

# 'Blacks not loyal to any party'

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"We blacks feel no sense of loyalty to any existing institution in the present scene because all have been instruments of the dehumanizing process of the black man," said the secretary of the Durham County Democratic Party Saturday.

Howard Clement's comments came during the opening session of "The Electoral Outlook for the 70's" symposium by the N.C. Young Democrats Club (YDC). UNC was the host club.

Several members of a panel spoke during the day-long symposium, which

began with "The Shifting Nature of Party Allegiance in the U.S." Afternoon workshops and small seminars completed the symposium.

"The black people in the main have aligned themselves with the Democratic Party out of necessity," Clement continued. "We have no reason to be loyal—loyal to what, for whom and why?"

Clement said he sees a new coalition of blacks, young people and women to "uproot the old" during the 70's.

"The silent majority is nothing more than a calculated move by the Nixon administration to appeal to those in favor of the status quo," said Peter Hart,

director of marketing for Louis Harris Associates. He said there was a split in the American electorate between those seeking change and those in favor of the status quo.

According to estimates by Harris pollsters, the coalition for change, composed of blacks, Spanish-Americans, those under 30 and the college-educated, will grow to a majority in the future. "The new coalition of change has a challenge to make the world better, a commitment of leadership at the top," he added.

UNC political science professor David Kovenock questioned several tenets of college political science education. "I

question the sophisticated college idea that inherited party identification tells voters how to vote," he said. He also stated that the two parties "can hardly be called tweedle dum and tweedle dee. Surely, things would be significantly different if Humphrey and Muskie had won."

Another UNC professor, Bob Lehnen, questioned the idea of an unstable electorate in a discussion of the effect of Wallace in N.C. in 1968. "From September to November, 70 percent of the N.C. electorate remained constant for the three candidates." He suggested "the electoral battle was settled long before the candidates were selected."

Al Adams, chairman of the Wake County Democratic Party, commented on the shifting alliances of Wake County Democrats, which he said was typical of the state. "Actual allegiances are still Democratic, but loyalties are shifting dramatically," he said. The reason for the shifts, he said, is that the Republican party in Wake County "is appealing to racist, low-income whites" that were formerly Democratic voters.

At the same time, wealthy or college educated voters, formerly Republican, were "offended and turned off by the racist appeal" and became heavily Democratic.

"N.C. Democrats must stop apologizing for their pro-black platform and run on it," said Adams.

# McCloskey tells 200 about press, government

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Robert McCloskey, official press spokesman for the U.S. State Department, spoke to a crowd of more than 200 people on the Chapel Hill campus Friday night and was faced with a barrage of questions following his prepared address.

In his speech in 101 Greenlaw, McCloskey, the head press relations of the U.S. State Department, spoke of the friction-filled, often stormy relationship of the government with the media.

"The government must work for a maximum of candor at home and, at the same time, retain flexibility abroad," the gray-haired official said.

McCloskey spoke of the extreme difficulty of maintaining this balance. He mentioned instances of restatements of U.S. policy which were interpreted as a new policy.

McCloskey touched on the Vietnam war and the incursion into Laos.

"I assure you I am painfully aware of the discontent about the war," he commented.

The news blackout on the Laos invasion was another example of the conflict between the public's right to know and the necessity of maintaining flexibility, he said.

There was one major interruption

during McCloskey's speech. A heckler entered the room and delivered a brief talk of his own. He left when a woman in the audience asked him to leave.

Following McCloskey's 20-minute talk the audience was given a chance to ask questions. The question-and-answer period lasted approximately one hour and 15 minutes.

The questions centered on the war in Southeast Asia and the possible U.S. disengagement from that situation. A number of the questions dealt with the general nature of the U.S. government and McCloskey's feelings about it.

Many times McCloskey was interrupted during his attempt to answer the questions by jeers and further questions.

In answer to a question concerning the reason for U.S. involvement in Vietnam, McCloskey said that "since 1960 we have been there at the invitation of the South Vietnamese government."

Concerning the dissent over the war in the U.S. and the mistrust some people voiced over the government news releases on the war, McCloskey expressed doubts himself.

"I acknowledge that there are lessons to be learned the U.S. Government can learn from Vietnam... I have been deeply mistrustful of those body counts from the first," he said.

McCloskey's talk was sponsored by the Carolina Forum.

# Incumbent files for alderman

Another incumbent member of the Chapel Hill Board of Aldermen, Mrs. Alice Welsh, has announced her candidacy for a full term of the governing board of the town.

Two other incumbent Aldermen, Steve Bernholz and R.D. Smith, have already announced their campaigns for re-election. The other Alderman whose term expires this spring, Joe Nassif, is also expected to announce later this month.

Mrs. Welsh was appointed to the Board eight months ago to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Mrs. Mary Prothro.

In announcing her candidacy, Mrs. Welsh emphasized her willingness to work hard in her duties and pledged to continue her efforts toward the continued, controlled development of the town.

"I believe several factors qualify me, a Chapel Hill housewife for 17 years, to run for re-election." She said in her announcement, "Beyond my governmental experience and town planning knowledge, I think I have demonstrated the capacity for hard work and sustained initiative plus a sense of

responsibility and fairness, and above all, because I am truly dedicated to the town of Chapel Hill."

She mentioned several specific programs she would work for if elected.

These included preservation of the town's historic heritage, the reservation of wooded and open areas for recreational areas, and a better balance transportation system.

Mrs. Welsh is the wife of George Welsh, a professor in the psychology department of the University.

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