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The Campus Voice

Organized last year when the need for immediate crystallization of student opinion became mandatory in the interest of good student government, the Union Forum stepped into a long vacated niche and began its agitation for the recognition of the legislative wishes of each member of the student body. This year, under the leadership of E. C. Daniel, vice-president of the student body, the Forum begins its second year of service to the campus in convening for the purpose of centralizing student opinion and making recommendations to the Graham Memorial board of directors and other bodies active in the final legislation of campus affairs.

Ex-President Albright, the new manager of Graham Memorial and the leading spirit in the Forum movement of last year, remains with the body in the capacity of occasional adviser in matters pertaining to the maintenance of the Memorial. Through the manager and the Forum's representatives on the board of directors, programs will be planned for the building, additional games obtained, and various business affairs handled—all indirectly through the student body, which elects its Forum members.

The Forum is in a position to occupy an important role in the stimulation of student interest in campus government and general affairs. May it enjoy its rapidly mounting prestige in an unpartisan manner conducive to the regeneration of student initiative.—D.C.S.

The Pulpiters Train Their Guns

Much to be regretted is the fact that a large proportion of the ministers of our state continue to view this campus as an incubator for scepticism in religious philosophy. While there are many exceptions to this platitude, yet it is all to generally subscribed to by the brethren of the holly orders.

Although Carolina is justly proud of her reputation as a center of liberalism, she can hardly

assent to a theory which would brand her as a harbor for atheism and extreme radicalism. It is inconceivable that her student body, representing the average type of young manhood and womanhood of the country, could constitute such a menace to society as these men have from time to time implied.

Having contributed to it many of its most intelligent and zealous crusaders, this institution remains the butt of obloquies of the most petulant and desecrating sort, on the part of this hieratic body. Just what prompts this attitude, remains an enigma.

In the face of these maledictions which have been hurled against her, the University has not steered athwart of her pathway to revenge herself, but has peacefully pursued her course, according to the rules laid down by that great preacher and teacher whom they purport to follow, when he said: "Seek ye the Truth, and the Truth shall make you free."

Just what is to be gained for them by the jealousy with which they guard their doctrines and principles against the scrutiny of an analysis, is not known, but it seems to imply that they are thus actuated by a fear that these doctrines will be found lacking in the great fundamental truths which lie at the bottom of the universe, thus diminishing their own prestige.

This University does not seek to destroy the principles which have been ordained, but to analyze them, eliminating those that are unsound, and perpetuating those that have foundation, to light men on their pathways; the sooner our ecclesiastical brethren acclimate themselves to this fact, the better it will be for them, for the University, and for the cause for which they labor.—W.A.S.

Nearing the Millennium

All indications point to a record Socialist vote this fall. On the basis of the first two million votes returned in the *Literary Digest's* presidential poll, Norman Thomas' total had reached 105,000. With the expectation that forty million ballots will be cast in the November elections, the Socialist candidate bids fair to poll close to three million votes.

One of the most astonishing facts which manifests itself in our political history and organization is the weakness of any collectivist movement. When one realizes, however, the peculiar conditions to which such a movement is subjected, it then seems only natural that this condition has existed for such a long time. In the first place, there is the influence of our pioneer heritage, with its emphasis upon individual initiative and self-reliance. Then there are the inherent weaknesses of our labor unions,—their pitifully small membership, their lack of strong, constructive leadership, and the problem of Negro membership; also there is the tremendous influence of Samuel Gompers upon Labor's insistent non-partisan political stand.

Another factor of great importance is the political system itself which, in its inflexibility, makes the position of a third party a precarious one. Likewise, the huge, million-dollar campaign chests make it quite impossible for a party composed of labor, for labor,—fighting special privileges—to raise a campaign fund.

We see, therefore, many almost insuperable obstacles to be overcome if a party such as the Socialist is to become a potent factor in national politics. That the party of Norman Thomas is assuming that status is fast becoming realized. The repercussions of the economic depression have been both intensive and

SPEAKING the CAMPUS MIND

No Martyrs, Our Socialists

I wish to call your attention to an omission of fact in your news item in the Tuesday issue of THE DAILY TAR HEEL concerning the prohibition of the wearing of political badges by assistants in the library.

The truth of the matter appears to be that there would have been no such prohibition, had the badges involved been other than those of the Socialist party.

The truth of this assertion and the evasiveness of the explanatory statement later given out by the library authorities can be judged by making a comparison of the two orders issued. The first (both appeared over the initials W. P. K., apparently W. P. Kellam, head of the circulation department) read as follows: "You may be a Socialist, but do not display your badges here." Some one must have realized that this sort of *verboten* was lacking in finesse, because after it had been up a few hours this notice was replaced by one which read: "Please do not display badges of any political party while on duty in the library." The pretension of the neutrality made by the officials can well be considered in the light of these two orders.

So-called "general orders" of this nature appear most frequently when Socialistic activities occur. Prior to the issuance of this library order, there had, fortunately, been only one such incident on this campus, namely, the ukase by R. B. House, the executive secretary of the University, excluding Socialist ballot petition from the Y. M. C. A.

The Socialists on the campus are, I am sure, trying to avoid anything like a persecution complex. In general they have enjoyed equal privileges with other political groups. They prefer to bid for the intelligence of the University student rather than to capitalize a cheap martyrdom.

It is above the dignity of a great university to stoop to such prussianizing tactics and to display a pettiness of spirit which one would hardly expect from the smallest bored preschool.

—Ervid Eric Ericson, '31.

As we understand, a bargain sale is one at which a female economist ruins a \$20 street dress to grab herself a house dress for 98 cents.—*New Orleans States*.

extensive. Labor is shedding its coat of conservatism; the interest in national planning is a steadily growing force; the strength of the Socialist party is in great measure due to the huge increase in student interest in the movement.

It seems fairly likely that Socialism and Collectivism in America—in the next decade—will become as much of a power as it is in most European countries.—V.J.L.

ON OTHER CAMPI

By F. M. Hawley

An editorial in *The Daily Northwestern* states that socialists are the only politically conscious students on campus.

Lecture assemblies at the University of Chicago have been discontinued because of lack of student interest.

Dancing lessons may be substituted for gym at the University of Pennsylvania.

Students at the University of Indiana consume approximately 2,375 dopes (they call 'em cokes) daily.

From Wheaton college comes the news that students owning cars receive twenty-six per cent higher grades.

The University of Wisconsin was host to the fathers of its students this fall.

The freshman class registration at N. C. State college has been steadily decreasing for three years.

A group of co-eds at Northwestern have proposed to form a widow's union in recognition of their true but absent sweethearts. Each of the "widows" shall circle her neck with a band of yellow ribbon, signifying to

the opposite sex that no dates are to be had.

The University of Maryland charges its students three dollars for each class cut.

After forty years of coaching Amos A. Stagg, head coach of football and director of athletics at the University of Chicago, has retired.

The state motor vehicle legislation of Virginia prohibits the pasting of college stickers on the windshield and side of the family cars.

The University of Denver is staging its annual debate tourney.

At M. I. T. freshmen who break a room lease with the school are fined fifty dollars plus rental.

Theatre Passes Awarded

The following received passes to the Carolina theatre for outstanding work on THE DAILY TAR HEEL: Miss Eleanor Bizzell, Miss Elizabeth Johnson, Crampton Trainer, and Laurence Thompson.

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