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For This Issue

News: Gordon Burns Sports: Ray Lowery

### MR. THOMAS: FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Mr. Thomas has visited Chapel Hill once more. Memorial hall was packed in the evening, Murphy in the morning. And the rest of the visit was virtually a solid string of "bull sessions" for the many questioning students and teachers. Everyone was interested in the Socialist leader's being here.

It pleased a number of persons who have heard Mr. Thomas on his last several visits that his evening address was more of a running commentary on specific current issues than a regular, elaborate presentation of his Socialist position. Mr. Thomas probably so chose to make his '38 Memorial hall speech.

What we particularly liked about Mr. Thomas was the ease and dignity with which, during the course of the whole visit, he presented his point of view and discussed its practical implications.

Probably the most significant question—one which came up several times and on which Mr. Thomas joined with his listeners in admitting the difficulties—concerns the adjustment of Control, which must accompany a planned economy, with the individual expression for which Mr. Thomas stands so strongly. How can you keep from having a totalitarian state if you have to have control, and you have to have control if you have planning?

There is an element of truth which must be considered in the story of the metropolitan soap-box orator who, after having juiced the Park Avenue delicacies of plank steak and Strawberry Short-cake as contrasted with the proletarian crumbs, shouted bravely to his overalled audience: "Come the Revoluzion, and YOU will have Strawberry Short-cake!"

"But, Mister, I don't like Strawberry Short-cake," came a meek voice from the audience. "Well, come the Revoluzion," stormed our speaker, "you-all'll eat Strawberry Short-cake . . . and like it too."

And although Milton, Spinoza and others would contend that you never can make people like Strawberry Short-cake, make them think this way or that, the apparent effectiveness of modern propaganda techniques would indicate that you could come pretty close to it, in the case of the masses of the people.

All of us, as well as Mr. Thomas, are vitally concerned with the problem of reconciling economic security, which might, as Mr. Thomas urges, rest ultimately upon planning and control, with individual liberty. The intelligence that will synthesize the advantages of both will lead the world. Some say it must be "Strawberry short-cake" or nothing.

### MR. GIRDLER'S COMING: BE GENTLEMEN, BOYS

In today's "Letters to the Editor" column there are two slants on the Tom Girdler talk—Republic Steel strike newsreel affair.

One group takes Voit Gilmore's comment on the possibilities of unfortunate complications arising from any "see the truth about Girdler" pictures as an unfair misunderstanding of the intentions of those who have written Paramount for its celluloid record of what happened between police and labor in Chicago last Memorial Day.

To a student self-styled a "conservative," there does loom a danger of an unfortunate reception for Girdler when he arrives January 31, as a result of the "committee of fourteen's" move to have the campus educated to Girdler's tactics by showing the newsreel the day before or during his visit.

Actually, there's hardly apt to be a riot, come

newsreels of the Memorial Day Incident or whatnot. If the committee's ideal were realized—if everybody would go see the newsreel then go hear Girdler—then it would be a beautifully two-sided experience for the campus—if Mr. Girdler chooses to discuss labor relations anyway. Under such a circumstance, the CPU would be pleased, for surely there would result intense interest in what Girdler has to say.

When Suma, the Japanese spokesman, came last fall as a CPU guest, no one sponsored films of the latest aggression against China the night before. Not that there wasn't justifiable cause for a Chinese viewpoint to be presented so that the picture would be more complete; but those on the campus seemed to want Suma at ease, and to speak freely without a feeling of a spirit-killing antagonism . . . Such was the thinking of those who wouldn't want Girdler to enter the campus midst "see the truth about Girdler" banners.

A spirit of learning both sides is the world's best, and is appropriate to Chapel Hill. So is courtesy. And so the two groups' anxieties merge into solution. The newsreels would be splendid; just as would be unrestrained talk by the head of Little Steel. Carolina's gentlemen can settle that.

### Faculty Hears Athletic Proposals

(Continued from first page) specified in the new Southern conference rules.)

5. There shall be a scholastic requirement of 40 quarter hours, half C's or better, during preceding three quarters of residence, or 45 hours, half C's or better, if summer school or correspondence work is necessary in addition to three regular quarters.

(The 40 quarter hours is a slight increase over the conference ruling.)

