

Mills-Stones

The Press Doesn't Always Give a True Picture

By Barron Mills

If I had been a devout Henry Wallace fan before the past weekend, I would not be one today. If I had believed in the "sincere" methods of Henry Wallace and his backers before the Wallace Rally here, I would not believe in it now. If, before the past weekend, I had a soft spot for Wallace because his "heart is in the right place" that soft spot has hardened.

Because I wanted to learn more about Wallace and his campaign for the presidency, I attended the initial meeting of the Rally. With three Daily Tar Heel colleagues I entered the fourth floor of Alumni where the meeting was in process. I saw a group of some 130 people. They talked, they laughed and they clapped when the word "Russia" was defended. A favorite sport was not to answer in a straight-from-the-shoulder fashion but to rationalize. When a question was raised about the policies of Russia and her conduct in Europe the same old thing happened. The answer would inevitably be: "But look at us! Look down there in the Caribbean. What are we, or rather the Sugar Kings, doing down there in Puerto Rico?"

One young man, whom we tagged as being from Duke since he later announced that he wished to speak with all the delegates from Duke, said it is incorrect to say that Russia has overrun Poland. Why, he had been there himself and he saw only a few Russians around. Right in Palestine there are more British than there are Russians in Poland!

Somehow this statement by the Duke delegate does not gibe with what I have heard others who visited Poland on UNRRA ships say. And his statement sharply clashes with the recent book by a former American Ambassador, Arthur Bliss Lane. Writing under the title, I saw Poland Betrayed, Mr. Lane tells of the farce election of January 1947. Poles who did not toe the Communist line were intimidated. Previously, The Soviet Union had urged the Polish underground forces to revolt against the conquering Nazis in 1944 and then made sure the uprising was quelled by Germany, with the "sole intent of imposing a Soviet-controlled government upon Poland when the time was ripe."

These are only a few of the the contradictory questions that were brought up by the Wallacites who will go back to their campuses to form Wallace clubs. Every person that entered the room without a blue button was approached and asked if he wanted to register. We answered in the negative. The second time we were approached, we were asked if we wished to sign the guest register. Again our answer was in the negative. The usher was then informed by a friend that we were members of the fourth estate. On her third return she asked us to pin a tag on us that labeled us as the press. Evidently everyone had to be classified to be able to sit in on the meeting.

One member of the Administration resisted every approach of the ushers and finally, in order to encourage them to stop making trips over bothering him, he informed them, "If you want to throw me out of here bring your bouncer on over—because it's gonna take one to get me outta here!" This administrator, a young man wearing a blue button told us, was jutting down the name of every person that arose to speak.

During the meeting I sensed that I was one of those members of the press which they talked about over and over again—the press which did not always present a true picture of what was happening. Later we learned that everything went off swell "except for the administration and the press."

From the minute I entered the room I felt that the group had a chip on its shoulder. The members seemed to believe that they were going to be investigated by the FBI. And when they finally asked me to pin on a "Press" tag, it made me believe that they were afraid that some Wallacite would talk out of turn if I asked any of them a question.

We did not go to any of the panel discussion groups that were conducted by "experts." After reading the account of them (See PRESS, page 4)

Politics-- State and National

The long-awaited Young Democrats club on campus promises to prove a worthwhile organization and one which will prove interesting to watch. The YDC appeared less than 10 days ago and already it has elected its officers and has a planned program for today.

Jonathan Daniels, editor of the News and Observer and a man who has been proclaimed possessor of one of the most vivid minds in the South today, will be the initial YDC-sponsored speaker of the year.

It will be interesting to watch the Democratic party in the State in the 1948 elections. The State elections prove to be even more exciting than usual with Kerr Scott's, the man who has taken several sure steps toward the Capitol, entry into the gubernatorial race. Now with President Truman's strong declaration on the Civil Rights report and because he has plummeted from popularity, it is very unlikely that Truman will carry the Democratic ticket in this State.

An observer at the Jefferson-Jackson Day dinner last Saturday night at the Sir Walter hotel in Raleigh claims that the people who supported Mr. Truman were few and far between. At least 50 of the people he talked with at the dinner said that they would not vote for Truman in '48. The consensus was that North Carolina will go Republican greater than it did against Al Smith.

It will be interesting to hear Mr. Daniels opinion on the presidential and national election and his tie-in with the State politics.

