

Guard Well the Privilege

(This letter from a former University student now at the University of Michigan we believe of such significance that we are printing it in its entirety as an editorial.)

Editor:

During the two years which I spent at Carolina, representatives of at least four political parties (including the present Progressive and Socialist candidates for president) spoke from public platforms there. Two campaigning candidates for governor (all were invited) and one for United States senator spoke frankly as candidates. In addition, several current office holders spoke in a non-partisan position on the program of the Carolina Political Union, discussing both foreign and domestic issues of the day and defending or explaining their own positions thereon.

I personally attended a great many of these meetings, though I was never actively associated with any sponsoring organization. As a voting citizen I considered it a privilege as well as a real duty to hear these speakers. But I cannot ever recall having thought that it was anything more than my natural right.

I was well aware that Dr. Frank was under frequent bombardment from conservative elements within the state when such speakers as Miss Flynn of the Communist Party and Mr. Wallace of the Progressive Party appeared. I suppose I thought it a courageous stand for him to take against those forces which would bar free speech, but again I cannot recall having thought it anything more than his actual duty as the president of the university.

But I have had the light in which I view these matters considerably altered by more recent experience. Since June of 1948 I have been a student at the University of Michigan, which will undoubtedly be acknowledged by all as one of the great universities of the nation. I do not ever recall having heard it referred to as a great liberal institution (something we Carolina folks have a way of tossing around), but I cannot but say that I was profoundly shocked when I discovered that the freedom of political discussion in public assembly which I formerly took so for granted and even with apathy is here completely forbidden.

The situations are, so far as I can see, very similar. This is a state institution, supported by legislative appropriation. It has a Board of Regents which corresponds to Carolina's trustees. It has a president who is unquestionably a man of personal integrity. But somewhere in that legislature-regents-administration chain of command someone has chosen to forget the basic liberty to which any university is entitled. Being a newcomer to the campus, I dare not lay it at any point along that line. I cite the instance merely to make a point.

I am afraid that many of you at Carolina are as indifferent to your heritage of freedom as I was, and this letter is intended as nothing more than a warning against it. Apparently there was a time when this sort of attitude which eventually led to a ban of political speakers appearing on the Michigan campus was in formation, and at that crucial hour no representative student group came forward to declare their right to hear the issues discussed by the men who were going to legislate those issues into action. The result is that today there is no such right left on the Michigan campus, and its restoration will be a slow and painful process.

The point is clear: in a rising tide of reaction, it will be all too easy for those in positions of influence to overcome the people like me who enjoy the right to hear all we can but seldom get enthusiastic enough about the privilege to press for its continuance.

In the post-election doldrums, with so many other issues crowding for our attention, it will be a tremendous temptation to relax our insistence on hearing all sides of the picture from the folks who know those sides. The democrat's extremity is the reactionary's opportunity. So long as Dr. Frank remains president of the university, I have no fear from that link of the chain. It is of students that I urge constant effort.

Be non-partisan if you can. Be partisan if you must. But don't be indifferent! Don't let the University of North Carolina share the fate of the University of Michigan.

Lee Copple
Ann Arbor, Mich.

today is election day

VOTE

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Odds And Ends

ON CAMPUS:

WE'RE FROM DIXIE, TOO! And you really can tell these Carolina Dixielanders when you get out on the highway. Every other car for a 50-mile radius has the stars and bars waving from the front end and a UNC sticker on the back end.

STANDING THE TEST. It's always so refreshing to get back to your home town and find out what folks there are doing and talking about—and they're usually watching us like hawks, too. For instance, it is mighty nice when somebody like June Fleenor spends her first few weeks here at Carolina and then goes home looking perky and pretty as usual. Kinda' makes everybody happy.

BACK TO NATURE. At least, that's the only place we can think of for a retreat. If you have many relatives and friends wanting tickets and places to stay for the Duke-Carolina week-end, you might as well start running now.

