

Leaven Cabal

'Willie' probes prejudice

Another Indian movie is in town. "Tell Them Willie Boy is Here," directed by Abraham Polonsky and based on the novel "Willie Boy" by Harry Lawton, focuses on what we are told is an historical incident. While touring the West in 1909, President Taft is supposed to have stopped near a Paiute Indian reservation to confer with a number of local dignitaries. At about this time a posse was being formed to search for an

Indian (Willie Boy) who had left the reservation after killing a man. Somehow the press traveling with Taft caught wind of the incident, and probably for the sake of some excitement, played it up as a major Indian uprising.

Yet in Polonsky's movie the presidential business is always on the periphery. Occasionally we get glimpses of the special chair which has been built to accommodate the nation's 300 pound

executive, but the focus is always on Willie Boy and his pursuers. Robert Redford plays the sheriff, Cooper (after Gary?), who conducts the chase half-heartedly, and Barry Sullivan is the aged Indian fighter who misses the old days when he and Coop's father used to bring home ten scalps a day. Robert Blake gives a controlled performance as the taut, laconic Willie Boy, and Katherine Ross is less than convincing in

the role of his dark and very lovely squaw, Lola. (Stanley Kauffmann says Miss Ross looks more like a Bryn Mawr girl after a month in Hawaii.)

Like "Billy Jack," the film is essentially plotless; it revolves entirely around the chase. Willie Boy abducts Lola (Lola?), kills her father, and is on the run until the final showdown with Cooper. Contrasts are drawn, between Willie and his lover and Coop and the rather unlikely female reservation director (A.B. Radcliffe, M.D. Johns Hopkins), and between the white man's pool hall civilization and the primitive Indian *weltanschauung* (how is that in Paiute?), but they hardly form a coherent story.

Yet, as a film about racial prejudice in a West falling somewhere between the prime of Penn's Jack Crabbe in "Little Big Man" and the contemporary "Billy Jack," "Willie Boy" is surprisingly inoffensive. It treats serious problems with perhaps a little too much facility — the issues are a little too clearly drawn — but considering the pitfalls inherent in this kind of film, Polonsky has to be given credit for avoiding most. On the whole the Indian context is treated with discretion, and there is little of the embarrassment which "serious" movies about racial subjects tend to evoke.

Glee club singing tonight

The Tuesday Evening Series will feature the UNC Men's Glee Club, under the direction of Robert Porco, tonight at 8 p.m. in Hill Hall.

The group received a standing ovation at the joint annual meeting of the American Musicological Society for Ethnomusicology held last weekend at both UNC and Duke University.

Stafford Wing, UNC faculty member, will appear as tenor soloist with the ensemble, which is composed of nearly 40 men. Also, student pianists Tony McDowell and Felton Smith will perform

an arrangement for two pianos.

The program includes the motet, "Mater Patris et Filia" by Brumel; Josquin des Prez's "Missa Mater Patris," a mass based on the Brumel motet; "Carnival Song" by Piston, for men's voices and brass; two part-songs for male voices, "Der Gondelfahrer" and "Nachtelle" by Schubert, featuring Wing in the tenor solo; and several spirituals and folksongs.

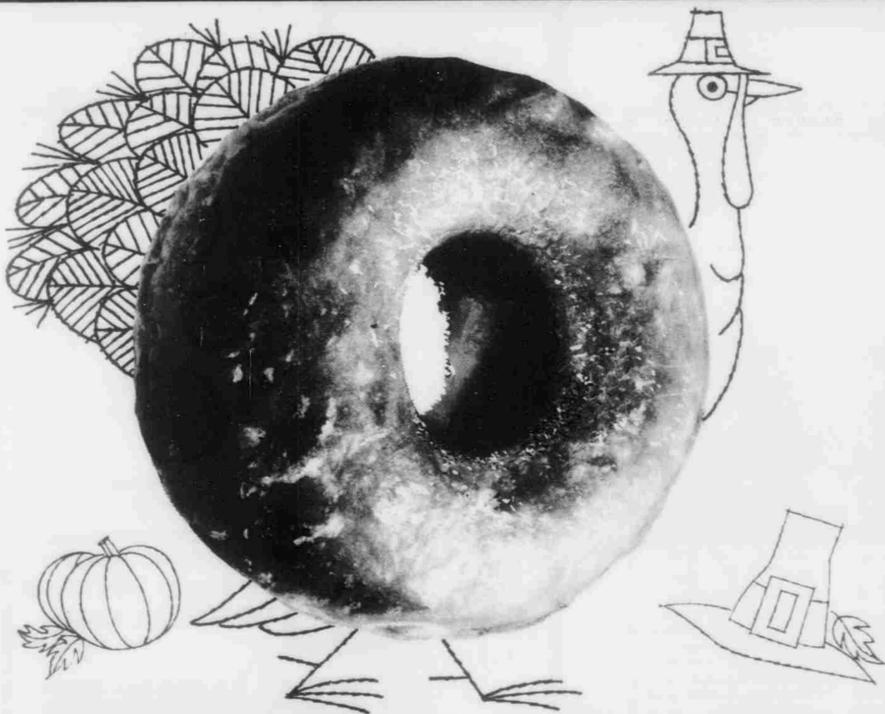
Director Porco was guest conductor recently at a six-county choral workshop held at Guilford College in which the

Glee Club presented a demonstration concert. The UNC ensemble presented a "Music Day" concert for the Federation of Music Clubs in Raleigh and has appeared statewide in several concerts on college campuses and community programs, as well as the University's Executive Program banquet in Chapel Hill and the Carolina Union's Longhair Series.

