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**Stalin's Death To Free Speech**

In these hard times of gloom and depression, when the capitalist, competitive system as at present operated has so palpably and utterly failed and the whole industrial world is ravaged by the two-edged sword of overproduction and unemployment, it is only natural that feelings of protest and anger, of Carlylean "Indignation and Defiance," are engendered toward a debilitated economic order. It is, furthermore, inevitable that these sentiments are doubly and trebly sharpened by recent tendencies, as evidenced amply in the Kentucky coal mines affair, to limit or suppress completely and brutally the traditional right of free speech.

A swing toward radicalism is a perhaps logical consequence of these developments. Especially is this true at a time when radicalism offers herself in so insistent and militant and tempting a form as that of Communism, whose concise formulae and unmistakably clear-cut policies compare favorably with the pondering and floundering of the rest of the world in its morass of economic discord and devastation.

Nevertheless, a word of warning is not amiss in the presence of this strong and heady wine from Russia. However at once idealistic and concrete the Communist plan of salvation may be, the truth remains that this plan includes as a salient and even necessary feature the idea of dictatorship and absolutism, of freedom from the obstructive opposition of dissenting capitalist or liberal parties. For Lenin secured power in the hectic days of 1917 with the slogan of "The Dictatorship of the Proletariate"; Stalin has since facilitated and eased the functioning of the Russian government through ruthlessly and methodically exiling, subverting, or punishing political rivals; and the G. P. U. (the Secret Police) of Communist Russia puts to shame the erstwhile police administration of the Czars. Although the freedom and fearless expression of political and social views may be

difficult and dangerous in capitalist America, it is impossible or disastrous in Communist Russia.

Granted all the bright claims of Bolsheviks, the principles, openly avowed or implicit in their ideology, of class dictatorship, of authoritative suppression of free speech, and of a constructive but one-sided governmental propaganda, can hardly be denied to possess a somewhat sinister significance. They should certainly be given more than a merely negligible consideration when we are invited to hearken to Communism and believe on its creed. If the world is to be saved, whether by some form of radicalism or not, it is the hope of many that absolute freedom of speech will never have to be sacrificed therefor, either temporarily or permanently.—K.P.Y.

**Combining Education And Diplomacy**

A tremendous need lies ahead of the American student in the perpetuation of friendship with the Latin American student, not solely as a definite step in the progress of world peace and harmony, but as the foundation for a future understanding in matters of political and economic import between two factions that will soon take up the reins of government.

The chief medium of contact between scholars of the two Americas is the system of exchange students and the endowment of scholarships in both Latin American universities and institutions of this country. In the twelfth annual report of the director of the Institute of International Education, it was revealed that the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace had made an allotment of \$4,000 to the Institute in order to enable it to invite a group of Chilean scholars to visit the United States during the spring.

Records of the Institute indicate that the majority of Hispanic American scholars are sent to eastern institutions and that a very small number attend Southern universities. This may be due to the more or less unique provincialism that was once a quality of the Southern educational institution, and which for a while was repellant to the foreign student. With the expansion of graduate schools and the elevation of scholastic standards in Southern institutions, the atmosphere is more attractive to the foreign student. South American governments are quick to take advantage of opportunities for exchange and might well take an interest in the founding of scholarships in southern universities.—D.C.S.

**Call The Police**

With the problem of cheating growing at its present terrifying rate it is incumbent upon the student body to take immediate and drastic steps to discourage and abolish unmoral and illegal academic success. The exact extent of cheating at a college is impossible to ascertain but the failure to remedy such a situation is to endanger the very morals and scholastic success of honest men and women. There is an old saying about our system to the effect that the teachers have the honor and the students the system. To judge from the recent outbursts on the part of faculty and student body it appears that the truth of this statement cannot be changed by higher education or southern chivalry.

The University is a very real part of the state which supports and conducts it. Primarily an institution for the training of the state's youth for the higher positions in public and private life, this school is both in theory

and fact an organic and vital part of the state. With the vital connection of the school and the state in mind let us consider the man who peeks on his neighbor's quiz or writes dates on his sleeve. He is not committing merely an ethical wrong and frustrating the aims of education, worse than that he is occupied in injuring the standing of a fellow citizen if the helper is unaware of the cheating and if it is a two party deed both men are guilty of conspiracy. One or both men are obtaining credits from the state thru the school which they do not deserve and hence are guilty of treason. If they sign the pledge the additional crime of perjury must be charged to them.