Write Away

In Prague: Freedom of Thought?

Letters submitted to the Write Away column must be double-spaced, typewritten, and shall not exceed 300 words. All contributions must contain signature, telephone number, and address of the author. (Names will be withheld upon request.) Letters which contain obscene or libelous statements or letters which do not comply with these stipulations will not be published.

Editor:

In his column in Friday's "Daily Tar Heel" Mr. Bill Robertson quotes from a letter which was sent from the Governor-General of a province to the students of a university under his jurisdiction. He cites this as a parallel to what he calls "an attempt to surpass the democratic ideas that honest students have developed" by members of the Board of Trustees of the University of North Carolina.

Mr. Robertson need not have gone back to the middle of the last century to find some evidence of an attempt to dictate to the students of universities as to the lines which their thinking should follow. There was ample evidence to be found in last week's newspapers. Let Mr. Robertson ask the students of the University of Prague how much freedom of thought they now have under their new government. I will quote from a statement made by Zdenek Nedzedy, the new education minister, "schools must be made political just as the army must be political." He also said that new textbooks would be prepared for Czechoslovakia. Since Mr. Robertson has often expressed his admiration for what he calls "the Eastern European democracies" he probably will find no fault with the statement made by the new education minister of Czechoslovakia.

I am forced to suspect the motives of men like Mr. Robertson and Henry Wallace. They denounce the Marshall Plan as interference in the internal affairs of sovereign nations, yet neither Mr. Robertson nor Mr. Wallace has protested Russia's taking over country after country. Neither has protested against the suppression of all liberties in the countries which have been taken over by Russia. Both Mr. Robertson and Mr. Wallace disagree with the foreign Pi Phi's who accommodated our

policy of this country, if either of them has expressed disapproval of the brutal, unscrupulous practices of Russia it has escaped my notice.

I would be the first to admit that our country, our state, and our university are not perfect. Much needs to be done. Imperfect as they are, they are far superior to anything to be found in Russia, or in any of the Russian satellite countries. The individual still counts for something here. He counts for nothing in Russia.

There is a great deal more that I would like to say, but I will try to abide by your limitations concerning the length of letters.

W. G. McCall

Incorrect

I wish to advise that Mr. Paul Mullinax in yesterday's edition of the DTH is quite incorrect in his statement that I approached you on writing a column of conservative news and events, and is therefore also mistaken in his charges that the DTH had formed a policy of not printing material submitted by campus organizations immediately after my imagined session with you.

I am highly flattered at any rate.

Sincerely, Charlie Kauffman

Thanks

The members of Alpha Gamma Delta Sorority wish to express sincere thanks and appreciation to all those who helped us during and after the fire which damaged our house on February 18. We could not have done without the men and women who seeing we needed help swarmed over and removed our furniture and other belongings.

Thanks goes to the fraternities who gave us places to eat that evening and the following morning and also to the other sororities and women's dorms who offered us places to sleep. Special appreciation goes to the Pi Phi's who accommodated our

housemother, Mrs. Clark. The house mothers of Alderman, McEffer, and Smith have been most kind in arranging rooms for the girls who lived in the house.

We hope very soon to resume full activities which would not have been possible without the aid of these many students.

Gamma Epsilon Chapter Alpha Gamma Delta

Guilty

Editor: Apropos of the fine distinction between "discrimination" and "segregation" which you make in the editorial on that subject, in the issue of February 27, I wonder if perhaps you are not guilty of a more serious evil than the one to which you conscientiously admit.

Recourse to Webster's classical work reveals that segregation is a practical consequence of the (mental) act of distinguishing. The latter is the primary denotation of the term "discrimination." The secondary meaning assigned to this term, however, seems to be the one you desire to evade—pardon me—avoid. This is as follows: "A distinction, as in treatment; esp., and unfair or injurious distinction." (In effect): "The arbitrary imposition of a difference in treatment made between persons" etc.

Now I wonder what ingenious interpretation you can give to such terms as "unfair," "unjust," etc., which will except the humiliating segregation of a person on the basis of an hereditary skin characteristic?

Come now, Mr. Editor, let us have no more of this eristic logomachy. Let us rather have the courage of our convictions. If we believe in discriminating amongst human beings on the basis of pigmentation, then let us say so; let us hold our heads up high and announce to our fellow men that we believe in democracy only in so far as it conforms to our prejudices.

