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Carolina's Future

Calmly unaware of the importance of the issue, Carolina students are nestled with carefree ease in the center of activity concerning the coming bond issue.

The nearly six million dollars contingent on the eight items involving the University can make or break her future. If these issues pass, we can keep abreast; if they are defeated the future is uncertain.

Passage is far from a sure thing. The people of North Carolina have yet to be made completely aware of a multitude of facts concerning the issue.

Clarification of the points will help to insure passage, and the students at Carolina must carry the weight of explaining them.

There are many misconceptions that must be clarified and explained to point up the validity of every item on the proposed issue. Carolina must show its need, and there is no better way to show this need than through the students for whom the University exists. Over and over again it must be explained that passage will not mean an increase in taxes. No one can better explain this to parents than their sons and daughters at Carolina.

Letters must be written, representatives contacted, confidence built. We must explain and explain.

And when the explanation seems clear, we must explain again.

The issue must be stripped of partisan overtones, the worth of the items on the proposal pointed out to Democrats and Republicans alike.

Every item, particularly those concerning education, were included because of a definite need. This must be emphasized.

President Friday, Chancellor Aycock and other officials are working with strength and intense dedication to put the University's needs before the eye of the public. But their strength and hard work are almost ineffectual in the area where effectiveness must exist: with the people of North Carolina who will vote yes or no on Carolina's future.

The prime responsibility on this front belongs to the student. Every in-state student represents affirmative votes if he or she will but ask his parents to support the sale of bonds when the votes comes in November.

Yet, the bulk of us show only a passing interest, a faintly felt hope that "it will pass."

In the coming weeks, students will be asked to put forth at least a minimum effort toward selling the University.

We cannot fail to respond.

Guest Editorial

Britain's Changing Attitude

A mass protest against nuclear arms in London's Parliament Square conceivably might pick up more participants now that the United States has resumed testing.

But neither such an eventuality, nor the cries against the jailing of Bertrand Russell, the 89-year-old philosopher and anti-nuclear leader for failing to keep the peace, should mislead us as to British opinion.

There has been considerable agitation against our stationing of Polaris-armed submarines in Scotland and there will be some opposition to our resumption of testing. But there is an evident swing away from such an attitude—undoubtedly contributed to by Russia's unilateral resumption.

Significantly, the British Foreign Office was sending a message supporting our resumption of tests before most Americans even knew that we had done so.

But an even more meaningful indication of the change in outlook came in the recent annual British Trade Unions Conference. Last year, Labor Party Leader Hugh Gaitskill was soundly trounced in votes passing resolutions calling for banning the A-bomb and keeping the Polaris subs out of British waters. This year, it was just the reverse.

A year ago, the Labor Party was so split on the issue that it seemed unlikely ever to be a potent force in the country. But now Mr. Gaitskill has brought the party back together, and while it might not unseat the Conservatives at the next election, it has chances that are improving.

What the neutrals, so-called, will be saying about our new tests is a different matter. After all, though, after Belgrade, does it really matter?

—St. Petersburg (Fla.) Times

Roses

Belatedly, the Daily Tar Heel would like to recognize the members of this year's Orientation Committee. Orientation this year was a prodigious job well done, and stands as a firm argument against any plans to curtail it in the future.

The suggestion that the program would benefit from an added emphasis on the academic side of Carolina living is a suggestion well taken. But a change in approach is not difficult to effect when participants work as diligently and effectively as did the counselors this year.

A vote of thanks is due each of them as well as to the committee.

GARRY BLANCHARD

'Apathy Still Exists, NSA Not Typical'

Madison, Wis. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Campus:

This is to inform you that the National Student Association (NSA) does not represent you, despite what you have been told. Its pronouncements and stands on issues do not reflect your views and opinions. The people who come to the Congresses, where NSA policy is formed, are not representatives of their student body. The five national officers and ten staff men who "execute" policy from NSA's rickety four-story building in Philadelphia likewise do not represent you.

In short, although NSA is a confederation of student governments with a collective attendance of 1.3 million students, it is NOT typical. It does not represent you. And it's all your fault, you apathetic bums, you.

(s) Steven Roberts, Editor
The Harvard Crimson
Carey McWilliams, Jr.
Professor of Government
Oberlin College

THE ABOVE LETTER—as a letter—is a phony. It does not exist, except as here imagined. But its contents are not phony; its contents are a purely arbitrary compilation of some of the views of Roberts and McWilliams as they appear—stated and implied—in an article by them entitled "Student Leaders and Campus Apathy," which appears in The Nation of Sept. 16.

