

Contented We Stand . . .

At least we're not facetious about how we feel about this country of ours. We admit it had given us a good living, all-time-high type of thing.

But we can't accredit it with much more. Startling proof that we aren't so important after all: our two bedfellows, France and England, don't bother to consult us or even tell us when they decide, just the two of them, to make a major aggressive act on the world scene. They slipped out during the night. We were sound asleep, wrapped up in our peace and prosperity.

This country of ours has it's good points. Americans on the whole are pretty good Joes. But just don't start singing the "Star Spangled Banner" or anything. If any of those countries over in Europe hear us they might ask us to prove that we really believe that government by the people is desirable.

Those Hungarians might start hoping we'd come help them throw out the Communists.

And our friend Israel would begin to get the idea that since she had become a democracy we would help her protect herself from her neighbors.

They just haven't realized, like we Americans have, that the United States has no reason to go running over the world helping other countries fight their wars.

They ought to be able to see that we have all we need right here. And that we don't have to depend on any country and therefore don't have, literally, an obligation in the world.

And if those Russians think they can take over the rest of the world, let them. When they get to us, we'll have a whole country full of H-bombs waiting for them.

Until then, let's just keep it quiet. We've seen our best days as a country. America the Beautiful is on her last leg. And the Star-Spangled Banner is waving farewell to continents on both sides of us.

We'll probably see these folks around again sometime. Till then, let's sing a happy song.

—J.S.

Beyond The Square--By Carol Campbell

On November 6, Dwight David Eisenhower was re-elected to the Presidency of the United States. Facing a cheering crowd of well-wishers, he acknowledged the gracious congratulations of Mr. Stevenson and vowed he would work with his strength for 168 million Americans here at home and for peace in the world.

And yet the tremendous landslide victory of President Eisenhower was not reflected in the contests for both the House and Senate. In a sensational split-ticket vote, the American people rejected Mr. Stevenson for the second time but elected to place Congress in the hands of his Democratic party.

As Mr. Truman so tactfully put it, "Since we have a Democratic Congress, I'm sure the country will continue to go forward with Democratic voice and help." Ike's victory came about by the third greatest electoral vote in U. S. history but it is only the second time that a winning presidential candidate did not carry at least one of the houses of Congress with him.

A paradox, indeed, but in this situation, however complicated it may be, is seen a shining example of the relation of the two-party system in a democratic government.

As long as one party is constantly challenged by the other, as long as men such as Eisenhower and Stevenson shall continue to devote their services and as long as it is possible for one faction to elect a president and another the Congress, the democratic system will remain.

Last week in the continual struggle between Western, Communist and Nationalist interests we saw the invasion of Egypt by French, British and Israeli forces to regain what they consider to be their possessions in this region and the amazing success of Hungary in driving the Soviet rule into exile.

In one short week, however, the situation is almost unrecognizably changed. Looking back over the **Egyptian Problem**, it is agreed that our country's relationship with the Nasser regime has been one of favoritism in the interests of an alliance with the West. Our courtship of the Arab Nations continued despite the warnings of such countries as Britain and Israel because we feared the friendship extended by Russia to the Middle East. Only with the seizure of the Suez Canal did we awake to the truth.

After a week of heavy bombardment, the Anglo-French forces have captured the Suez and have accepted the U. N. demand for a cease-fire. With the parallel success of Israeli forces in obtaining the Sinai peninsula, the problem is now one of settlement. Another complication is feared in the future because Russia has announced that it is prepared to use force to crush the aggressors in Suez to 'restore the peace'. Their reaction to the British acceptance of a cease-fire is not yet known. Also, has Nasser given up?

Meanwhile the British have begun their control of Suez by removing the ships left by the Egyptians which are blocking the passage-way and the U. N. is meeting to form an International Police Force to prevent further hostilities on the Arab-Israeli borders.

The world has also been racked by the momentous events in the satellite country of **Hungary**. Last week when the Hungarians continued the surge of nationalism begun by the Poles and succeeded to eliminate the Russians from their government, all eyes turned to Moscow for the next move. Indirect opposition to an announcement that they were considering the removal of Soviet troops from the satellite countries, the Russians forsook all pretence, returned to Budapest in armoured columns and recaptured the government.

Protected by the army, a new Communist dictatorship has been set up under **Janos Kadar** and all supporters of the revolutionary Nagy government have been imprisoned. Predictions are that **Poland** is next on the list. Gomulka heading the nationalistic government in this country, has warned his people that 'iron discipline' is necessary to avoid the fate of Hungary.

On Sunday, **Secretary of State Dulles** underwent an emergency intertinal operation in Washington. After many years of active participation in the government, the strapping physical stamina of Mr. Dulles has become almost legendary, but now there are rumors of his possible retirement. The names most mentioned as his successor are John Dewey and Henry Cabot Lodge.

Around the Square

By Martha Ann Kennedy

Yes, I know, I KNOW who won the election. I never said I didn't like Ike, did I? Anyway, the exciting contest is over and here we are back in the humdrum world of term papers, six-weeks' tests, and mild, agreeable conversation. No more campaign buttons or spirited rallies, and all the little TV sets will eventually be reclaimed by Smilin' Ed Kelly's men. The Democratic stronghold, South Dorm, is rather silent now and littered with stale election-night popcorn and torn posters. There are a few dried olives on the window sills, left over from Monday night's "Cocktail" party for Adlai—an unforgettable event with Kate Cobb sipping ginger ale in her False Prosperity costume which consisted of fur coat over ragged pajamas and velvet picture hat atop pin curls. My rival, Carol (Beyond the Square) Campbell, has already collected some Republican spoils, as Dr. Africa paid off a pre-election bet with one cup of Tom's coffee. Hope he and Miss Byrd will have more and even stauncher fellow Democrats in faraway 1960. Just one last word about that great and good American, A. E. Stevenson—he made one of the best speeches of his career when he conceded to President Eisenhower late Tuesday night. He seemed sincere and considerably less disappointed than his three sons and Anne Fordham.