In addition, Porco directs the UNC Opera Theater and teaches voice and music theory.

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Israel tests sirens; war a possibility

Israeli leaders called for a test Tuesday of several hundred air raid sirens across the nation, after Egyptian President Anwar Sadat said twice during the weekend that the time had come for renewed war in the Middle East.

Although a military spokesman said the test had nothing to do with the preparedness arising out of Sadat's speeches, it served nevertheless to underscore the mood of apprehension pervading the public. It will be the first time the warning signals have been sounded since the commemorative blast on Memorial Day six months ago.

A military source described the situation on the Suez Canal, the focal point of the crisis, as quiet. But he added the deployment of nearly 70,000 Egyptian troops and 2,000 Egyptian tanks and guns there meant the fire could be reopened at any minute.

Meany claims Nixon 'contrived' poor reception

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. — AFL-CIO leader George Meany stepped up his feud with President Nixon Monday by accusing the chief executive of deliberately staging the allegedly rude reception he received at the labor federation's convention last Friday.

Meany, equating Nixon with a monarch who wants complete subservience, said "The accusations of discourtesy on the part of the AFL-CIO in connection with President Nixon's visit are absolutely and completely untrue and unfair."

"I think we showed the respect that is due to the President of the United States," he told the closing day's session of the convention. "We were not discourteous, there was no booing and there was no jeering."

"I have the impression," said the 77-year-old labor leader, "that the President did not come here to make a speech. He came here to contrive a situation under which he could claim that he had been unfairly treated."

Shortly after Meany spoke, Treasury Secretary John B. Connally told a nationally televised news conference in Washington that Meany had been "arrogant and boorish" in his treatment of the President at the convention.

Senate makes changes in election finance plan

WASHINGTON — The Senate voted Monday to alter a Democratic plan for federal financing of presidential election campaigns to allow taxpayers to decide which party they want to benefit.

Acceptance of the Republican modification by a 72-27 vote cleared the way for a decisive vote on the concept itself.

That vote will decide whether to attach the plan to President Nixon's bill cutting businesses and individual taxes by more than \$27 billion over the next three years despite strong White House opposition and the threat of a veto.

Under the new plan, the money would be split among the major and minor parties but their candidates would have the power — under threat of criminal penalties — neither to accept nor spend any private contributions in seeking the presidency.

Nominees should gain approval to high court

WASHINGTON — Despite the controversy over William H. Rehnquist, both the assistant attorney general and Richmond, Va. lawyer Lewis F. Powell Jr. seem certain to win Senate Judiciary Committee approval Tuesday for their nominations to the Supreme Court.

About the only uncertainty was how long Rehnquist's opponents on the committee would be given to write a minority report before the nominations are sent to the Senate floor, where they are also expected to be approved.

There is no active opposition to Powell. Rehnquist appeared to have further dampened opposition to his nomination with his unequivocal denials over the weekend that he had harassed black voters in a 1964 Phoenix election, or belonged to the right wing Arizonaans for America.

The denials were in response to written questions submitted to Rehnquist by three members of the committee — Birch Bayh, (D-Ind.), Philip A. Hart, (D-Mich.) and Edward M. Kennedy, (D-Mass.).

They and Sen. John V. Tunney, (D-Calif.) and Quintin N. Burdick, (D-N.D.) voted unsuccessfully last week to recall Rehnquist to appear at another public hearing before the committee.

Country marks death of President Kennedy

DALLAS — The tall, wiry-haired young man knelt next to the black granite slab in the middle of the John F. Kennedy Memorial. From inside his heavy wool windbreaker he pulled one long stem red rose wrapped in wax paper to protect it from the cold and rain that shrouded the city Monday.

He unwrapped the rose and placed it on top of the slab. He knelt there silently for a minute, then stood up and, with his head bowed, backed away.

Eight years ago — Nov. 22, 1963 — Lee Harvey Oswald perched on the sixth floor of the Texas School Book Depository and fired three shots from a mail order rifle killing the 35th President of the United States.

Two blocks from where the president was slain, 200 persons gathered inside the open tomb of the Kennedy Memorial in a brief three-minute tribute to John F. Kennedy.

The 50-foot square memorial was designed by Philip Johnson, a close friend of the late president, and was dedicated June 24, 1970.

Monday's memorial consisted of three short prayers and a 45-second speech by Mayor Wes Wise.

Supreme Court, Senate aid women's rights fight

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court for the second time this month provided advocates of equal rights for women an encouraging but limited victory Monday.

At the same time, a Senate subcommittee narrowly approved a modified constitutional amendment to outlaw legal sex discrimination.

The court's unanimous 7-0 ruling in a complex Idaho case held that the "equal protection" provision of the 14th amendment to the Constitution prohibits states from favoring men over women as administrators of estates solely on the basis of sex.

The decision by Chief Justice Warren E. Burger was not expected to apply immediately beyond the probate issue involved in the Monday ruling, but his use of the 14th amendment as the guideline for the opinion was seen as a hopeful sign by some women's rights spokesmen.

It was the same clause used by the court to strike down discrimination against blacks and other minorities in the landmark cases of the 1950's and 1960's when Earl Warren was chief justice.

Two weeks ago, the court refused to interfere with a lower court ruling in a Wisconsin case that a pension program compelling a woman worker to retire at an earlier age than men was unconstitutional.

The senate subcommittee on constitutional amendments voted 6 to 4 to outlaw legal distinctions between men and women except those based on "physiological or functional" differences.

The proposal was a substitute for one advocated by Sen. Birch Bayh, (D-Ind.) who sought to outlaw all laws — federal, state or local — that discriminated between the sexes.

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