M. E. Lean

(Editor's Note: If Mr. Lean has the courage of his convictions, why does he not use "segregation" instead of "discrimination" in his last sentence. Of course, we do not have "Webster's classical work." Our source is an old, 1946 edition Webster's Unabridged dictionary.)

Carousel

Veterans Groups Pulling Together For TEW Measure

By R. Foo Gudiz

Washington, Monday afternoon—Every GI student at UNC may be affected from the results of the National Veterans Housing Conference which is in session here today—if we can gain our objective:

The bringing to the House floor the three-year-old Taft-Ellender-Wagner long-range housing bill, passed last year by the Senate and blatantly ignored for many months by the House.

Nobody's kidding themselves . . . and none of the 2,000 plus delegates from seven national veterans organizations gathered here for the two-day conference hold any illusions of grandeur about how we might march into the Capitol building and angrily demand the passage of the bill . . . but we do hope we can show our congressmen this afternoon how important action on the long-awaited TEW Bill is.

Discounting the business of the meeting itself, it has been rather inspiring to see representatives of all major vet organizations in the country together for a change working in harmony for the same thing . . . wrangling between American Legion, VFW, AVC, AMVETS, etc.

Been rife since War's end . . . and this is the first time we've seen them all get together shoulder-to-shoulder on a common ground . . . proving it can work . . . open sessions of the conference are being held in the stately department of Commerce auditorium under a huge banner "There's No Place Like Home—If You Have One."

Senators Taft and Ellender, authors of the TEW measure, spoke out hopefully on its prospects to the assembled delegates this morning. And Truman and Eisenhower both wired their best wishes, and hopes for our success and resultant TEW enactment . . . one VFW'er came clear from Alaska with an armful of facts and figures to prove the inadequacy of the northern country's igloos . . . though AVC is author of the conference, they represent only about one-third of its delegation, and Congressman Jack Javits (NY) and John Kennedy (Mass.) are acting chairmen.

Now in a few minutes we are all due to get together with our individual congressmen (Carl Durham for us) to try to have them sign a discharge petition to get the measure out on the House floor.

Money? Manage A Movie Star

By Patricia Clary

United Press Staff Correspondent Hollywood—Don Barry may not be able to make a million as a movie star himself, but he thinks he can fix it so somebody else does.

Taking over the usual chores of a talent agent, the cowboy actor has signed a pretty model to a personal contract and is building her for stardom.

"With my 'managed career,' I think she's a cinch to be a star right from the start," Barry said. "This system in which an actor starts out in small parts and gradually works up, that's no good. You're just wearing yourself down while you're working yourself up."

Barry "discovered" Mary Gibbs of Kansas City when he saw her picture in a fashion magazine.

"I was convinced then she was a sure bet for stardom," he said. "She had poise, beauty, glamor and everything. So I called her up in Kansas City and asked her how she'd like to be in the movies."

He Wasn't Kidding "Well, she thought I was kidding. But I was going east anyway, so I flew up to Kansas City to talk to Mary and her parents. She signed a contract the same day."

Now, under Barry's "managed career," Mary visits Republic studio every day to watch him work in "Madonna of the Desert." Barry says that's so she'll get the feel of a movie set.

She takes drama, diction and voice lessons under teachers Barry selects.

Campus Forum

Campus Favors Appeal System

By Pete Gerns

The Campus Forum will today make a prediction. If in the coming Spring elections the student body will be given the choice between retaining and abolishing our appeal system, they will vote for retaining it. We are basing this statement on the result of a poll which this column ran during the past week. According to it a great majority of students are in favor of keeping the appeal.

The sentiment of this majority was: "Let's try to improve our present system, but let's not do away with the appeal." We suggest to the legislators that they get in touch with their constituents before casting

their vote in legislature when this subject will come up next Thursday night.

Opinion is divided between members of our judiciary bodies and students in general. The former advocate abolishing of the appeal system while the latter favor its retention. To get some definite idea of the matter we questioned Bill Tate, and Donleen MacDonald, chairmen of the Men's and Women's council respectively.