The article is an incisive evaluation of what NSA is and is not, where NSA has been and where it is going, and of what Conservation is and is not. If you have the time, its two-and-a-half pages merit a first-hand reading.

Besides those stated and implied views included in the imaginary letter, here are some particularly pertinent excerpts:

"Gallop apathy still dominates most American college students . . . (so) . . . NSA IS NOT typical. It is an elite of interested students, awakening to a world they did not make, but world they want to change. This has not always been so.

"FOR MOST OF its fourteen-year history, NSA devoted itself to the issues which concerned its member student governments: college parking, home-coming dances, women's hours, etc. It did so largely from necessity, because its claims to legitimacy rested on these student governments, which had virtually complete freedom to withdraw their colleges from NSA when dissatisfied with its policies.

"Contemporary collegiate student governments are, to put it mildly, a poor vehicle for transforming political awareness. They reflect the desire of the college administrator to

"avoid difficulties" at all costs by eliminating the student from all areas of controversy which might "reflect on the university." (Note: The reference is to universities in general and—experience has shown—is most inaccurate where UNC is concerned.)

"There is a close interaction between student government under these conditions and student apathy. The banality of student politics repels the student; the absence of student criticism and interest leaves student governments in the hands of those who find playtime bureaucracy and homiletics about alma mater to be congenial pursuits.

"IT WAS THESE GOVERNMENTS that sent delegates to the NSA Con-

gress; and the delegates annually rose in revolt against whatever broader policies had been pursued by national officers, threatening to withdraw or to form rival associations.

"Under such circumstances, even the most far-sighted national officer was likely to develop an ethic of cautious prudence and "responsibility." This led to endless compromises, and a pandering to the uninspired interests of campus political regimes.

"The top staff of NSA realized that it was not truly representative. Consequently, if tried even harder to please, and largely submerged any trace of boldness or imagination it had in the silence of the times—a silence punctuated only occasion-

ally by a boisterous football cheer or a shrill female scream.

"THE LAST TWO years have seen an already much-discussed "awakening of the silent generation. The sit-ins in the South, sympathy pickets and selective buying in the North, protests against the House Committee on Un-American Activities and compulsory ROTC, the campaign for repeal of the loyalty oath and disclaimer affidavit in the National Defense Education Act, and enthusiastic support for the Peace Corps all came in a rush.

"There was definitely a stirring, a reawakening interest. In addition to the protest, a rash of campus political parties . . . sprang up. So did a number of new magazines

devoted to political thought . . . "NSA mirrored the change, but not because it had become representative of the American student (the large majority of American students remain unaware and unconcerned). There was, however, a growing interest among the leaders who actually are NSA and form its policy at the annual Congress. For the first time, the association took stands on such issues as HUAC, the Peace Corps, Algeria, Cuba and nuclear testing.

"THE STIMULATION of the unique student protests aroused NSA to take positive stands on important questions, but in doing so it was acting not as the National Student Association, but as a conscious group of student leaders, far removed from the sentiments of their campuses and constituency.

"The value to those who have participated has been immense, but they are few. NSA has almost completely failed to transport the initial enthusiasm of the "movement" back to the campus, largely because of the understandable concern of idealists for the moral content of issues rather than the structure of social and educational power or the day-to-day realities of student life.

"This is where NSA stood as the fourteenth National Student Congress began (in Madison, Wis.) The difference this year was the conservative "challenge," which forced NSA leaders to take a long look at the association."

NSA's newly-elected president, Ed Garvey, "emphasized the need for bringing the experience of a Congress—the deliberations and, most important, the defense of an ideal in the face of strong opposition—to all students. This can only be done, he said, by structuring the Congress so that delegates won't leave and forget what has happened, but will go back to their campuses, fight for the stands they have taken, and translate policy into specific programs."

"SYMBOLIC OF NSA's renewed interest in educational problems was a resolution condemning the theory of *in loco parentis* as restrictive to the full intellectual and social growth of the student. This doctrine, which gives the college legal authority to act as a "parent," forces the student into a dependent relationship with the school, rather than the beneficial mutual give and take of an intellectual community.

