

Death From Their Own Smoke

Down in South Carolina the Ku Klux Klan has beseeched the city authorities for permission to hold a parade. Chances are they will be denied the request, the same as on a previous occasion when they used a different route and carried forth their plans.

This incident affords us an opportunity to make our comment on the three K's and the Communist Party. Both of these organizations have made the public conscious of their doings and enraged many citizens because their principles are contrary to those of this nation.

Many thoughtful citizens would have the government outlaw both of these organizations and other groups with similar techniques and purposes.

What has interested us is the fact that the feelings of these two organizations toward each other are mutual. Each would have the other outlawed. The Communist became enraged at the attitude of the KKK and the KKK in turn is more than a little peeved at the doings of the Communist.

What we do know is that it would be a sad kettle of fish if Congress takes it upon itself to outlaw one of these groups and not

the other. Or for that matter if it outlaws both. One of the KKK's notorious feats has been its violent practices against Negroes. Last year's record of only one lynching in the country clearly shows that the KKK is steadily on the down-grade despite its recent flares and demonstrations in several Southern states.

Herein we refer specifically to the ideologies of the two organizations. There is one distinct difference between the KKK and the Communist Party. The former of these organizations has destroyed life and property—a practice which must be curbed by the civil authorities.

We don't particularly cherish the idea of letting any group which applies practices contrary to the accepted American way parade with a brass band. There's some inert quality about parades and brass bands which give a genuine appearance, but still we don't want to shovel these two organizations into the underground.

So brass bands or not we are in favor of letting both groups operate out in the open. Let them consume all of their fuel out in the open and die from their own smoke.



ONE OF THE FIRST original photos from India following the death of Mohandas Gandhi shows his body as his funeral began in New Delhi. Attendants are decking the late Indian leader with the national flag and flowers before he was cremated on a river bank. (International)

AVC Notes

Army Stands to Profit

By Henry Adams

If a bill now before Congress becomes law the American people may soon find themselves paying for one of the biggest pork barrel projects in history. The bill H.R. 4268, calls for Universal Military Training for every 18-year old boy. It is being earnestly promoted by military men who have already conceded that it would be worthless for the defense of the nation.

The President's Advisory Committee on Universal Training after questioning top U.S. brass reported that the training which would be given under UMT would not be adequate in case of war. Should a future war break out, those men who had gone through the required year of UMT would have to have many months of additional specialized training. The committee estimates that the U.S. could not be fully mobilized and ready to fight until a year after the beginning of hostilities.

Yet General Eisenhower has said that in any war of the future involving atomic and bacteriological weapons the conflict would be decided in the first 60 days. The value of several million half-trained infantry reserves amid falling atomic bombs and bacteria would be virtually nil, a fact of which military men are well aware.

We may rest assured that when they ask the public to shell out the \$1,750,000,000 to \$5,000,000,000 which it is estimated UMT would cost, they know the public is neither buying national security or saving any lives in future wars.

Why, then, do the brass hats champion UMT so energetically.

The military personally stand to profit from it. Those officers who are used in a UMT program would receive a temporary promotion in rank so long as it remains in effect. Thus, the whole military establishment becomes a huge vested interest concerned with getting and keeping UMT. These gen-

tleman are in a position to gain from international tensions and rivalries. On the other hand, a concerted drive toward peace and security makes them unnecessary. It is not hard to see that they would exploit every move which would divide the world into hostile camps and maintain domestic war jitters. How else would they get appropriations from Congress?

But there are other groups who are also promoting UMT. They, too, know that it isn't the blueprint for security it aims to be. The U. S. Chamber of Commerce, for example, has come out for it. What's their game? The corporations they represent are looking forward to the profitable trade in armaments UMT would bring.

In all the talk about national security through UMT it is generally forgotten that the only two nations which have won every war they fought for the last 100 years are Britain and the U. S.—the only two that never relied on peacetime conscription for security.

Conscription of all the country's youth wasn't the answer then. In the present age of deadly atomic and bacteriological weapons UMT still is not the \$5,000,000,000 answer.

Rebel Soldier

Old 'Uncle Bob' Won't Surrender

Graham, Texas.—(UP)—The hard feeling that the "boys in gray" once felt for the "Dam-yankies" has been dimmed somewhat by time. There still is one unreconstructed rebel in Texas who never has surrendered, however.

