

Faculty Votes To Crack Down on Class Cuts

John McCormack Condemns Isolationists for Playing Politics

'Playing With Fire' Says Democratic Leader

By Paul Komisaruk
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Majority Leader John McCormack in an interview yesterday condemned isolationists for "setting up men of straw for the purpose of knocking them down, for allowing personal hatred for the President to influence their actions, and for playing politics."

The tall democratic leader added, "... and they're playing with fire." The same men who said that the United States would be in the war by January 1940 are still talking the same way—and it is May 1941. "I believe that the President is doing everything in his power to keep us out of the war," McCormack explained.

Lindbergh
Referring to Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh, McCormack said earnestly, "I hope Colonel Lindbergh is right," but he frowned, "Suppose he's wrong?"

Interviewed in his Carolina Inn room, McCormack, who spoke last night under the auspices of the Institute of Government, said of England's chances today against Hitler, "One thing we can not overlook is the faith of the English people. Faith is a sustaining influence—you can not measure it in guns and tanks—it is often times the difference between victory and defeat. Faith might defeat Hitler," he concluded.

People Against War
"The people now are against war," he said, and referring to convoys, "I don't know if they will be authorized by the people."

Pointing to the urgency of the present crisis, McCormack remarked, "this generation is on trial as to whether or not we are a generation that failed our trust."

"The trouble is," the democratic leader maintained, "that too many people think the war is a long way off. It's more serious than that. It is no longer a war between army and army, and navy against navy. It is a total war, and even the child in the crib is a soldier," and he asserted, "This is not going to be settled by means of demagogues."

Hitler, he charged is definitely attacking our civilization, and the western civilization is based on a belief in God. "He is trying to impose a 20th century paganism by force on the world. You can't have a democracy without a belief in God."

McCormack claimed that economically our real danger will come from Japan, and if England goes under the condition will be aggravated.

"I would like to believe what the isolationists say," McCormack said, "but my conscience doesn't tell me for a minute that Hitler will leave us alone."

NCCN Glee Club Presents Concert Here Today

Presenting a varied program of classical and spiritual music the Men's Glee club of North Carolina College for Negroes will appear in a concert this evening at 5 o'clock in Hill music hall.

Under the direction of Isador Boyd Oglesby, one of the youngest directors in Negro colleges of the country, the Glee club will make its last away from home concert of the season.

Included in the program will be: "Adoramus Te" and "O Bone Jesu" by Palestrina; "Ave Maria," Schubert; "On the Sea," Dudley Buck; "At Dawning," Cadman; "The Night is Young," arranged by Ringwald; "The Omnipotence," Schubert-Liszt; "Shenandoah," "Grandma Grunts," and "Animals," Bartholomew; "Ol' Ark's A-Movin'," arranged by Oglesby; "Yonder, Yonder," arranged by Gaines; "Over My Head," "Rocka My Soul," and "I Got a Robe," traditional spiritual.

One song will be sung by a women's sextette: "Sailing Home," arranged by Ringwald.

McCormack Says Hitler To Decide

"The United States has peaceful intentions," Majority Leader John McCormack declared last night, "... and if we must have war, Hitler is the one who will determine the issue."

The fiery democratic leader asserted that "through necessity we must arm for defense." Speaking before a Hill hall audience, President Roosevelt's chief supporter in the House concluded the Institute of Government's fifth biennial program on interpretation and discussion of laws.

Addressing a group of state officials, students and townspeople, McCormack claimed "this belligerent tyrant (Hitler) has already declared that the Nazi regime will last for a thousand years." He wants to impose his will for world domination on all free people, McCormack said. "The only way this can happen is to destroy the civilization we know and cherish."

"Our forefathers left us a precious heritage. It was not easily obtained," he said. He continued that Hitler is engaging in "more than a war of conquest... he is attacking with intent to destroy our civilization."

McCormack asserted that Hitler is his own god—his own religion and, "I say that America is not ready to accept that doctrine as a substitute for the greatest living force for good in this world—the spiritual force of God. The crying need for America today, as I view it—is a more militant faith—a faith in God."

Referring to the Institute of Gov-
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All You Scoops

News and sports staffs of the DAILY TAR HEEL will meet in the news office tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Hood, Biggest Battlewagon, Sunk by Nazis

35,000-Ton Bismarck Scores 'Unlucky Hit' In Powder Chamber

LONDON, May 24—(UP)—The Admiralty tonight announced its most serious loss since the battle of Jutland—the blowing up of the world's mightiest dreadnaught, the 42,100-ton Hood in a battle off Greenland with the 35,000-ton German battleship Bismarck.

