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FOR THIS ISSUE Night Editor-Rolfe Neill: Sports-Rolfe Neill

The DTH Mast goes up today for the Alpha Phi Omega Service Fraternity and all of its work for the Student Body and the University. APO has taken projects over the past two years that needed a lot of good old-fashioned spit-on-your-hands and pitch-in and-work. And the members of APO have done, often without publicity, things for this campus that needed doing. APO members have, indeed, done their duty . . . and then some.

How About It UNC?

Gerd Wiegand, exchange student from Munich, Germany, is studying city planning at Chapel Hill. He is married and the father of a four-year-old crippled child.

When he was chosen among many competitors to come on a study tour to America, Gerd felt that he was the luckiest man in the world. He was assigned to the group delegated to Chapel Hill, and he states that he has thoroughly enjoyed his studies and the wonderful comradeship of the American boys and girls.

Knowing that his stay in America would end before long, Gerd decided to use the last week-end before leaving Chapel N. J., Thye of Minn., and Tobey. Hill to visit an American friend in Washington. From the money allotted by the American government for his living expenses, he had saved every penny possible, refusing himself many things which seemed like luxuries to him, but which are considered necessities to most Americans. His friend in Washington had promised to help him buy clothes, medicine, and other things to take back to his wife and child.

Gerd had heard from his American friends about hitchhiking, and not wanting to waste any of his precious dollars, he decided to hitch-hike to Washington. With a folder under his arm containing his whole savings of \$125, all his school notes and photographs, and his precious camera, which he used for his studies, he started out on Friday morning to hitch a ride. His first ride got him to Raleigh, but there he had a long wait before three men stopped and took him into their car. They explained that they were sorry not to be able to take him to Washington, but they would drive him about fifty miles out on Route 1. Gerd sat on the back seat, put his top coat, overcoat and precious folder beside him.

After about ten minutes, the boys drove to the back of a supper club on Route 1 and stopped. They invited him to have a sandwich there since he probably would not have a chance to eat later. Two of the boys seemed to go into the back, sandwich section, of the club with him, one explaining he had to make a phone call, the other saying he had to wash his hands, Gerd ordered his sandwich, and from where he sat was able to see the third boy turning the car around. Just then his sandwich arrived and he had eaten it before he noticed that the others still had not returned. When he went out, the car was gone. Gerd waited for some time on the highway, hoping they would return, perhaps having forgotten him. Finally, he asked a passerby to call the police. They came and investigated and brought him back to the bus station, where a by-stander gave him fare to get back to Chapel Hill.

When he was asked why he was so careless to leave his money, camera, etc., in the car of total strangers, he said, "I would never have done it in Germany, but after living in America-Chapel Hill-so many months, I would never have believed it possible for such a thing to happen."

Gerd is due to leave Chapel Hill in a few days with his group, which will be visiting a series of towns on their route before returning to Germany. There still is time to prove to Gerd that for every crook in this country, as, perhaps, everywhere, there are a score of people who are willing and ylad to help one. We feel that Gerd's wife and crippled child should not be denied the fruits of his personal deprivation, and that students and citizens of Chapel Hill should want to do something to dispel a terrible experience. If contributions could be collected by the "Y" for Gerd, he could go back to his fellow Germans with a real life story of America that we could be glad of.

The following gives the position regarding action for funds for Gerd Wiegand, who was robbed last Friday: Alpha Phi Omega, the service fraternity, is arranging a drive for funds to replace Wiegand's losses, which amount in total to about \$450. A booth will be placed in the Y Court on Tuesday and Wednesday from 9 til 1 p. m. at which contributions will be received. Alpha Phi Omega will also arrange collections in the dormitories and fraternities in the evenings. The drive has the full recognition and approval of Chancellor House.

Arrangements have already been made in Chapel Hill for collections in the town by the American Legion and the various service clubs, and it is hoped that by the efforts of all concerned the necessary amount will be raised.

Merry-Go-Round

GOP Conservatives Fight Mr. Hoover

By Drew Pearson

WASHINGTON - Herbert Hoover is angry and hurt at the way Republican senators deserted him on his great engineering plan for government, the Hoover Report.

In private talks with Washington friends and in a talk before the Sales Executives Club in New York, the ex-president complained bitterly about the "pressure groups, paid propagandists, and organized minorities" which killed his reorganization plans in the Senate.