"NSA, after years of frustration, has finally emerged as a voice, if not of the American student, then of the American student leader. The question is now whether it can translate the enthusiasm of a few into a device for awakening the still "silent" American college community."



NORMAN E. SMITH

If Choice Comes, May Be War

Most Americans in viewing the overall world situation are now beginning to realize that the U. S. may be forced to choose between surrender and war. Since the end of World War II we have seen an increasing hostility on the part of the U.S.S.R.

America and her allies have tried to open avenues of peace between Russia and the U.S. but all attempts have seemed to end in futility. If there can be no accommodation between ourselves and the Communists, then the choice of war or surrender is inevitable.

There is no comfort for the concerned in the fact that the surrender may be either gradual or subtle, for in world politics (contrary to popular U. S. opinion) it is not "how you play the game, but whether you win or lose." The stakes of the game are survival, and it is on this fundamental issue of survival that the choice of war or surrender will rest.

THE KREMLIN may be hoping that the choice will be one of gradual, subtle and painless surrender. But if Mr. Krushchev were to ex-

amine the opinions of the youth of this country today, I believe he would find a substantial tide of feeling: that if we can obtain the peace which we seek and to which our policy is dedicated, then we must fight.

There is a gnawing fear that we may lose our basic rights in Berlin, that the Communist offensive will continue aggression in South East Asia, and the U.N. will become not an instrument of peace, but a kind of international discussion group or forum.

'Relaxed Psychological State' Ahead For Schoolroom Johnny

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (UPI)—The schoolroom of the future will create in Johnny a "relaxed psychological condition" that will turn his mind to long division instead of to the old swimming hole.

"Schools today are being designed from the human standpoint," Dr. John W. Gilliland, University of Tennessee education professor, said today. "We are trying to construct them to bring out the best in people."

Gilliland is director of the university's school planning laboratory. The laboratory was set up three years ago to help southeastern U. S. school systems get the most for their money in building construction, instructional aids and equipment and

forum.

EVEN THE MOST dedicated liberal must be frustrated at the Soviet's refusal to end nuclear testing and rearmament. But the frustration goes much deeper to the belief that the reaching of a peace between East and West is futile. It is from this futility and this bitter realization that one turns toward a new and fresh intellectual force which holds that there must be no accommodation with the Soviets.

If Mr. Khrushchev or anyone underestimates this undercurrent of opinion, he may find that the U. S. has found the door to peace closed, and only the door to war or surrender open.

"There are many Americans who no doubt believe surrender a better alternative to war, but there are far more who will never permit the "grandchildren to live under communism." If the choice must be made, then it will be war.

THE SCHOOL of the future—"the emerging school program"—will be a compact, air-conditioned, square-shaped building, circling a recreation area, Gilliland said. The classrooms will be in warm colors, will have more comfortable furniture and will be flexible in size because of sturdy, sliding, sound-proof partitions. Liberal use will be made of carpeting to cut distracting noise and create a "more relaxed psychological condition, conducive to learning."

"Now, we're paying more attention to what the building itself does to people, psychologically," he said. The laboratory, which makes its

services available free, although most systems contribute to the grant-awarding organization, presently has or is near agreement on projects in Atlanta and Fulton County, Ga., Harlan, Ky., and Kingsport, Alcoa, Greeneville Rockford and Chattanooga, Tennessee.

ALABAMA'S AUBURN University provides much of the engineering and architectural advice. The laboratory coordinates local efforts "to define a program which looks ahead, then interpret the program while encouraging new trends."

In one county, Gilliland estimates the laboratory's suggestions saved about \$25,000 for a system, which had three new schools constructed,

DTH Forum

Dear Sir:

Tonight, when I returned to my room, I saw posted on the door of the "Ram's Room" in Cobb Dormitory, a sign which read as follows: "Ram's Room"—Temporarily closed due to the administration's (South Building) lack of informed imagination and confidence in the Student Government." The sign bore the signature of the president of Cobb Dormitory, Richard Burrows.

I was a little confused to say the least, for when I came to the University two weeks ago as a freshman for orientation, I was lectured innumerable times on how much faith the administration puts in the students, i.e. the Honor System, the Honor Council, and the Student Government. I would like to know then, if the administration places so much faith into the hands of the students, why this administration is now stepping into the bounds of the Student Government.

—James L. Rossman

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Reflections

With the current craze of fall-out shelters sweeping the country, the old cliché, "He who goes lowest, builds safest," becomes all too true.