

# Turn the Other Cheek

If someone calls you a dirty name and thereby arrests your attention, and it looks like someone is looking for trouble, don't do a thing. In fact, the best thing for you to do is to go in the other direction. But if you don't go, and you prefer to stand your ground and see what the matter is, don't participate in any violence. That is, if you have a watch worth \$100 on your arm, and it looks like you're going to get your teeth pushed in, don't take off your watch. By all means, keep it on your wrist so that you can break it into pretty pieces.

And when somebody takes a poke at you, let him. After all it is a Christian world and you should turn the other cheek.

Now if you take off your watch, that will be an indication that you want a fight. Especially is this true if you were once a boxer. It is a matter of judicial notice that boxers have inhuman propensities. And if you hit back when someone slugs you, then you will be participating in an affray.

So don't defend yourself. Just stand and let them call you names all day. Remember, sticks and stones may break your bones, but words will never hurt you. Not much, that is.

Local judicial action of recent date in the matter of an "affray" once again has extended the torch of knowledge and learning to hitherto unknown heights. Verily, we have now transcended all human experience and approach the perfection of heaven at a rapid clip.

Soon, the courts of the provinces will probably abolish the plea of self-defense in murder cases. It is fortunate, however, that this expeditious pseudo-erudition will be corrected by our learned superior courts.

## War with Russia...

# Blazing Front-Page Headlines Are Frightening, Confusing

By Barron Mills

Newspaper headlines are as changeable and unpredictable as the weather itself. Some are frightening, grim, depressing, and predict a bleak future while others depict solemnity, happiness, or joy. The weatherman and the historian have a hard time prognosticating the future. However, the weatherman has the edge on the historian because he has learned by experience that a cumulus cloud is just a bluff. The historian cannot judge by precedent, because the conditions leading to an event in question are not always identical.

The main headline of the Technician, campus publication at State college, for April 18 blared forth with "ROTC PREPARING FOR WAR WITH RUSSIA." First impulse of this headline, as was stated in the body of the article, is overwhelming and stuns the reader so that it takes several seconds for him to recover from his fright.

The sub-head under the streamer reads "ROTC IS BROADENING ITS PROGRAM; HISTORY MAY BE RE-TRACING THE OMINOUS THIRTIIES." By this time the print of the article projects so far that it could be used as brail instead of ordinary print. After reading thus far we stop momentarily in order to check the dateline of the news sheet to reaffirm our belief that the paper was dated April 18 and not on April 1. But no, the dateline clearly states that it is not April Fool's day and so we continue our reading.

After scrutinizing the article several times it becomes doubtful what the editors of the Technician hoped to accomplish by frightening the students of State college. A high-ranking University official was heard to comment that he still did not get the significance of the front page editorial or why it was handled in the sensational manner.

The meat of the Technician article is as follows: "If the streamer above this article startles you, and you study it for a moment and then de-

cide that the whole thing is absurd and that the editors of this newspaper are nuts, you are reacting in a perfectly natural way. But if you will think with us a moment, look into the international muddle, realize the scope and intent of the War Department's present fervor of activity, then a check into the broadening program of the ROTC at this college, take into consideration the fact that the ROTC training of the thirties, though not intended so, was preparation for the war with Germany—you may begin to see that the headline, however far-fetched, may be significant, not too far from actuality, and certainly worthy of serious thought by us all."

Continuing, the article points out circumstantial evidence. General "Ike" recently paid a visit on a supposedly leisure tour of the southland, but "it is thought that his trip was for the purpose of assuring himself that his army was not day-dreaming."

An editorial of this type would have been perfectly legitimate on the edit page. However, by the editors scorching their front page columns with it they defeated all purpose that it might have had. Probably the main purpose in printing such an editorial would have been to make the reader think. The blazing front-page streamer only tended to frighten the public and led to a good deal of misunderstanding.

## I'd Rather Be Right

# Increased Subsistence Plan Receives Unexpected Support

By Earl Heffner

Operation Subsistence received unexpected reinforcement early last week when D-Day was postponed by the absence of Representative Meade of Kentucky, the critical man on the House Veterans Affairs subcommittee.