It's the conservative GOP senators who have long held up Herbert Hoover as their symbol of government efficiency. It is also the GOP Senate conservatives who have repeatedly preached government economy. Yet when Hoover worked out a plan to save the government several billions, and President Truman urged its adoption by Congress, it was these same GOP senators who thwarted their ex-leader. On the other hand, liberal Republicans voted with him.

This is the record on the four Hoover plans now stopped by the Senate:

PLAN NO. 1-Transfer functions of the comptroller of the currency to the Secretary of the Treasury. Opposed by the American Bankers As-, sociation and every GOP senator except three-Aiken, Vt.; Lodge, Mass.; and Williams, Del. The GOP leadership, Robert Taft, Ken Wherry, and Gene Millikin, all voted against Hoover.

PLAN NO. 12-Abolish the general counsel of the National Labor Relations Board. Fought by Evans Vs. Kimerling Senator Taft (though he was for it a year before) the National Association of Manufacturers, and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. Only five Republicans voted with Hoover: Aiken and Lodge, Ives, N. Y., Langer, N. D., and Tobey,

PLAN NO. 7-Give executive powers to the chairman of the Interstate Commerce Commission. Bitterly opposed by the Association of American Railroads and the Railway Labor Executives Association. Only two Republicans, Knowland of California and Williams of Delaware, favored it.

PLAN NO. 11-Give the Federal Communications Commission chairman executive authority. Fought by National Association of Broadcasters and American Bar Association. Only eight Republicans voted with Hoover: Aiken, Ives, Knowland, Langer, Lodge, Smith of

Hoover Explains

Explaining his defeat to the Sales Executives Club, Hoover said: "All the pressure groups have got in their work on the reform that would affect them, while they proclaim their endorsement of all the other reforms, I promise you that, before we fail, I shall name by name and describe them (the vested interests) by the use of all the English language of which I am cap-

Note: One outfit that has done a bang-up job for the Hoover Report is the lively Junior Chamber of Commerce. Clifford D. Cooper, the national president, has visited every state, organizing grass-roots pressure for government re-

Balloons To Russia

Theodore H. Sloan of Washington, Pa., who was chief development engineer for the Council of Defense during World War I, has written me a letter about his experiences in floating small balloons into hostile territory-such as Russia.

Mr. Sloan worked out a plan in 1917 for floating balloons into Germany carrying fire bombs to set fire to German forests. Eventually, Woodrow Wilson stopped the plan as inhuman.

"The balloon was about 60 inches in diameter, carrying an automatic ballast tank and release mechanism for the fire bomb," wrote Mr. Sloan. "The balloon would rise to about 60,000 feet, at which point the ballast held it at about this altitude, the prevailing wind causing it to travel easterly at about 100 miles an hour.

"A large number of these mechanisms were built and tested. On one test, 80 were sent up from Nebraska and dummy bombs were dropped along the Atlantic Coast. We had attached a notice of a reward for each dummy bomb returned, and by this means got about 60 per cent

"The whole outfit," continued Mr. Sloan. "can be built for about \$2 each and will carry about 10 cunces of dead weight. It has the following advantages:

"1. It is the cheapest method of transporting printed material into an enemy country.

"2. Human life is not jeopardized.

"3. The balloons are practically invisible at 60,000 feet; therefore, cannot be shot down." Note-Many patriotic Americans have written this columnist offering to help get propa-

ganda balloons into Russia. Merry-Go-Round

American export lines will soon launch two new luxury liners, the SS Independence and the SS Constitution, a tribute to American flag initiative on the high seas. After the war, in view of the world shipping surplus, many predicted no more passenger ships would be built for years . . . A detective has been working under cover in the Senate, posing as an employee, to eatch the bookie who is supposed to be operating there. So far, all the detective has uncovered is one numbers bet . . . Congressman Usher Burdick's bill to investigate payroll abuses by Senate and House members has been quietly shelved by the House Rules committee It would expose too many colleagues . . . Here is a sure-fire cure for absent-minded atomic energy officials who leave secret documents lying around on their desks. They are hauled out of bed and must return to the office and lock the secret papers in a safe. Seldom do they make the same mistake twice . . . The Senate small business committee has discovered that it is powerless because the Senate, in authorizing the committee, neglected to vote it any money or au-



Do Politics And Justice Mix?

