't be used. Instead, days are added to the launching time while union painters apply the coats by hand. Two helpers stand around while a third person works. Steel workers in ship yards have to bide their time while carpenters are found who can erect the scaffolding from which they will work.

Business is getting its share of the war profits and labor is not going to be left out. Government bureaus created to meet a longpast depression still continue to grab for themselves money which is needed for armaments.

And when the fight against the Axis begins to go badly politicians and business will begin to bellow and place blame. The laborer will tell how much he has been doing and probably mention that if the soldiers had done half as much they would have won the war in a couple of months.

But if things go on the way they are, no one will have to worry. Without equipment and without armaments, the best soldiers in the world couldn't beat back the Nazis in Russia nor keep invaders from our coast.—University of Washington Daily.

Most faculty-discussed plank of the Emergency Committee was that one inserted after there had been some student discussion on the campus concerning last quarter's CVTC, and also the influx of the Naval Cadets in May. At the time it was inserted, the CVTC still had the extra exercise requirement to fulfill. Since then the CVTC has been exempted from the requirement, but we believe it wise for the Emergency Committee to have included it as another point for candidates to have taken a pro or con stand upon.

For one, it killed at the root the mild question as to the benefits of physical education. All but one of the candidates that included the point in their platform professed their belief in the present system, and some even asked for the required number of hours to be raised.

We are already familiar with the arguments of the boys who resent interrupting their activities to trot down to the gym twice a week. In the face of the Naval Cadet's full time program of physical education we believe, that as it is, the students are being required very little to indulge in physical activity twice a week for one hour. Especially at a time of a national war-effort, it seems foolish to us to quibble about the minimum required hours.

If anything, we would be in favor of five hours a week of physical education for the duration if the men down in the physical education department could see their way possible. In this matter, we know that they have probably already considered the problem and that they are more qualified to answer it than we are able to.

## NYA'S CONTRIBUTION . . .

Last November, Congress cut NYA funds to meet rising defense costs and self-help students here underwent a period of anxiety as did other students throughout the nation. If your memory can reach into the past fall, the campus rose behind the cause of the NYA students, and soon the necessary funds were raised. Now a new menace arises. Senator McKellar has introduced a bill to Congress proposing the abolition of the National Youth Administration in its entirety. There were 285 NYA students at the University last quarter, and the elimination of NYA students throughout the country is likely to impede the US Naval Reserves program to enlist 80,000 college freshmen and sophomores a year.

A careful estimate of University expenses for one year for a state resident shows that the NYA student has a bill of \$540, and he makes about \$160 from his job which is designated by University officials. The average NYA student's parents have an annual income of \$1,430. Without NYA funds, the students could not possibly remain in school.

The Naval Reserves new V-1 program makes no financial provisions for the students enrolled in it, most of whom intend to see action in the navy, but they have to take courses similar to the work taken in naval training centers. A comparatively large number of NYA students are the foundation of the reserves program, and the NYA students comprise a significant portion of the nation's college men.

The scholastic average for the group last quarter was C plus, 113 made the Honor Roll, and 17 had all-A records. The most potent argument for the continuation of the NYA program is the fact that the students being assisted will undoubtedly benefit the country many times over the cost of their education. Their scholastic average is evidence of future usefulness. If NYA students were forced to leave school, the country would lose a large number of potential navy officers.

The question confronting Congress is this:

