Responsibility

The question has been raised in connection with the Levy Bill of where and to whom an individual owes his responsibility. The answer is simple.

A person owes his responsibility to no one else but himself. He owes a responsibility to that which he believes good and true. He owes no responsibility to the beliefs of others.

A person's responsibility in any society is limited by the farthest horizons that he can see. From the widest, not the narrowest, perspective he must make his judgments, and on the basis of his experience and the beliefs he has come to adopt, he must make his de-

This is no less true of an elected officer. He has the sole obligation to present what he believes to the electorate. On the basis of his the electorate should cast their ballots. The sole oblgiation of the elected officer is not to compromise those beliefs during his term of office.

A leader is a person who can do this honestly, courageously, and effectively. All others are followers. A representative would have to take a poll on each issue in order to be truly representative, and then he would cease to be a man, but would be a composite of men in terms of numbers.

The primary obligation is to the self. Too many of the legislators, both student and adult, seem to forget this.

Mao

Those who would expect any great change in the Red Chinese government as a result of the departure of Mao-Tse Tung are going to be sadly disappointed.

Mao has built up too sound an economic plan for China to be discarded by any successor. Moreover, China has moved into a position where it can call about as many plays as Russia, and will probably do so in the fu-

The decentralized economic plan of the Chinese, features small self-sufficient manufacturing communities, which will be before too long strong enough to withstand outside attack, and may be the one way to alleviate some of the poverty that permeates

That China has grown strong under Mao is evident, but regardless of whether Mao had stayed in or left, China will not separate from Russia in the near future. Due to the ineptness of American foreign policy, China's near future is tied in with the Soviet Union. almost as much as Russia's long range future is dependent on China.

Rumors to the effect that Kruschev eased out Mao and policy changes will result. should be discounted. Besides the alternative would not be much of in improvement.

Why?

Why is it that sorority pledges can gain points by going to fraternity parties, but not accumulate points toward the Pan Hellenic Council's best pledge award by going to dormitory parties?

It seems that the dorm boys are getting a bad deal. Perhaps the Pan Hel in the future might be less prejudiced toward the independent.

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Notes In Review

Arthur Lessing

Admittedly it was a wonderful and inspiring idea to have the Chapel Hill Choral Club perform the first three parts of Johann Sebastian Bach's Christmas Oratorio in this week before Christmas. The results in last Tuesday evening's concert in Hill Hall, however, were so disastrous that even the diea and its good intent were erased in the realization of it.

By not using the orchestra which is called for in Bach's score and replacing it with an organ and two pianos, immediately half of Bach's music was removed from the performance. The orchestra provides a solid base for the chorus, is active in obligato parts throughout all of the solo arias, and brings to the choral sound the excitement of individual instruments, especially the tympany and trumpet parts in this particular score. Instead of the beautiful interweaving of singer and instrumental parts, we were given the voice with a background of a clanking plano. Instead of the passion and brilliance of kettle-drums and trumpets we were given the dry sound of two pianos, which, caught in-between the luscious choral lines, sounded as ludicrous as two mouth harmonicas in the Boston Sym phony. A large choir was used in this performance. Six soloists, and the organist rounded out the large number of performers.

The opening chorus, "Christians, be joyful", was more or less representative of what was to come. Instead of the dramatic kettledrum beats followed by trumpets in one of the most glorious moments in music, we were presented with the sound of the pianos playing as if they didn't really care what came across as long as all the notes were there. The result was pitiful and about as exciting as a Clementi piano sonata. The choral entrance was devoid of all expression and although the diction was excellent (one could under stand the words perfectly) this only served to make noticeable that there seemed to be little to no connection between the words and the music they were singing. To sing that Christmas should be joyful takes joy. The entire choir seemed absolutely unprepared, emotionally or psychologically, to either give or take joy. The director must be held responsible for this. So, it was dullness from the start, as Bach undoubtedly would have turned in his grave knowing that his passionate love of Christmas and the birth of Christ expressed in music did not even get the slightest of chances to being brought

The tenor recitatives, sung by Robert Melton, were almost all sung too slow. Apparently Mr. Melton seems to have the idea that expression is created by singing his Evangelist lines in the most dragging of dragging tempos. Actually, it created the very opposite: his words sounded foolish and boring rather than the glorious declaration of the Greatest of All News. Tempo-wise, the arias fared a bit better. I have mentioned already the lack of obligatos. But there is really no excuse for the unimaginative and inflexible playing of the piano accompaniment. Bach is neither Czerni or Salieri but a composer of vigor and guts and imagination who makes his obligato accompaniments as important musically as his voice lines. Barbara Peacock, soprano, Betty Jean Smith, alto, Beth Diaz, soprano, David Vaughan, baritone and Marvin Tatum, bass, all sang without apparent concern for either the words or musical sense of their arias. Only in the duet, "Lord, Thy Mercy", did I find myself touched. if not moved, by the performance. Here, again, the piano's insensitive playing ruined whatever was of value. In all the solo parts of the oratorio there was too much stiffness of expression, lack of sensitivity toward the fusion of word and music, no passion to speak of, and, most important, no glory and joy that came across. Only in Mr. Holmes's brief appearances (in two bass recitatives) did I find genuine drama; the bass really seemed to be "in it." And his genuine involvement with what he was singing made the music true to its intent. In his first recitative, with the chorale, I think the organ, should provide more dramatic emphasis in the harmonic change between the bass part and the women's part, by either playing the preceding (the chord that changes the "mood") chord that "introduces" the bass with more accent or with a louder tone value. Mr. Watkins' playing of the "Symfonia" that opens part II of the work was, however, quite adequate if not particularly interesting.

In the choral "Break forth, O beauceous heavenly light," fofr the first time during the concert, did I find joy in the choir's singing. But a little later, in the "Glory to God in the highest", the "glory' was turned into the wailing "o" of an aching toothache-at least, that is what it sounded like. In that number too, the ending was particularly poor by not enough proper preparation for the final ca-

The chorales were sung with proper regard for their sensuous phrasing and shifting harmonies. The variations on the harmonic framework that provided Bach a means to express through essentially the same music different emotional ideas should have been brought out more. One chorale did not sound different enough from the

But enough. I realize there are great limitations in performing with people who are not professional musicians but have given their time and energy to sing some great music together. I was not really disappointed with the technical quality of the performance; that one can expect. But the spiritless direction, the lack of emotional insight into the message of this work, and the inability of the conductor to stir his performers to that pitch of excitement and involvement that is so desperately necessary for the execution of Bach's religious works made the evening a complete disaster. Certainly it could have been possible to use an orchestra (with a university orchestra of over seventy members right on campus) and to restore that which rightfully belongs to this music. Certainly, the soloists could have been guided to sing with a little more "give" and drama. Certainly, this able group should be able to bring to Bach's music a sense of joy and glory. But all this is a matter of inspiration which Mr. Carter did not seem to have created among his performers.

Christmas means only as much as what is brought to it in spirit. So it is with Bach's music. It has to be brought out, and in the bringing out one discovers his passion and joy with this season of Christmas-

A Letter

I have read your publications on many occasions; sometimes with disgust, many times with unconcern and rarely with amusement. I have read condemnations and slanderous satire of everyone and everything from Richard Nixon and the Episcopal Church to Billy Graham and Carolina football drinking habits. The opinions expressed in the DTH are usually so prejudiced and Puritan it isn't funny. Puritan did I say; I have read things in this paper I wouldn't read if it were printed on toilet paper so I could promptly flush it. I have read Anthony Wolff's "literary gems" till I have become ill. His attempts at intellectual criticisms and reviews remind one of the child who tries to imitate his parents by "dressing up" in their clothes. The mantle he drapes around his column no more makes a critic out of him than does the clothing make a grownup out of the child. With the exception of your front page, I have found your paper a combination of opinions and commercialism. I we 'd like to know who gives a happy damn about the A & P store weekly specials? I have yet to see a church directory in the Saturday edition. And God forbid that news should be published! The object of any good newspaper is to go and seek news; not try to create it in an effort toward useless controversy.

This paper has sloughed off every responsibility to the students of this campus. In the place of literary standards it has substituted "garbage.' Drive on DTH, drive on toward oblivion!"

Thomas C. Walker

"Lyndon, Could You Say A Few Calming Words To Our Boys Too?"