R. S. Hilburn, Uncle Bob to the residents of this farm and oil producing community, turned the head of his little mare homeward 83 years ago without the formality of surrendering. He hasn't surrendered yet.

The 102 years that he has lived have softened Uncle Bob somewhat, though. Today he takes pride in the fact that he is one of the 12 surviving confederates still living in Texas.

When only 15 years old, Hilburn looked into the fact of Capt. Lyon—a regular U. S. Army officer who commanded Union troops at the Battle of Wilson Creek in Missouri and wondered if he had fired the shot that killed him.

"He was one of the Union's best men," Uncle Bob recalls. Lyons had been breveted a general shortly before he was killed. One time the young soldier had his gun shot out of his hand and another time the Yankees nearly shot all the bark off a tree he was using as a shelter.

His father, who enlisted with Uncle Bob, was killed at Fayetteville, Ark., a battle in which the son also fought.

Hilburn never mustered out of the Confederate Army. He and his mare, Fashion, just took off for home, but didn't stop there. The war had taken care of that and only ruins remained. He finally moved to Texas, in those days a wild country.

Write Away

Robertson: The Pink Shrieker

Editor:

I hereby recommend that the name of the column "This Changing World" be changed to "The Daily Worker." Never before has a member of your staff printed such a gush of Bolshevie propaganda as was in Bill Robertson's column on February 6, 1948. The same old party line followed by everyone from Stalin on down to the lowliest agitator was pulled again and again.

The column had as its so-called subject the "Revised Marshall Plan," or better still the "Wallace Plan." If Wallace be sincere in his ideals, then he is the greatest dupe in history. This plan which Robertson extols so virtuously is as ineffective as a State Department note to Moscow. In addition to its ineffectiveness, the "Plan" occupies exactly one paragraph in Robertson's rather lengthy feature; the rest of the column is an attack upon the Marshall Plan and Wall Street. How Vishinsky and Robertson are able to link the two so closely is beyond the realm of my imagination.

If this isn't enough to show us exactly where Mr. Robertson stands, he goes on to say: "There has been relatively swift recovery in the countries of Eastern Europe for... the reason of planning and nationalization of key industry and banks." How true we know that is when we have read of the assassination of Mikailovitch, the flight of the Polish opposition, the fall of the Rumanian, Bulgarian, and Baltic governments. How well it has been planned! What happened to Greece, Mr. Robertson? No doubt you will say that capitalistic forces there are fighting the "Massees."

Like all of his colleagues, Mr. Robertson isn't content until he has also allied Wall Street and our national government. He says: "Must we suppose that Wall Street, which is robbing the American people daily by means of high prices, will give things away to foreign countries?" Undoubtedly he must associate the two for it wasn't Wall Street at all, but our Secretary of State, that formulated the Marshall Plan. Of course we must give things away in an effort to prevent the starvation and unrest which precede world wars. What worth has money in comparison to the thousands of lives which the last war cost the American people?

Of course, Mr. Editor, I realize that the Daily Tar Heel disclaims all responsibility for the opinions of its columnists, but you must agree that "This Changing World" is so pink that it shrieks.

Jack English

The Truth

Friends:

In the current issue of Carolina Magazine is an article on the University Press containing a photograph of myself and my daughter. The caption beneath the illustration is as follows:

"Although creative writing classes meet in the same building, the Press offices have not published a student novel as yet. Russell proteges like John West, blinded by the illustrious, fame building advertising campaigns, prefer giant New York publishers in preference of the successful University Press."

Here is the truth of the matter as it concerns myself and most of the students associated with my writing classes. As a member of Mr. Philip Russell's writing class I entered part of my first attempted novel in the Dodd, Mead Co. Intercollegiate Contest for 1947. So did other members of the class because their eyes were opened to the fact that it seemed a good break. I was fortunate enough to be chosen runner up in the contest, an honor that only gave me encouragement in completing the novel. I did so and have returned it to that publisher for consideration. I have sold short stories for several years, pulps, too, and was glad of the success, the humble success.