6. There shall be no discrimination for or against athletes in the award of jobs, loans, or scholarships, directly or indirectly controlled by the University.

7. Any student representing the University in intercollegiate athletics or any other activities either as manager or as participant must qualify as a good campus citizen. The administration of this regulation shall be in the hands of a committee consisting of the presidents of the Student council, Interdormitory council, Interfraternity council, Monogram club, secretary of the Self-Help committee, and the Committee of Undergraduate Deans.

8. It is the policy of this University to condemn as a menace to sound education and wholesome sportsmanship the subsidizing of athletes, and it undertakes to the limit of its power to prevent such subsidization and will disqualify any student for intercollegiate competition who, on responsible evidence, shall be judged to be subsidized primarily because of athletic ability. In line with this purpose we urge alumni and friends of the University to cooperate in carrying out this policy by submitting to responsible faculty committees for approval under their regular standards any assistance extended or proposed to be extended to athletes or prospective athletes.

9. Since the University interprets its athletic program primarily as educational in its objectives, the intercollegiate athletic activities shall be organized and controlled in harmony with the organization-plan and principles already approved by the University administration. It is understood that the same provisions will apply to mem-

bers of the staff in this division with reference to selection, tenure, and salary scales as applies in other departments of the University.

10. To facilitate the coordination of the extramural athletic program with the other educational interests of the participants, no contest shall be scheduled which interferes with any regular class duties, unless such a conflict is previously approved by the Committee of Undergraduate Deans.

The following propositions were approved as explanations or limitations of the regulations: Rule 1: It is understood that the one year residence rule does not apply to graduates of junior colleges duly accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

Rule 5: This regulation is to go into effect one year from the beginning of the quarter following the quarter in which these regulations are adopted.

Rule 8: It is understood that the responsible committee in such matters will determine the period of disqualifications.

Rule 10: This regulation is hereby extended to all other extramural engagements scheduled by University activities and departments.

### Women Students Plan Busy Quarter

(Continued from first page) also planning a formal tea to be given early in February.

Women living in the new graduate building will give a dance tonight. They are also planning to have a formal dance later in the winter quarter or in the spring.

#### Bridge Party

The Women's Athletic council is planning a benefit bridge party to be given soon. Miss Evelyn Barker, president, states that the money from the function will be used for new equipment.

Initiations for Pi Phi and Chi Omega sororities will be held during February, with banquets given by both groups.

Tentative plans for a formal dance at Spencer hall in the spring have been discussed, but no decision has been reached.

#### Correction

Bob Magill said yesterday that he was incorrectly listed in the DAILY TAR HEEL as a member of the executive committee of the group of students which is seeking to present Paramount News films of the Chicago steel strike.

### On The Air

By Carroll McGaughey

8:00—Lucille Manners stars in another Cities Service Concert (WPTF or WEA).

8:30—Connie Boswell, scheduled for a guest appearance last week, will appear tonight with Johnny Mercer on Paul Whiteman's program (WHAS or WBT).

9:00—"Hollywood Hotel," Musical Revue. The Warner Brothers film, "Hollywood Hotel," will be previewed with several of the cast present in person (WHAS or WBT).

9:30—Don't miss Tommy Dorsey tonight when he presents "The Evolution of Swing." Three months of special research were necessary for this one program which will trace the history of "swing" music from its beginning to the present time (KDKA or WJZ).

10:00—"The Song Shop," starring Kitty Carlisle with Gus Haenschen's Orchestra (WHAS or WBT).

### Spotlight On Amateurs With Coming Of Radio

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interested students, Ivey stated: "Utilizing the talent we find on amateur shows and in other stunt and theater performances, we can work towards the radio broadcasts and a goal. The stunt shows are a means to this end. Our first exhibition of prospective talent will be on Sunday night in Memorial hall when we'll have our first amateur program of the winter quarter."

Ivey is confident that his talent group offers unlimited opportunities for training and experience. He intends to regard each show as a sort of dress rehearsal for radio work. "I think that this will encourage more students to come out, with the rewards more obvious."

#### Confident

Confident that the students will pass upon the radio project, Ivey awaits the final decision before commencing to build up a "well knit radio show." He will need writers, actors, singers, and comedians. Thus, those people who want to invade the ether waves have only to see Pete Ivey. He awaits them most anxiously.