Reason for his absence? The Blue Grass solon was conducting a personal survey of living costs at Lexington's University of Kentucky. While the Honorable Mr. Meade was surveying, student veterans, reminiscent of their service days, were waiting.

For in the report of Representative Meads lay the question of whether the GI Bill subsistence had a chance of being increased by HR 870. Yesterday, the report was given to the Daily Tar Heel by Ben Rouzie, president of the Chapel Hill chapter of the American Veterans committee.

It is favorable! The Kentuckian, accompanied by representatives of major veterans organizations surveyed Kentucky campuses and found Operation Subsistence figures corroborated in every case.

While his survey is still in the process of tabulation, Rep. Meade's recommendations are complete. The politico recommends revision in subsistence to \$90.00 a month for single veterans and \$125.00 a month for married veterans plus \$15.00 for the first additional dependant and \$10.00 for each additional one.

With Meade now favoring the increase, the lineup in the subcommittee reads very favorably. Here it is:

Representative Ramey, Republican of Ohio, as committee chairman favors the increase provided for by HR 870.

Representative Meade, Democrat of Kentucky, favors the bill.

Representative Lusk, Democrat of New Mexico, says "Maybe."

Representative Ross, Republican of New York, will not take a public stand.

Representative Wheeler, Democrat of Georgia, is against the measure.

In brief, we may see that two of the five-man committee definitely favor the bill while only one is against it. Representative Lusk is reported favoring the bill. But she is expected to waver with the majority in order to preserve committee unity.

This puts the finger on Representative Ross of New York City. He reports that he hasn't made up his mind. But the solon must be under terrific pressure from veterans in New York City universities—Columbia, NYU, et al. Hence, he may be expected to ride with the increase. This would bring the subcommittee report in with four favoring increase, only one opposed.

With this in view, it is obvious that now attention, in the form of letters, must concentrate on their own representatives in Congress.

The AVC bulletin reports that "every Congressman questioned reports tremendous mail pressure."

If you favor the increase, this is no time to relax the letter campaign.

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# Washington Merry-Go-Round

By Drew Pearson

## SENATORS SORE AT THEIR COLLEAGUES FROM SOUTH DAKOTA; TRUMAN BLASTS REAL ESTATE LOBBY; SCHWELLENBACH CRITICIZES PHONE STRIKE.

Washington.—Members of the Senate Armed Services Committee, now holding hearings on the Army-Navy unification bill, are biting their nails at their chairman, complacent Senator Chan Gurney of South Dakota.

As one member puts it: "Chan is a lobbyist for the bill rather than Committee chairman."

Equally disturbing is the fact that several army and navy officers testifying on the bill have let senators know privately they don't really believe what they told the committee.

"If we didn't say what the Top Brass wants," they explain, "we'd sure catch it—and maybe lose our rank."

From now on there will be more careful cross-examination of Army-Navy witnesses.

### REAL ESTATE LOBBY

President Truman aimed some barbed remarks at both Congressional "inaction" and the real estate lobby when he discussed housing with spokesmen for eight national organizations who called to protest tragic delays in building homes.

Truman's remarks were inspired by criticism from David L. Krooth, co-chairman of the Housing Legislation Information Service, Wesley Pearce of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Lee Johnson of the National Public Housing Conference who minced no words in telling the President that the nation's housing program had failed and why.

They pointed first to the "tremendous falling off" in home construction in the first three months of this year. Only 45,000 "starts" were made in home building in the first quarter of 1946.

"In other words, last year, when we had government controls, we were getting more home construction than we are now, though the construction industry and its friends in Congress told us that building would increase when the controls were lifted," said Krooth.

The President said he was fully aware of this. Grimly, he admitted that the "housing situation" was not improving—if anything, was getting worse.

"We need a lot more rental construction than we are getting," observed the President. "It is way down. Builders are putting their houses up for sale at high prices that the public cannot afford to pay."