Miss MacDonald told us that the Women's Council had not had any appeals in the last two years. She is, however, opposed to an appellate court of students above the council as we have it today and believes that

an appeal should go directly to the faculty. Questioned on whether she would rather have the present system likened to our National court system (with appeal on basis of legality rather than fact) she answered that this seemed to be too technical. "Our Honor system is based on ethics, not legality."

Bill Tate is opposed to our present system of appeal to a higher student-composed council because, in his opinion, this sort of thing works to the detriment of the honor system. "The components of Student Council have neither the better background, nor do they possess greater maturity and experience than the members of Men's council. In fact, they do lack in experience due to the small number of cases they have had to deal with as compared with the lower court." Tate would favor, if necessary, and practical, a court composed of both students and faculty.

We could unfortunately not get in touch with Bob Broughton, chairman of the Student Council. It is our understanding however, that Broughton thinks along the same lines as Tate. We're taking Tate's word for that.

Here comes a note from Bill Crisp, a student in Law school. He agrees with the previous parties that our present system is "ineffective" since there is no substantial distinction between the lower and upper courts. "What is needed is not a re-trial of the case appealed, but a review of the record of the lower trial only (with the Student Council not being aware of the identities of the parties involved). Such a review would be a means of assuring every appellant two invaluable rights which, due to the circumstances involved, he can never receive in the court of first instance: First, his case would be considered without respect to his identity—personality, and therefore, individual prejudice, would be virtually eliminated; second by comparing the appellant's record with the records already on file of similar cases, the appellant is assured of "equal justice under law"; he is entitled to as much, but to no more, consideration as all previous defendants committed the same offense under similar circumstances."

Other student opinion ran as follows:

"Not only does the Student Council offer valuable experience for student leaders, it is conducive to campus cooperation with the Honor code. Self-government is irreplaceable," H. Sieber.

"I am in favor of abolishing this student government system and instituting a new one based on the Federal system," Dave Collins.

"I do not favor abolishing the Student Council—it can be one of the best features of our Student government system," Ernie House.

"I would like to have them take up more interesting problems, such as free love, for instance," Pete Baudry. Question for Friday: "Do you think the DTH would take editorial stands on campus issues?"

Wallace, Negroes and Music

By Bob Sain

The Wallace-for-President convention here over the weekend proved several things: that student support for Wallace is well-organized, that student support is being channeled into practical political action and—most important of all—that Negro and white students can meet on common ground and work together in harmony.

There were a number of Negro students—men and women—present at all convention meetings and there was, of course, no special seating arrangement to segregate them. (Indeed, at least one faculty member offered overnight accommodations to Negro conventioners.)

Certainly this is not the first time that such a democratic gathering has been held in North Carolina, but it is the first that I can remember seeing. It was impressive, so impressive, in fact, that it has caused me to withdraw all of my previous statements against educational segregation at the University of North Carolina. I have said before that I objected to immediate co-racial education on the grounds that it would cause too much of an uproar in the State—thereby cutting down the good all of us could receive from education here. The reactionaries would raise the roof. Southern tradition! they would shriek.

Tradition in this case is synonymous with stupidity. If my fellow southerners are so uncertain of their own worth as to attempt to preserve it by keeping Negroes in virtual slavery, I hereby secede from the Confederacy.

I know that there is no hope of seeing that human decency for which I ask, but I stand for co-

racial education. Right here! Right now!

Music

The record situation isn't even interesting yet. Although boss-man Petrillo's ban on the wax-works is clamped down tighter than a freshman on Friday night, the local record shops haven't decided to go out of business anytime soon.

I look forward, however, to the day when you drive down a rutted country road, park in front of a gray shanty and slip surreptitiously inside for a bootleg Kenton or Krupa.

Will the spirit of the roaring twenties return with dark basement "listeneasies" to replace the speaks?

Speaking of Stanley Kenton, what's all this critical disapproval of the boy with the brass? Attacking the "progressive jazz" gentleman of late are Barry Ulanov (Metronome) and Charles Miller (New Republic). Kenton's been the band of the year for the past two calendars. Proves that it only takes a little success to get the men behind the typewriters on your neck.

Going from the sublime to the ridiculous, I note that yesterday Arthur Godfrey got a request from his eleven ayem CBSHow audience to sing "Too Fat Polka." Godfrey, who boosted that loathsome ditty to the place of one of the most obnoxious hits of the decade, started singing it, couldn't remember the words! More power to him!

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