The loss of the huge ship—queen of the seas since her completion in 1920—was due to an "unlucky hit" which penetrated the powder chamber of the massive steel fortress and sent her to the bottom with the loss of virtually all her 1,341 officers and men.

Few Details
The Admiralty's grim communique furnished few details of the action, fought high in the iceberg-ridden seas off Greenland on the outskirts or possibly even within the limits of the American neutrality patrol zone.

But the Bismarck, the admiralty said, also was hit and even now is being pursued by other units of the fleet whose white ensign has for a century signified lordship of the open seas.

WASHINGTON, May 24—(UP)—President Roosevelt tonight rounded out a strongly anti-Axis speech for delivery to the nation next Tuesday as sinking of the mighty British battle cruiser Hood appeared likely to hasten a decision on further strengthening of the U. S. navy operations to help Britain in the Atlantic.

Informed officials were seriously concerned over news of the Hood disaster in her encounter with the German battleship Bismarck. Aside from the weakening of the British fleet by loss of this great ship, the fact that a
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Coeds To Vote Tomorrow On New Constitution

New Constitution Would Take Effect Immediately

Final voting on a new plan of coed self-government to replace the antiquated Woman's association will take place at a compulsory meeting of the WA tomorrow at 5 o'clock in Gerrard hall, Mary Caldwell, president, announced yesterday.

If the new constitution, drawn up by a special reorganization committee, is adopted by the coeds tomorrow, the new Woman's government association will take the place of the WA in actual operation this week, Miss Caldwell said.

Plan En Toto
Voting tomorrow on the constitution will be on the plan en toto, as the floor will not be open for amendments. The coeds have already had ample opportunity to express their criticisms or suggestions, Miss Caldwell commented.

The meeting tomorrow is compulsory for all members of the WA, and every coed is expected to attend. At a meeting called last week to explain the new constitution, the 46 coeds who attended approved the plan.

Would Start This Week
If the plan is passed tomorrow, a committee made up of the old and new honor councils and the reorganization committees will appoint the members to the various offices, and the WGA will start operating this week.

Any coed who would like to take part in the new system may give her
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Hot Weather 'Blitzkrieg' Strikes Campus

By Jimmy Wallace

Carolina students felt summer's first blitzkrieg Friday as Ol' Sol convinced the student body that the "Sunny South" is a reality.

Immediately after the Awards Night paraphernalia had been removed from Emerson Stadium the quadrangles became alive with activity, and at about 12 o'clock the first results of summer came to Chapel Hill. From 35 to 50 beds were reposing on Emerson field—containing occupants! The boys, after suffering from a hot sun all day and forgetting the war and their unfinished homework, had given up their rooms for the coolness of a "back to Nature" movement.

Mercury Rises
Throughout the state Friday the mercury rose to giddy heights and then stubbornly refused to recede. While Carolina students busily prepared for their final examinations as the academic year entered into the home stretch, they were bombarded by 97.5 degrees Fahrenheit during most of the day. While this was an "A" temperature it was not very conducive to acquiring a scholastic "A." Even the usual number of week-end dances apparently bowed to the general upsurge of the temperature.

While a few members of the faculty made out some rather "hot" examinations the remainder sat through a long and sweaty discussion of the "cut" system.

No Rainfall
As the mercury soared no rain fell. In Charlotte the temperature topped all records of the Weather bureau with a scorching 98.6 degrees. According to observers, however, the total rainfall was 36 drops.



Mary Caldwell

Cut Problem Facts Surprise Professors

Even Formerly Liberal Profs Approve Action

They were out to improve the cut system, diagnose its faults, solve Carolina's oldest headache—that 11-man faculty committee which opened a new chapter in problems solving when it ended its investigation Friday with cold, hard facts and figures as their weapons.

The faculty's belated action on absences was merely the climax. The problem had not "slumbered in committee." The investigators had taken polls, checked typical classes, averaged attendance, talked, slept, ate—the cut system. What came out of Gerrard hall Friday was an answer to what faculty members heard. General opinion: "Revealing, surprising, disappointing."