Truman added that the end of price controls, plus delay in passing urgently needed housing bills, such as the Taft long-range public housing bill, were chiefly accountable for the housing shortage. He said that he had made "five appeals," public and private, for passage of the Taft bill, but Congress has stalled for over three months.

### JESSE WOLCOTT STALLS

Truman said that the stalling was particularly evident in the House of Representatives, where the Banking and Currency Committee, led by Rep. Jesse Wolcott of Michigan, has effectively blocked action on a house version of the Taft bill, introduced by California's Helen Gahagan Douglas.

"I have done all I can and will continue to do everything possible to relieve the housing shortage," the President promised, "but it's a tough battle against the real estate lobby."

One of his visitors remarked that the real estate lobby had \$10,000,000 to spend to block the Taft bill.

"The lobby is always in a position to control legislation," said the President, "by spending a great deal of money to get out misinformation that deceives the public. It's up to you fellows to counteract this propaganda by seeing to it that the public is told the real facts."

Veterans of Foreign Wars spokesman Pearce asked Truman if the Government was "doing anything further" about industrialized (prefabricated) housing.

"That is the quickest way to relieve the shortage in an emergency, if housing production can be put on an assembly line basis," declared Pearce.

The President agreed that industrialized housing couldn't be overlooked and reported that a Columbus, Ohio, plant for this purpose would soon get into mass production.

## Letters To The Editor

### Boycott

As a law-abiding resident of this community, I cannot disagree with the decision of a duly-constituted court of law in the recent "affray trial." The decision is a legal one, and I am sure in accordance with law. As a peaceful citizen, therefore, although I do not agree with it (and I sat through five hours of testimony before forming my opinion); I will not question its legality or call for violent action, or mass-meetings or anything in the least indicative of extra-legal action.

But, as a student of limited funds I can be very, very choosy where I spend my money. I for one, WILL NOT call for an "Independent" cab, if I have to walk in the rain; or take my date to a formal dance cab-less. In my opinion these drivers, employed by the Independent Cab Company, represent a misguided element, an element that is a blot and a blight on our fair South.

I do not think I could trust my sister, or my mother in a cab driven by the type of employee I saw in the court-room Tuesday. In all sincerity, therefore, I ask that the other students of Chapel Hill join me in boycotting the Independent Cab Company until the community is assured that the employees involved in the "affray" have lost their jobs. I, for one, do not want these men driving around our streets at night, or even in broad daylight.

As peaceful citizens it is our moral duty to make sure that the Merrit brothers do not have a chance to cause our community further harm.

Name withheld by request.

## The Third Part....

# The 'Nigger' in the Southern Woodpile -- 'Equal but Separate'

By Jimmy Wallace

Before the sight becomes too dimmed, either by political expediency, social pressure, habit, prejudice, or senility, one can glimpse a few of the salient factors pertinent to the Negro question:

Prejudice cannot be legislated out of existence. It will always exist in one form or another, for such is the way of things. One does not have to be ninety to know that.

Discriminatory legislation, ostensibly aimed at "preventing friction between the races," creates the superior-inferior relationship between races, and causes more prejudice than it cures.

Discriminatory legislation was legislated into existence. It can be legislated out of existence. Such should be done. It would be good for a change to have some legislation which is both moral and practical. It would be good for a change if we could satisfy the teachings of our religious and our political conceptions.

It is undeniably true that the problem is evolutionary in its nature. Social equality of the races is seen as a possible goal which lies many years in the future. Evolution takes place through a series of steps. First one is taken and then another. But the essential thing is that steps are taken.

Some people seem to think that evolution is synonymous with stagnation. They view every step in the chain as a revolution. In the name of peace and quiet, they suppress and cause upheaval and violence. And then, when violence comes, they condemn those who oppose the suppression which caused it.

In the interest of avoiding friction between the races, they set up schools on a dual basis, establish separate facilities in busses and trains, advocate the worship of separate Gods in separate churches.