On The Hungarian Revolt

Sidney Dakar

I was rather amused the other day when I read a description of the reactions of some students at another university when they were asked to support a drive to send arms to the Hungarians who were then in armed revolt against the Rusians. Let's explore this a bit further. It is ironic that many of the "spineless" and politically naive students of the legislature described used the best judgment, without knowing the reasons, and refused to send

The writer mentioned, rather matter of factly, that we encouraged the Hungarians to revolt. burst of all, the "we" is extremely ambiguous. Does he mean we the press, we the people, we the official U. S. government, or we what? Of course we don't censor the mails that go from people in the U.S. to relatives in Hungary There certainly might have been some encouragement in this man ner without our knowledge. However, it is doubtful that a person with the welfare of his relatives in mind would make such a suggestion, knowing the letters might be censored in Hungary and point the finger of suspicion at the

What about the matter of official U. S. encouragement for a revolt? Of course it is very difficult for the U. S. government to realize the full context of all the Hungarian broadcasts over the "Voice." Hungarian language experts, usually refugees, read these broadcasts and they might at least try to hint of revolt, even if there wasn't any hint in the written script, Most people of our State Department, who have worked on this problem, maintain that there was no conscious policy of the U.S. government that encouraged open, armed revolt by the populous in Hungary, or in any other country.

If one stops and considers, even lightly, the problems of a revolt of this nature, it should be apparent that the U. S. government would not maintain such a policy. Suppose the U.S. had officially sent tons of arms to the Hungarians. This probably would have been a declaration of war with Russia, as she was determined to hold Hungary at all costs. I for one, would not have been happy if the U.S. Government would have recalled me into the service for such a noble

Suppose private groups had sent tons of arms into Hungary. The Hungarians would have been encouraged and would have renewed their efforts. The results

would have been two or three times as many dead Hungarian patriots today. No thoughtful person believes that Russia would have failed to kill as many peo-

ple as was necessary to put down the revolt. What is the difference to the Rusians if they have to kill 10.000 or 100.000? And so in problems such as this we must always ask ourselves which is better, to have a dishonorable peace and live, or to die honorably? A good many people still prefer the former.

Everyone agrees that peace, freedom, and equality and motherhood are good-even the Russians. But, these things are only words which have as many meanings as we have people. Our State Department must deal in reality, not fantasy and moralistic platitudes. Pity our poor diplomats who must work under the constant blasts of the powerful counterpart has an enviable position in comparison.

American press. His Russian

Gems Of Thought

DEVELOPING WHAT IS GOOD Little progress can be made b what is evil; our great hope lies in developing what is good. Calvin Coolidge

To try too hard to make people good is one way to make them worse. The only way to make them worse. The only way to remembering well the beam and the mote.-George McDonald

than the intolerance of reformers -James Russell Lowell

On Santa Claus

Neil Murphy

Just who does believe in Santa Claus any more? Has our modern age of science crushed Saint Nick with Sputnik?

The inquiring reporter took the question "Do you believe in Santa Claus?" to 17 people met at various places in Chapel Hill. Ten came out in support of Santa while six refuted him. One declined to

Those queried about the question which is asked by all children responded in many ways.

"Yes, I believe in Santa Claus. said Ken Byerly, professor of journalism. "We can't always see or hear him but he is with us in

"It's a lot of bunk." said Chuck Flinner, a junior in journalism "I don't believe in anything."

Watson Morris, a sophorance in the General College, said "This requires some thought. No-of Barbara Justice, a freshman in

dental hygiene said "Yes, I beheve in Santa." Allec Decker, a sophomore physicist, said."I guess not." Curtis Gais, editor of The Daily

Tar Heel gave a blunt and flat answer. He looked up from his "blue-penciling" and said, "No!" If you believe in the spirit of Chrisimas, there is a Santa Claus." said Eleanor Allen, a freshman in

dental hygiene. Ron Shumate smiled and said; Yes, Agnes, there is a Santa

Claus," Kemp looked up from his piles

records and yelled "Shore believe in Santa Claus. Don't you? Every customer is a Santa Claus

Ann Frye looked up from her copy of "A Night Before Christmus" which she was reading in journalism lab and said, "I've always believed in Sauta Claus and all of the reindeer."