By Bob Evans

In last Sunday's Daily Tar Heel there appeared an article by Sol Kimerling criticizing the Student Party for electing as its chairman one who was also a member of the Student Council. Being the one who is centrally involved in the controversy, I should like to state my stand on .does not enter into Council pro-

writer meant nothing personal have written the letter, especially since he happens to be my roommate, and fraternity brother and one of my close friends.

The Student Constitution which establishes the Student Council states that ". . . no officer of the student body, no member of the Student Legislature, and no chairman of a standing executive committee shall be a member of the Council." Since the office I hold is evidently not mentioned, we can see there is no legal basis for the criticism. But what of a

To understand this we must first understand what purpose the Council serves. The two prime functions of the Councilare to rule on the constitutionality of legislative acts, and to hear appeal cases from the various student courts. Being chairman of the Student Party could not interfere with these major duties. In regard to the former, the Student Legislature. unlike our national Congress, passes bills not on a party basis as much as they do no the collective decisions of the individual legislators. This much is evident to anyone who attends legslature meetings and sees members of the two parties arguing on both sides of the question. Since there is no keen party line dividing argumentation and voting in the legslature, chairmanship of the party could not conflict with service on the Council in the first instance. And chairmanship of the party could certainly not conflict with Council duty in hearing appeal cases, as the Student Party is less of a vested interest group than many other organizations on campus.

In line with this, the main point of the letter was that there should be ". . . a division between-persons interested in special groups, and those seeking the general welfare." A member of the Council was recently elected president of a fraternity on campus. Would my critic contend that no member of the Council could serve as a fraternity leader because a member of his house may at some time appear before the Council? Certainly not. A person in such a position of high trust would have enough moral integrity and honesty to divorce personal interest from decisions of the Council, and I feel the same attributes are present in my make-up to enable me to sit in judgment of matters that came before the Council.

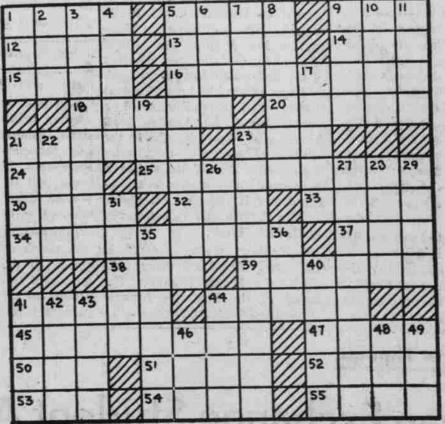
Mr. Kimmerling states that the Student Party has misused a trust placed in it by the students. The Student Party has misused no such trust. It has no more political control over the Council than the University Party holds. And actually speaking, political affiliation cedure. Decisions are reached I know at the outset that the on a non-partisan basis, each ulation over its elected Council members; each is free at all times to exercise complete freedom of judgment to carry out freedom of action.

> No, Mr. Kimerling, the Student Party has not misused its well-placed trust as you so erroneously contend. The Student Party's role on campus is to do three things effectively. First, it has a great responsibility to select candidates of outstanding ability, high morals and unusual integrity to offer themselves for campus positions. Second, it is vitally concerned

that all successful candidates administer the affairs of their office on the highest possible moral plane and in keeping with the deals of behavior so highly desired by all members of the Student Council. Third, as one of the moulders of public opinion it has a sacred trust to initiate and carry out various programs or ideas that will benefit the university and enperson making his mind up in- rich the lives of its thousands in this attack, but was critical dividually with no regard for of students. There is no misonly of the party. It took a party affiliation. The Student placement of trust here, and no great deal of courage for Sol to Party holds no string of manip- possible conflict between these aims and those of the Student Council.

> the Student Party's problems with the problems of a national political party with all its opportunity for private gain, pork barrel expenditures and accumulation of wealth. Such is not the case, as I have indicated.

All throughout my college career I have taken pride in my ability to detect right from wrong and to deal honestly with my fellow man.