The facilities of Southern schools in this dual system are said to be "equal but separate." But who has ever seen a Negro school which had the facilities of white schools? Who has ever seen the Negro section of a bus station, or train station, which was equal to that of the white section? Perhaps there are one or two such instances.

It is said that when the Negro has been better educated, has advanced his standard of living, then will be the time for him to come into society as a free man, casting off the shackles of a Pariah, emerging like a butterfly from a cocoon.

There are many who might espouse this doctrine (of truly "equal but separate" facilities) if it were carried into practice. But it is not carried into practice. The legislators and people of influence who preach improving the Negro prior to his debut, are the ones who deny him the improvement, and

thereby guarantee to the Negro his present position.

Those who speak of the necessity of further education for the Negro are the ones who deny him schools with equal facilities. Those who speak of the necessity of a better living standard for the Negro are those who deny him a minimum wage for his largely unskilled labor. Those who decry his unskilled labor guarantee its remaining unskilled as long as he is denied education. Those who deplore the comparative economic bankruptcy of the South guarantee that we will remain economically bankrupt until one third of our total Southern population has developed the capacity to earn a living wage.

Many people who are now complaining would probably not be complaining if the facilities were "equal but separate." All that can truthfully be said of the facilities for white and Negro is that they are "separate." Thus the Southern pragmatist who shouts "equal but separate" instead of "equality" is caught in a quagmire of his own making. He does not even believe in his substitute for equality, much less equality itself.

The evolution of the species (all races included) began with the amoeba. The evolution of practical democracy in the South could well begin with the repeal of the Jim Crow laws. If we cannot accomplish that, then we should fight for "equal" as well as "separate" facilities for both races in the matters of education, and transportation.

If the amoeba had behaved as we are currently behaving, we would still be amoebas.

## It Happens Here...

- 10:00—State School Board Association, Memorial hall.
- 4:00—Student Party meeting, Roland Parker lounge.
- 4:00—Freshman, Sophomore, meeting, Gerrard hall.
- 7:00—Charlotte club, Gerrard hall.
- 8:00—Physics Colloquium, 250 Phillips.

## Crossword Puzzle

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

BEAUFAY	PENCE
BEWARE	AROUSE
ELL	EARNED
AL	BERATED
SOLE	LYE
TWENTY	DROVER
MEN	OWI
CROATS	BESANT
RANT	ALL
AD	HALLOS
SATIPAN	LOINS
LEANS	BERNES

ACROSS

- 1—Small South
- 2—Manuscript
- 3—Store
- 12—U N worry
- 13—Cereal grain
- 14—Pert to aircraft
- 15—Branch of tree
- 16—Ping
- 17—Fruit
- 20—Province of India
- 21—Permit
- 22—Part of church
- 23—Influence
- 24—Bird's home
- 25—Lunch
- 31—Positive pole
- 32—Spirit
- 34—Take a slow look
- 35—Light shoes
- 36—Princely Italian family
- 40—Japanese coin
- 41—Sliver
- 42—Alloy of tin and lead
- 47—Amnia
- 48—Heap
- 50—First man
- 51—Spanish hero
- 52—Graven image
- 53—Portland
- 54—Fetal digit
- 55—meeny —?

DOWN

- 1—Old Indian weight
- 2—At highest point
- 3—Finished
- 4—Waltz slowly
- 5—Lichen-like growth
- 6—Took a chair
- 7—Fanciful ruck
- 8—Make melancholy
- 9—Hearken
- 10—Odd (Scott.)
- 11—Psa shells
- 17—National Academy of Sciences (abbr.)
- 18—Girl's name
- 19—Age (poet.)
- 20—Ago
- 24—Old British name
- 25—Teach
- 26—Time of evening
- 27—Title of respect
- 28—Trade mark (abbr.)
- 29—Comiors
- 30—Make doleful again
- 37—Kind of doll
- 38—Clutch of eggs
- 41—Strike-breaker
- 42—Book of rubrics
- 43—Study stonery
- 44—Sulphur footed
- 45—East longitude (abbr.)
- 46—Dipped
- 48—Silver (sp.)

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