ON THE BALL. Doris Beasley coined the phrase of the week when she completely missed a volley ball and yelled, "Look, no hands!"

THE GYPSY IN HER. All Jane Gower needs is a pair of golden ear rings and a tamborine to make her look the part of the travel bug that she is. It's good to get away every now and then, but you know, there are folks who miss her on week-ends.

FEW AND FAR BETWEEN. You know, every now and then we come across people on this campus who go out of their way to be helpful; and when we do find them, we can't help saying something about it. So here goes. Even if Charlie Long is a Republican (sorry if we don't join the ranks of subtle columnists), we gotta' admit he has a heart under it all.

MATCH IN THE GAS TANK. If you want to see an expression of utter disgust, tried patience, and helplessness, just ask Charlie Burns if he wouldn't like to go on a picnic to Kings Mountain.

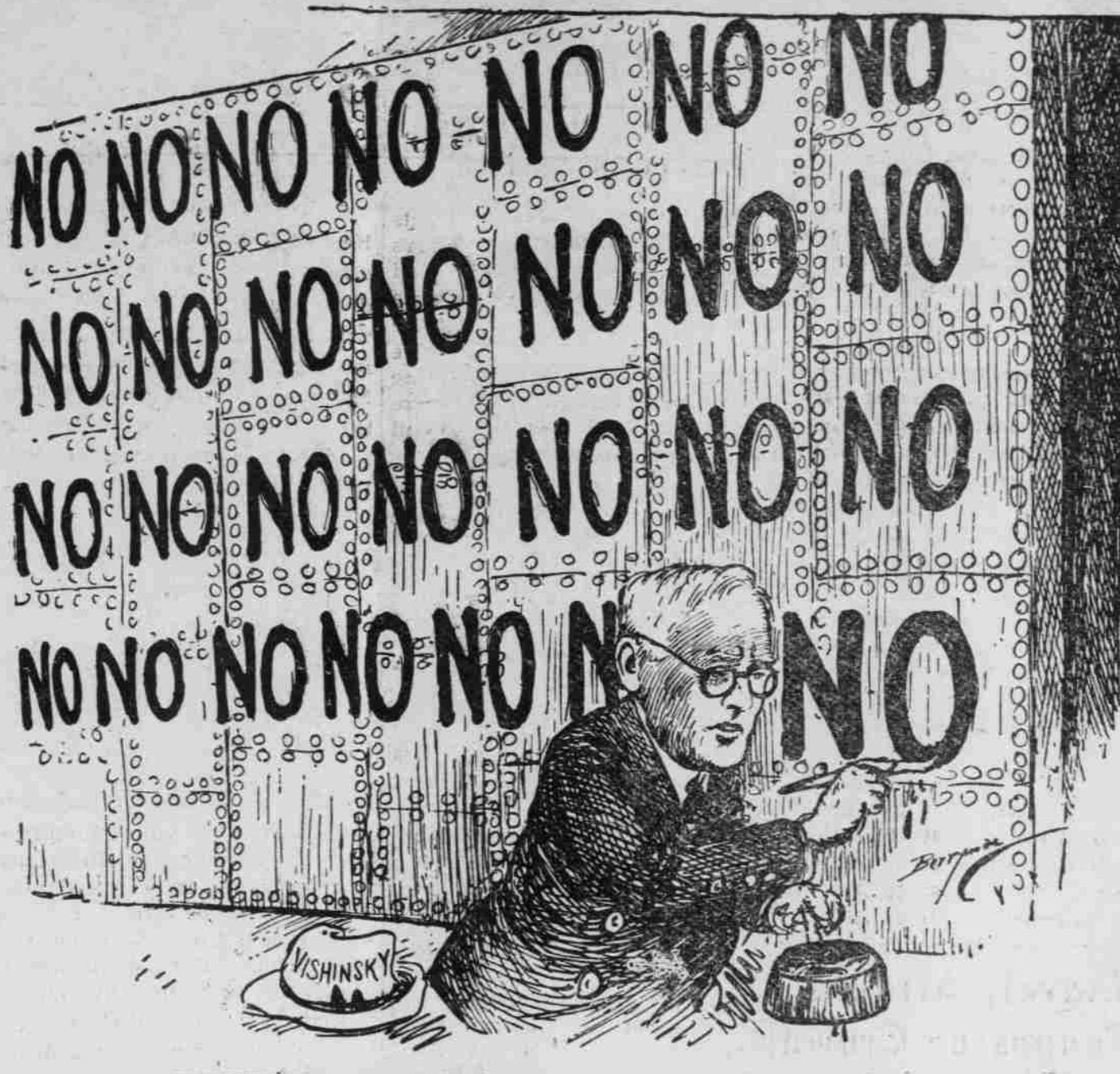
TOUGH, OLD MAN. Too bad that announcer of last Saturday's game didn't get to see Tennessee come out on top. Never have we heard such gleeful exclamations when one of Carolina's men fumbled—"He dropped the ball—he dropped it—heh, heh, yes, he dropped it!"