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Write Away

The Daniels' Case

Dear Editor: On February 5, 1949 the body of a white cab driver, William O'Neal, was found brutally mutilated in a lovers' lane in Greenville, N. C. The case has received much publicity since two young Negro cousins, Bennie and Lloyd Ray Daniels, aged 16 and 17 at that time, were charged with the crime and sentenced to die. The only evidence produced by the prosecution against these two young boys, neither of whom had had more than two years of schooling in their lives, were confessions which were extorted from them with threats of death while they were held without benefit of advice of counsel or family. The prosecution also introduced the clothing the two cousins were on the day the crime was committed which had blood on them. Testimony of defense witnesses to the effect that the boys had engaged in a fight in a public place in Greenville on that night, which accounted for the blood on their clothes, and that they were seen hitch-hiking at another place at the time the murder was committed, was disregarded. Evidence which the defense attempted to introduce indicating the presence of a woman seen leaving the scene of the crime with blood on her clothes; and that a white cab driver would never have driven two young Negro boys all the way down a lovers' lane frequented by white people, was suppressed. Although the body was severely mutilated, the police, who admitted dusting the cab for fingerprints, produced no finger prints at the trial! When the Daniels cousins were convicted on

this basis, citizens from all over the state joined in organizing a defense committee on their behalf. The committee's function: to finance the costly legal battle to save the lives of these two penniless young boys.

On the basis of a legal technicality-an alleged one day's delay by the defense attorneys in presenting the record of the Pitt Couny trial to the prosecutor of Pitt County in order to prepare for the appeal to the N. C. Supreme Court, the courts have refused to hear the appeal! The defense has since gone to th U. S. Supreme Court and been turned down-not on the record of the trial itself-but just on the basis of the legal technicalities stemming from this alleged one day's delay. One would think the courts were dealing with a matter of calculating bank interest instead of with human lives!

The defense is now appealing in the N. C. courts again-for the right to present the record of the original trial and ask for a reversal. For more than a year now two youngsters have been on death row in Raleigh and have been unable to get a review of the facts in their case.

Convinced of the innocence of the two cousins and determined that the facts in the case shall be reviewed, the Daniels Defense Commitmakes is to confuse the issue of tee has been trying to finance the costly legal fight. No case can go to court without fundseven if paupers' oaths, as in this case, are sworn. To date legal expenses have amounted to almost \$5,000-part of which is still owed.

Facing the defense are a number of legal steps which may have to be taken in order to get the record of the trial before a higher court. When the battle for a review is finally won and should the Supreme Court reverse the lower court's decision, a new trial would be in orderthe cost of which is incalculable now but which the defense committee is determined it will

I am appealing for financial help from readers who believe human life more sacred than mere legal technicalities, who are unwilling to see those fighting for their lives denied any legal avenue to prosecute that fight. Anybody who wishes to see justice obtained for the Daniels cousins may send in a contribution to me. Thank

Sincerely,

Joe Borello, for the Danjels Defense Comm. 504 E. Franklin St.

Atomic Peace

Dear Editor:

Continuing my letter of May 19, I wish to indicate how the simple demand to outlaw the atom bomb has become the basis for a tremendous and rapidly developing campaign for peace which is transcending barriers of party, religion, and nation. All over the world organizations are demanding that the atom bomb be outlawed and petitions, either in the form of the Stockholm resolution or some other, are being signed. Here are some of these organizations and results of the petition drive:

Japan: the Youth Fatherland Front with a membership of 3,970,000. China: Chinese Federation of Trade Unions, Union of Students, Federation of Chinese Youth, Russia: International Students Union meeting in Moscow April 24. Western Germany: 100,000 workers in the Ruhr. Eastern Germany: 8000 in one plant; Arnold Zweig, Mayor of Neuremburg, signs. Hungary: 6,806,000 (most of the adult population) sign. Bulgaria: 5,500,000. France: 100,000 in Marseilles; 6,000 in Calais. Union of Republican Youth sets goal of 8,000,000 names. Finland: 300,000 including the Prime Minister and 12 Cabinet Ministers, Trieste: 30,000. Roumania: 4,300,000. The Patriarch Justinian and 12 Metropolitans sign. Albania: Enver Hoxa, head of the government, signs. Italy: 30,000 peace committees organized. Brazil: 1,000,000 sign. Argentina: has goal of 1,000,000. Canada: Montreal Anglican Syned and Parent Teachers Federation of British Columbia; 200,000 sign petition. Czechoslovakia: the National Assembly, United States: 7,500 in New York; 3000 in Detroit; 7000 in Boston; 3000 in Newark, N. J. Committee for Peaceful Alternatives planning a Mid-Century Conference for Peace in Chicago May 28.

At present, the American people are lagging behind the rest of the world in this campaign. Yet, since ours is the nation which first made and used the atom bomb, we Americans have a special responsibility in the struggle to see that it is never used again.

John V. Myers