

Salemite Prints Weekly Legislative Board Report

Beginning next week in the last issue of this year's Salemite and continuing next fall, a weekly column will be published giving a report on the Legislative Board meetings. The class representatives to the board will alternate weekly as reporters. A copy of the minutes of the meeting will also be posted on the bulletin board of Main Hall.

The Salemite heartily commends this action of the board.

For the past several years the Legislative Board has lost contact with the students. It has been hard to find out what the representatives were doing until the board's activities were presented to the student body in assembly in the form of a motion to be voted upon. The blame for this must lie both with the students and the board in their seeming lack of interest of communication with each other. But contrary to some opinion on campus, the Legislative Board is not a secret organization that purposely does things behind the students' backs. It is the students' board with student representatives.

We hope that this action of the board will stimulate interest in the board's activities and make it more representative of student body opinion. We urge that students read the reports and talk to the representatives so they may bring student opinion back to the board meetings. In this way the Legislative Board will become a true representative group.

Should America Interfere In The Cuban Cold War?

By Helen John

The defeat of the Cuban exiles' force was a blow to U. S. prestige comparable to last year's U-2 incident. Last week the U. S. began a search to find out 1) why did it fail? 2) where does the failure leave Castro, the anti-Castro Cubans, and the U. S.? and 3) how can the U. S. meet Communist subversion in this hemisphere and throughout the world?

The preparations for an attack against Castro began more than a year ago, but Kennedy has assumed full responsibility for the basic decisions on whether, when, and how to take action. The main criticism however, fell on the Central Intelligence Agency, whose job is to get and to evaluate information. The CIA was said to have underestimated Castro's political following and his military strength, and to have predicted that large anti-Castro uprisings in Cuba would accompany the invasion. Plans for attack insuring success were based on this information.

The consequences of the episode were that Castro gained new propaganda material, and increased his standing in the eyes of the Soviet leaders. Communist shipments of arms and supplies are expected to increase. The anti-Castro Cubans were badly shaken, in both the loss of exile troops and in morale. As for the U. S., the incident tended to blur the "New Image" which the Administration has been trying to create in the eyes of both our opponents and our allies.

Two key problems are involved in how the U. S. can meet Communist subversion in this hemisphere and throughout the world. The first of these is the unifying of the West against Communist military, political, and economic pressures. This is especially important, and difficult, in the Latin American countries. The dilemma before us is whether to stand aside and watch the mounting build-up of Soviet power in Cuba, or to act alone, even if this action is unpopular with our Latin American neighbors who prefer to close their eyes to the problem. By treaty and policy we are bound not to interfere in the internal affairs of any member of the Organization of American States. However, through these same treaties we are committed to resist the spread of Communism to the Western hemisphere. By every objective test Castro is today creating a Soviet Socialist State in Cuba, tied to the Soviet Union and Red China, who have intervened in the internal affairs of every nation they can get their hands on. Non-interference in the "internal affairs" does not bind us to non-interference in the spread of Communist dictatorship to the Western hemisphere or in building a Soviet military and political base in Cuba. These two things are not just the "internal affairs" of Cuba; they are the external affairs of every democratic Western hemisphere country. Non-intervention, as Kennedy seems to have concluded, is no longer workable. It leaves the Communists free to fix their hold on Cuba while we remained immobilized. What we must do to gain the respect and confidence of Cuba and all of Latin America is to act in the knowledge that we can build strength and friendship only as true friends and aid their problems of hunger, misery, disease, and degradation, and not merely as the associates and protectors of the native and foreign investors who have hogged the wealth and left only despair to the poor.

The present situation, in Washington's view, cannot be permitted to continue. Castro said that he would be willing to negotiate with Kennedy. The State Department's reply next morning was firm: "Communism in this hemisphere is not negotiable." This brings us to the second problem, that of "unconventional cold war" operations. Kennedy expressed his concern about these pressures when he said that the Communist bloc "relies on covert means for expanding its sphere of influence—on infiltration instead of invasion, on subversion instead of elections, on intimidation instead of free choice, on guerrillas by night instead of armies by day. No war ever posed a greater threat to our security."



Combo Party, Shoe Shine Keep Salemites Active

By Mary Eastland

Talk "around the square" this week is all of May Day as the long-awaited weekend draws nigh. Practice every afternoon and long hours spent on costumes will all seem worthwhile when the lovely "WOODLAND FANTASIA" is presented Saturday.

Thanks are due to the sophomore class for its terrific idea of a combo party Friday night. This will make May Day a real "week-end" which the music of the TAMS will start off just right. Tickets may still be purchased from the sophomore representatives, and remember that the proceeds will go toward the refugee fund.

Also working to raise money to

aid refugee students, the freshman class sponsored a "shoe shine" Thursday. There won't be any excuse now for dirty shoes at the dance!

The freshmen are also going to sell snow cones at the pool as soon as it opens. These delicious, low-calory snow cones will be refreshing to both sunbathers and swimmers, and the profits will go to the refugee student fund.