An inch or so of flooring and a shell of plaster is all that separates Mr. Russell's class from the entire first floor occupied by the Press. Every day

someone read a portion of his MS, yet I never saw anyone with a hole bored in the ceiling of the Press offices, listening for acceptable material. Neither did I meet anyone on the short flight of steps connecting the two floors, rushing up to see if another young Thomas Wolfe was sprouting there. However, I did meet several representatives from the "giant" New York publishers, who were interested enough to travel a few hundred miles to interview us.

I am not blaming the Press. They know what they want, probably better than Mr. Sharpe expressed it. I would have fallen down that flight of steps accepting their bid for my novel. I still would, should it not be accepted by the publisher that encouraged my finishing it.

Writing is a rough row to hoe, and writers of articles for college magazines will learn that when one faces the competition of the professional world he will grab every card dealt him and forget suddenly exploding fame.

John Foster West

Answers Roeder

Dear Sir:

This is a rejoinder to John Roeder's letter published in the February 6 Daily Tar Heel. I feel that some points should be cleared up.

The letter implied strongly that the Wallace club omitted three passages of Stokes' column with nefarious intent to deceive the public.

Lack of space forced some cutting of the column, and the compilers omitted the parts that contributed least to the total picture. Actual comparison of the Wallace Weekly, Stokes' column, and Mr. Roeder's letter shows that it is Mr. Roeder, not the Wallace Club, who has falsified Stokes' position. Would Mr. Roeder say that Arnold Toynbee's statement that militarism "has been by far the commonest cause of the breakdown of civilization" is invalidated by failure to quote all six volumes of Toynbee's Study of History?

The letter wrenched selections from two other Stokes columns violently out of context and added them to the argument against omitting context. It said that these columns "clarify his (Stokes') position" toward the Wallace movement. Actually the Jan. 16 excerpt shows what Stokes thinks the position of some other people might be, and the Jan. 18 excerpt shows what Stokes half suspects Robert Kenry may have in mind. Our interest is more in what Henry Wallace has in mind—a free and prosperous America.

It is obvious that the omitted passages, even alone, do not show Stokes opposing the Wallace movement. Therefore I apologize to the reader who may feel that I have said "an undisputed thing in such a solemn way."

H. S. McNairy

A Hodgepodge

Editor:

This letter is admittedly a hodgepodge.

First, let me say that you have

no right to refuse to print letters which are not typewritten. This is merely to offer substantial evidence that Junius Scales was right. Only the affluent with golden trumpets are to be heard.

Second, your defense of Tar Heel distribution methods said nothing, Saturday (Feb. 7), the weather offered no resistance to circulation men, but papers did not arrive. Tar Heels invariably arrive after 11:00 A.M. on Sundays.

As I understand it, all students pay for a subscription to the Tar Heel. Why, then, are two papers left at dormitory rooms when these are occupied by three? This doesn't jibe with your statement that the correct number of papers is left in each dormitory.

It is not for the editor to reduce the number of Tar Heels distributed because they are not read. They are paid for, and may be used to light pipes if nothing else.

Meanwhile, with the money saved by reducing the number of Tar Heels printed, I suggest you hire a proof reader.

Charles Hexagon

What's Up in Graham Memorial

With spring holidays much closer than most students realize, it's already late to be getting northbound train reservations. The GM travel agent, Roland P. Early, says Seaboard is already just about full on trains from Raleigh to the north on the night of March 17, but they're trying to hold a block of reservations for UNC students. . . . Don't wait until the last minute.

New business manager of Graham Memorial is Harry Horton. . . . A third-year commerce major from Asheville, Horton took over his duties Monday, relieving Bill Shuford. . . . Strange as it seems, the Wednesday afternoon advanced dancing classes are TOO popular!—Tersiphoire Corley, maestro of the class, reports he has nearly half-a-hundred eager pupils, and the job is almost more than he can handle sometimes.

Two Tchaikovsky selections will be aired on tonight's recorded dinner music concert: the Third Symphony, and the Swan Lake Ballet.

Republicans to Hear Newsome Discussion

The Young Republicans club will hear Dr. A. R. Newsome, head of the history department, speak on the history of poetry and its development up to the present at a meeting to be held tomorrow night at 7:30 in Roland Parker lounge.

Coline Smith, vice-president of the Young Republicans, stated that the meeting is open to all interested persons.

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