For Freedom
Many a professor who formerly supported unlimited cuts or discretionary attendance, volunteered a statement. Statements which all read alike: "We're for freedom and self-discipline, but these facts are a direct slap at previous liberality."

And these are a few of the facts: A check was made on attendance in all first-year math classes on a typical Saturday, and the result showed
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Davie Popular Concert

University, High School Bands Combine for Concert Today

The final outdoor band concert of the year, scheduled at 4 o'clock this afternoon at Davie poplar, features 100 pieces combined in joint effort by the University and Chapel Hill high school bands.

Under the direction of Earl Slocum, who started the high school band only five years ago, the University band will climax its year-round program of 16 concerts, leaving only the commencement exercises to end its year. A total of 11 selections will be played.

First Appearance
The high school organization, under the direction of J. Kimball Harriman, a Carolina graduate, will be making its first appearance. After competing in contests in Durham, Greensboro and Richmond, the Chapel Hill band holds top ratings in several phases of musical proficiency.

The program for today's joint concert: "Revelation March" by Chambers, "II Guarany Overture" by Gomez, "Carnival of Venice" by H. Clark, with a cornet solo by Hubert Hender-

New System Takes Effect Next Fall

Totten Committee Report Approved As Written

The time-worn student-faculty-administration wrangle over Carolina's "much-abused" cut system got its annual adjustment at Friday's faculty meeting when Dr. H. R. Totten's investigation committee asked and was granted approval of three surprising, policy-making rulings.

No cure-all, the plan, designed to check Saturday absences, ban cuts before and after holidays, and smother the mounting number of week-day skips, goes into action as soon as organization is completed.

Card System
Agreeing to have each department head file, with Central Records office, a list of students absent at the first class meeting of each quarter and before and after holidays, the faculty started the card system machinery—unheeded this quarter—in motion.

Fines—\$2.50 for each absence at these times—were levied in another move to inject a "bite" in the old, ineffective penalty system. By setting up a special court of appeals, headed by undergraduate deans, the professors offered a means of hearing cases claiming exemption.

Probation
Probation—student bugaboo and faculty whip—was remodeled for use on freshmen and sophomores. Most of the departments in General college have agreed to place on probation students missing two classes in a three-hour course without excuse and those
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N. C. Lagging In Defense Work Says Gravely

Speaking at a luncheon session of the Fifth Biennial institute held here yesterday, State Senator Lee Gravely of Rocky Mount, member of the coordinating committee of the Division of State and Local Cooperation under the National Defense council, said "North Carolina is the only state of the territory that I cover that is not completely organized for total defense."

"It's time to get busy and do something about this situation," he warned. "Whether he be man or woman, whether he be in the ranks of employer, whether he be industrialist or agriculturalist—no matter what he may be, the man who stands in the way of the preparations of this coun-

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'Romeo and Juliet' Closes Three-Day Run In Renovated Forest Theatre Tonight

Is Last Major Production of Year

Closing a three-day run tonight, the Playmaker production of "Romeo and Juliet" marks Professor Frederick H. Koch's first Forest theatre show since 1939. For the past performances a capacity audience has acclaimed the play. The curtain rises at 8:30.

The final major production of the current season, the drama is performed in the typical Elizabethan style and has been planned so that the scenery, costumes, action, and lighting take full advantage of the thea-

ter's expanded facilities, and provide a maximum of color and variety.

Deviates
Deviating from the original version of the play, the presentation has been cut to exclude the anti-climatic scene which explains the entire action of the play, and ends with the death of Romeo and Juliet in the tomb.

Robin Bolce, of Cincinnati, Ohio, remembered for her part in "The Marauders," plays the part of Juliet; Bob Carrol, of Hamlet, also a member of the cast of "The Marauders" takes the male lead. Bob Bowers, of "Lost Colony" fame, plays the part of

Marks First Outdoor Show Since 1939

Mercutio; Josephine Sharkey, of Chapel Hill, that of Juliet's nurse; Harry Davis, Benvolio, and Robert Finch, Tybalt.

Other members of the cast are: Tom Avera, Paris; George Wilson, servant to the Capulets; Elizabeth Carr, Lady Capulet; Fred Hunter, Lord Capulet; Arthur Conescu, Lord Montague; Emilie Johnson, Lady Montague; and Earl Wynn, professor in the dramatic art department, Friar Lawrence.

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More Days Until Final Exams