An encouraging note to the more mercenary artists is Ivey's avowal that his amateurs are amateurs only because they have no sponsor. "As soon as we can find them, we will immediately become authentic professional radio entertainers."

"And that," said Ivey, "ought to give us a universal appeal."

### Council To Act On Invitations

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President Bob Magill said the council would only consider the wisest future policy of handling invitation transactions, and would not attempt to judge any possible charges of graft in the past.

It was learned that Joe Patterson, president of the present senior class, would be present at the meeting.

Magill said that Harrison would probably not be present.

### POP QUIZ

By Bob Perkins

Four men, Robert, Ronald, Ralph and Rudolph, were playing cards one evening. As a result of a quarrel during the course of the game, one of these men shot and killed another. From the facts given below, see if you can determine who the murderer and his victim were.

Robert will not expose his brother's guilt.

Rudolph had been released from jail on the day of the murder, after having served a three-day sentence.

Robert had wheeled Ralph, a cripple, to the card game at Ronald's house.

Rudolph had known Ronald for only five days before the murder.

Ralph had met Robert's father only once.

The host is about to give evidence against the murderer, whom he dislikes.

The murdered man had eaten dinner on the previous night with one of the men who did not bowl with Ronald customarily. (OK, Pearl.)

Answer to yesterday's quiz: Ten minutes to 3 o'clock. They were supposed to meet at 3 o'clock, and saved 20 minutes in all, 10 on the trip to the station and an equal amount by not having to come back that distance.

## POINT OF VIEW

By Ramsay Potts

Proceed from this premise: Intercollegiate athletics is not educational. The structure of commercialism, advertising value, and overemphasis has been erected on the games themselves.

Then it should be the policy of this University to recognize those facts. And to eliminate them, rather than erect artificial props to keep the cake and eat it too.

The University, instead, declares athletic competition to be of educational value. It is not. It is a release from education. It is a corollary to study.

#### Alumni

Stop pampering the alumni. Stop charging big gates and playing big games. Reduce the number of intercollegiate contests.

Then talk about subsidization.

But if those things were done, and games turned back to the students, there would be no need for subsidization. Then there would be no problems.

Until the University administration frankly recognizes the true situation, they can never work out a sound solution. The facts are evident.



## ANGLES

By Allen Merrill

Mr. Norman Thomas hailed Chapel Hill as an "oasis of learning" in the opening of his address Wednesday night.

That preceding afternoon Mr. Rex Winslow of Bingham hall released for publication his list of five reasons why 20 per cent of the students taking General Economics had failed during the fall quarter.

In our "oasis of learning" Mr. Winslow pointed out that the major cause of failure was "poor study habits."

#### Other Reasons

Number five on the list was "lack of interest in the subject." Number two was "lack of native ability and indolence."

Mr. Thomas' observation and Mr. Winslow's analysis appear side by side in yesterday's paper.

Mr. Horace Williams disagrees with the opinion of both men. Students fail, he says, because they disagree with the educational system. Here a little of the responsibility is shifted onto the faculty's shoulders.

#### Trees And Woods

Thomas may have been looking too hard at the little squirrels playing under the trees. Winslow, on the other hand, too hard at his book of grades, and Mr. Williams at his ideal of Plato and his students.

Whether our University is an "oasis," a mill for grinding out incompetency, or a mistake of modern civilization is a question of more than three dimensions.

Our grandchildren may have the answer.

## Letters To The Editor

Over 250 Words Subject to Cutting

#### Boosting Thomas

To the Editor Dear Sir:

When the question of possible candidates for honorary degrees comes up for consideration, I would like to place on the list the name of Norman Mattoon Thomas. Mr. Thomas, who received his higher education at Princeton, the Union Theological Seminary, and the New York slum areas, has long been a defender of individual liberty. During the war years he was one of the few individuals who refused to be led astray by jingoistic propaganda. His record in defense of civil liberty during that trying period and in the years since then has been a notable one. I think it would be a fitting tribute to award an honorary degree to such an individual, and there are many others on the campus who think likewise.

Yours truly, Trez Yeatman

#### An Unnecessary Act

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To the Editor Dear Sir:

The University of North Carolina has long been an "oasis of liberalism," and has been frequently recognized as such. This is a reputation of which we are justly proud and which we should try to protect; but we must not employ the term "liber-

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