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If you have been wondering who contributed the new gold-plated ashtrays to the Student Center, Judy Graham reports that they were left by an illustrious ghost on Halloween night. A signed document was left with them and stated:

"Being of sound mind, I hereby dedicate these four ashtrays to the beautiful girls of dear ol' Salem College.

Signed this 31st day of October, in the year of our Lord, 1956. P.S. For use in the Student Center."

His real identity is rumored to be that of a non-smoking, generous Wake Forester with delusions of grandeur. Know him?

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Recent Acquisitions: Martha Jarvis received the Pi Kappa Phi pin of Tommy Callcutt this weekend at Duke, in the romantic and spacious setting of a green Volkswagen . . . Harriet Lang has been winged by an Air Force Lieutenant who is stationed at Kinston . . . Mary Walton has a new car—a complete surprise from her parents who drove it up Sunday . . . Judy Graham is curiously estatic over a box of cookies from Georgia . . . Santa Claus and Henry got overwhelming responses to their ad in last week's **Salemite** for Duke Weekend dates, but have not disclosed the names of their choices at present.

Since I had only three tests, two compositions, play practice, four unread novels, seven committee meetings, and a chapel program on my sparse schedule, I felt terribly guilty about having so much leisure time and decided to take in a movie. As a matter of fact, I went to two of them, as I knew the rest of you would never have a chance to keep up your cinema assignments this week. The first (at the Carolina) was a Technicolor version of the **Tri-Partite Agreement** called "The Best Things in Life Are Free" with Gordon MacRae as the member who breaks the DeSylvia-Brown-Henderson song pact. However, in true Hollywood form, he is finally reunited with his forgiving partners, Dan Dailey and Ernest Borgnine. Borgnine's comedy and Sheree North's sensational "Birth of the Blues" dance scenes were the only above-average portions. A couple of blocks down the street, I entered the celluloid world of dreams again—this time at a lower price. Even so, when the film adaptation of Clare Boothe's play, "The Opposite Sex" appeared on the screen, I realized that I had been cheated.

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From The President

By Judy Graham
Student Government President

The Student Council discussed on Monday the advantages as well as disadvantages of belonging to the National Student Association. The issue provoking this discussion was a \$25 bill from the national headquarters for our yearly dues.

Perhaps you will remember that last year the Student Council became affiliated with this group for the first time in Salem's history. Yet our membership was strictly on a trial basis—to test the advantages that Salem would derive from national affiliation.

The Council pointed out the fact that the NSA gives us contacts with other student government associations enabling us to share suggestions for self improvement. It was also discussed that the NSA could help to broaden the campus and keep us informed about national as well as internal issues and their relationships to students.

Also, through our memberships Salemites are able to take advantage of extensive information on foreign travel.

Therefore, the Council voted to join the National Student Assn. for another year with the emphasis upon making the NSA an "active and growing force" on campus.

Our first step in this direction

was to elect the NSA co-ordinator an appointed position held this year by Audrey Kennedy, to membership on the council. We felt that this would give the council a chance to become better acquainted with the working of NSA as well as giving the co-ordinator a connection with a group capable of sponsoring and fostering various projects which might arise.

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Another matter of concern to the student council was whether events on the Wake Forest campus such as the plays and the music faculty concerts should be added to the list of events which do not count as evening engagements.

A committee was appointed to study the problem and report on the frequency of such events. The council plans to discuss this at a joint meeting with the Faculty Advisory Board the first of next week and announcement of the outcome will be made at Thursday's student body meeting.

You are reminded that if you have been required by a professor to attend an event which would ordinarily count as an evening engagement, please have the professor send a list of the names and the date to the Dean's office. In such cases the event will not be counted.

Pearls

By Mary Brooks Yarborough

Do you remember what you wrote when you were in high school? We took some excerpts from Judy Graham's (practice teaching) English class. Do you remember anything like this?

From "Description of a Walk": "The grass was wearing a necklace of diamond drops . . ."

"I walked by some pampas grass. It seemed to wave at me . . ."

"Dew on the blades of grass was sparkling as if it were telling those who mourned, there is always a brighter day . . ."

"I heard the rasping of tangled leaves . . ."


From "Dating": "I think sometimes a girl should ask a boy for a date or sometimes give a boy a hint so he will know when some girl wants a date . . . If they are going steady a girl should pay some of the way. That's what I think about dating . . ."

"When a girl and a boy have been going steady for a long time, I think he should do all the calling. Because if a girl calls a boy, it makes his parents feel like she's chasing him or something. If the girl owns her own car, she should be able to take it sometimes rather than the boy taking his all the time . . ."

"He just can't go up to his dad everytime and say, 'Dad, I'd like to have five dollars for my date tonight. I would also like to use the car.' After the first request, his father almost flipped. Five dollars is a lot for one boy to spend on one girl. It's very nice for a boy to pay for the date if a girl is not too heavy on his pocketbook."

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