'No. I don't believe in a little fat man who rides reindeer but I believe in the spirit of Christmas wich is probably the same thing," sald Jim Bilisoly, a senior in pre-

"Me" Barker finished his letter to Santa and said, "Yeah, I believe in Santa." Mo is a sophomore in the General College.

"I've no reason not to," said Barbara Smith. "If you believe there's one, there is," added Sandra Laws, Both are freshmen in dental hy-

Allen Thomas, a sophomore in physics, said, "Of coursel!" "Goodness gracious no." marked chemistry major Bill Har-

'I don't know why you Amerieans bother with all of these silly questions. I'm personally too busy this time of year to spend my time so foolishly " said a transfer student from Tule University, Kris Kringle.

The students and lowspeople in this poll came out for Santa by a ten to six vote. One student didn't give his opinion. He was very busy, however, opening and sorting millions of letters.

Levy Speaks

In the weeks since my Telegram Bill was first introduced the air has been clouded by the billowing clouds of controversy. In the last few days these clouds have become the dark, ominous signs of petty bickering, vicious name calling, and malicious misrepresentation. These aforementioned activities have been limited to no particular group or a singular Individual.

Mr. Editor, it was ridiculous for you to call December 4 one of the "darkest nights" in the history of the Student Legislature. When the bill was presented to the Legislature it had been labeled "unfavorable" by the finance committee, and neither ... party was for it. After the President of the Student Body, the Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, the President Pro Tempore of the Legislature, and others had spoken calmly, sensibly, and clearly for the bill, and others spoke against the bill, it was able to poll 18 favorable votes, 5 short of a majority. The significant thing is that we were able to carry on a long debate on a subject which could not have been mentioned in most Southern universities.

For the moment, I would like to disregard the clouds which are attempting to obscure the issue and would like to make a clear statement about the object of the controversy.

The reason I introduced a bill to send telegrams to the governors of Arkansas and Virginia is that I believe that the attainment of an education is the most important function of the youth of the world Last year when the Russians sent the first Sputnik heavenward, the United States was shocked and looked around frantically to see what in the United States was so lacking that enabled the Russians to beat us to the punch." The cry was universal as veryone pointed a menacing finger toward our heretofre sacred institution—the educational system. The Philip Jacob's Report, "The Second Report to the President", these and thousands more attempted to explain what was lacking in our educational system Though divergent views may have been presented murely attempting to repress one point was unanimously proclaimed, there is omething wrong with our educational system. The next year, schools in several cities in the United

Now what caused a lowly student at the Universmake them good is to be good, ity o fNorth Carolina to want to speak out? The rea sons are many and varied. This summer I happened The devil loves nothing better to meet a student from Little Rock who confronted me with these questions: "Is no news of what is hanpening in Little Rock seeping out to the rest of the world? Or is it that no students give a damn that their counterparts in Arkansas and elsewhere are having to fight to attend a class?"

> The student from Little Rock continued by explaining how Faubus and company receive thousands upon thousands of letters a day, the overwhelming majority of which are supporting him Each student and advocate of a free public school system also are bombarded with letters in favor of private schools.

> We in North Carolina, especially we at the Uni versity of North Carolina, have, through mature judgment, overcome some of the problems that the people of I kunsus and Virginia now face. As the President of the Student Body, Don Furtado said "This does not mean that we should sit back on our haunches and consider the rest of the South someone else's problem. We are all students and this is a problem of the entire student community as well as the entire country. It is up to us to demonstrate some measure of leadership."

> The students of Russia, in 1870, did not find it petty to speak up and say they believed in education. The stuents of South Africa have been waging a long bitter struggle to preserve their educational system. The Mayor of Atlanta, sitting in the heart of White Citizens' Council territory, thinks education is important enough to keep the schools open at all costs. The children of Little Rock found that they believed in education strongly enough to go before their elders on the school board and tell them that they wanted their schools opened.

> Certainly it is not out of place for the Student Legislature of the University of North Carolina to assert their agreement with the statement, "All who meditated on the art of governing mankind have been convinced that the fate of empires depends on the education of youth," stated by Aristotle and believed by millions.

Edwin Lavy, Jr.

F.S. I was been, raised, and currently live in the deep, deep South and was once an officer of the University Party. I was nominated for the seat I hold in the Legislature by the UP as well as the SP.