Would you like to have a black and white checked sun dress with a matching jacket for only \$3.00? Would you like to have your last year's skirts hemmed to this year's length for a very small fee? Would you like to have your hair cut, or would you prefer a "Coiffure by Miss Jenny" for only \$5.00?

All of these bargains—and more—are available on campus. The junior class, sponsoring individual projects to raise money for their refugee student in Hong Kong, is offering all these services to the student body for a small fee. They plan to raise their \$300.00 through these individual projects.

I would like to apologize for distinguishing Becky Newsome, Jane Kelly, and Beth Norman for the wrong thing in last week's article. Rather than being fraternity sweethearts at Davidson, they had the honor of being dated at Spring Frolics by the Inter-Fraternity Council representatives.

Though some of us stayed on campus waiting anxiously to see if the world would really end at noon last Sunday, other braver souls decided they could perish just as well other places as here.

Ann P. Austin went to Morehead for the weekend and had fun despite rain and cold weather.

Betty Pope, Claudia Crawford, Liz Irwin, Patty Warren, Beth Troy, Hannah Gillam, Bonny Bean, Ann Cunningham, Jenny Jordan, Sandy Sheets, and Anne West travelled to Danville to watch exciting sports car races.

Getting back to May Day, as most thoughts do nowadays, let's all hope for beautiful weather this weekend to help make May Day the very best ever!

Student Replies To Criticism

Dear Editor:

In reply to the editorial concerning the misbehavior of college students in the Salem College Assembly I would like to make the following comments.

As a member of the group which sang and "misbehaved," I feel that the editorial was unjustified and was intended as a personal insult to Wake Forest. We presented a program which contained several distinct divisions: religious music was performed with proper atmosphere and the deportment of the choir was beyond question. Other sections of the program were non-religious or "secular" and even though they were probably inappropriate for presentation in a "Salem Assembly", they were meant for entertainment—obviously someone enjoyed that part since the applause was more than enough to be just "nice and considerate."

The performing choir seems to have introduced a new approach to singing which the student body appreciated and a certain writer on the Salemite staff resented. We attempted something unusual in our singing—an informal program designed and made to fluctuate to meet the demands of our audiences. We feel that we selected and presented our program in a manner suitable for the demands of the situation.

Be as it may the Touring Choir of Wake Forest College enjoyed the opportunity of singing for the Salem girls in spite of the obvious physical inadequacies of the building provided for the assembly meeting. We enjoy singing and do not attempt to deny that fact. It seems to me that the writer of this editorial must have ignored the program since she failed to observe the enormous amount of enthusiasm which radiated from the group as they sang.

Very sincerely yours,
Dan Jones, Senior Class
Wake Forest

Group Restates New Y Purpose

The following new purpose of the YWCA has been recently drawn up, stating the reasons for having a Y on Salem's campus. When read carefully, this purpose should reveal what the organization stands for, who makes it up, and its overall position and aims.

It reads as follows: "The YWCA is a fellowship of students concerned with the search for the deeper meanings of the Christian understanding of life. The Y welcomes all honest inquirers of whatever religion or of no religion who are interested in this search. The Y believes that one should show Christianity in all aspects of one's life. Therefore the Y seeks to develop social responsibility among its members."

In order to carry out this purpose, a cabinet has been selected to serve as a representative nucleus of the student body. It is composed of one representative elected from each class, the president of the various denominational groups, and eight appointed members, chosen to speak for various groups of students on our campus. These new members and officers are: vice-president, Martha Still; secretary, Kay Kearns; treasurer, Tish Johnston; Cabinet members: Ann B. Austin, Mason Kent (sophomore class representative), Jo Dunbar (Wesley Foundation representative), Irene Rose, Tish Johnston, Judy Rogers (day student representative), Lucy Lane, Dotty Pooser, Martha Still, Kay Kearns (junior class representative), Joy Robinson, Linda Leaird, Margaret Duvall (Canterbury Club president), Cynthia Randolph, Gail Ogburn (Baptist representative), Caroline McClain (senior class representative), Johanna Johnson, and Judy Coston.

These cabinet members serve only as a representative group of the entire student body who make up the members of the Y. Additional members of the cabinet will be appointed in the near future in order to make the cabinet more representative according to the new dorm assignments.

The following committee chairmen have been appointed to organize the Y projects for next year. Community Services: Judy Coston, Lucy Lane, and Ann B. Austin; non-denominational programs: Joy Robinson, Caroline McClain; vespers: Dotty Pooser, Cynthia Randolph; Y Watch: Irene Rose, Kay Kearns; Morning Chapel: Tish Johnston, Mason Kent; special projects (Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter): Johanna Johnson, Gail Ogburn; Publicity: Mason Kent, Jo Dunbar. These committees will be made up of members of the student body interested in presenting and furthering the Y's aims.

A great difficulty arises in such a large organization as our Y in knowing where the interest of its membership lies and in finding and utilizing interested people to serve on the various committees. Therefore the Y would like to appeal to you its members, to let your interests be known to these committee chairmen in order that the most effective committees can be organized to serve Salem in the most advantageous way.



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