The enormity of the crime and the punishments to which the culprit lays himself open are two excellent reasons for the speedy termination of the canker knawing at the very heart of higher education. The solution is a simple one and seems the most likely one to remove the great threat. The application of the state laws dealing with the crimes of conspiracy to defraud, treason, and perjury would place the guilty where they could do no more cheating. Let the tempted scholar know that a weakening will put him behind the bars for twenty years the percentage of honest students will rapidly increase. Adopt the same procedure to cope with drinking, vagrancy, and other offenses and when our collegiate criminal element is in durance vile the residue of ten or twelve men will represent the pride and joy of the state.—J.F.A.

**SPEAKING the CAMPUS MIND**

**An Alumnus Advises**

Permit an humble alumnus and ex-TAR HEEL staff member to suggest a plan. You know we are full of plans these days. The big plan now is to raise more money for the Loan Fund to keep fellows in the University.

It can be done. Let's agree on that first. There are two plans that will, I believe, swell the general Loan Fund at Carolina: one way I suggest is to establish, immediately, a Student Foundation Fund. Invite every living University alumnus to join... immediately, by payment of an annual membership contribution of one dollar. It will be a great co-operative foundation established by each Carolina alumnus who pays one dollar each year to keep alive and perpetuate this fund which will grow as time goes on. Ask each man who has ever been a Carolina student and who loves the University (and I hate to think there is one living who does not) to simply give one dollar now to establish this Fund. Give him a membership card, have his name engrossed in the Charter Members Book and placed in the archives of the University for future generations to see.

Plan number two ought to work also: have prominent University men all over the state who are members of Lions and Kiwanis and Rotary organizations and other such bodies to stage special affairs, to raise money for this fund. Such organizations are keenly aware of the fountain head of power that lies in the University and its student body, and they know that when they help University students they have made a gilt edge investment. These are special times now, and they demand special methods.

The establishment of a Greater Student Fund now, without delay, and of swelling the one already under way, is

**The Low-Down**

By G. R. Berryman

**CHEATING PROFESSORS**

Is there any sane reason why all members of the faculty should not observe the honor system? It is an apparent fact that they, not the students, are the ones who make of the system a huge joke.

The professor who seats the members of his class ten feet apart and then nervously wriggles between the aisles during a ten minute quiz is as much a violator of the honor system as the student who copies from the notes on his starched cuff. Yet, who ever heard of a professor being shipped for non-observance of the code.

Tom Jones comes to Chapel Hill from a little country high school where cheating is regarded as a major sport. (Student councilors and teachers vs. students). Reaching the University Jones is prepared to "put away childish things." "I am now a man and a scholar," he says to himself. Imagine his conserva-

tion to discover, in apparently enlightened institution, conditions identical to those of his prep school days.

There will always be a certain percentage of cheaters. It is admitted that no honor system on earth can compel them to play straight. They either have no moral fiber to speak of, or else their minds are so morally distorted that the idea of honor to them seems sissy or even humorous. If the honor system is not strictly observed by the faculty these students will continue to do as much cheating as they can while the professor's back is turned. If the system is strictly adhered to by the faculty, soon, among the upper strata of the students will develop such an antagonism to this class of parasites that they may soon be made to conform by reason of popular opinion, or else they may be reported and, thus, eradicated.

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The professor who slimes his way about during a quiz indicates to his class that he expects cheating—and rarely is he disappointed. In such a case an honest student feels under no compulsion to report any cheating he may see. He feels that the professor has appointed himself a committee of one to prevent cheating. "Very well then," concludes the honest student, "he can have the job. His actions insinuate that I, myself, may cheat if unobserved, so to hell with him! I wouldn't report a violation of the system to save his nauseous soul."

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**Brief Facts**

Evidence that our Stone Age ancestors slept in stone beds has been obtained by Professor V. G. Childe, of the University of Edinburgh.

The University of Havana, was opened, February 15, 1730.

Harvard university has the largest endowment of any college in the United States, \$108,087,473.

A trained kangaroo was recently the feature of a society ball in London.

Us Democrats are enthusiastic about cutting the budget, especially as it's been going mostly to Republicans, anyhow. Dallas News.

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