YES, SON, THAT'S PAPA. In years to come it's gonna' be mighty hard to convince Junior that his papa and mama really looked like those annual pictures. After looking at proofs like those of the Roper twins, we wonder if it can ever be done.

VERSITILITY PERSONIFIED. Edna Dooley may have you thinking that she's always the calm, cool, n' collected little lady she was in "I Remember Mama," but she can also bubble over just like a five-year-old at three ring circus. Just watch her the next time she's getting ready to leave for a week-end and see what we mean.

TO EACH HIS OWN. We may go on rampages at times, but when folks do what we think is right, we mean to tell you so. Now, here's what we're driving at—Several weeks ago we lambasted the campus Chesterfield representatives; but since that time they have been doing a marvelous job. Now, we wonder what ever became of the Philip Morris man. What with a mighty sweet lil' gal wearing his ring, last year's representative, J. C. Brown, has no time for the job.

Decorating the Iron Curtain



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More Write Away

Liberals Hurt Themselves

Editor:

From time to time we are exposed to the writings of the so-called liberal students of our University. With different degrees of absurdity, they seem to have a calling to "save" or "deliver" the Negro people.

One of the more recent debacles was entitled "Liberation of the Negro." Think about that for one minute—one of our fellow students is going to liberate the Negro. Nothing could be farther from the truth.

I don't know the aims of these quasi liberals but I know their accomplishments are the direct antithesis to the things they profess to seek.

I have been told that one of Hitler's slogans was, "Divide and conquer." For Hitler's purpose it was very apt;

whether or not it is their purpose, this group of so-called liberals is dividing and disuniting the South.

I don't claim to have a complete answer to the Negro question, but it is evident that the radical approaches advocated by these quasi liberals would cause strife among the white and Negro people.

The progress of the Negro will be made by the Negro. Let the Negro demonstrate by his living standards, intelligence, and conduct that he is the equal of any man. When he has done this, the entire world, including the South, will accept him, regardless of its effect, for truth is truth and must prevail; but when there is no proof we have a right—we have a duty—to consider the effect of an un-

supported hypothesis.

No section of the country is more vitally interested in the progress of the Negro than the South; no section of the country has made more progress in finding a workable solution to the Negro problem. Naturally, Southerners are resentful when the North, aided by these quasi liberals, attempts to cram a civil rights program down their throats.

The world must be convinced by demonstration, not by propaganda and agitation. The present civil rights program is making enemies of the Negroes' friends. Anything that arouses hostility towards Negroes can not fail to bring about a corresponding curtailment of their civil, political, and economic advantages and interests.

D. Byron Barnes

Socialists Furnish Haven

Editor:

At the Di debate the other night, Al Lowenstein stated an absolutely ridiculous hypothesis, then proceeded to defend it with such cleverness and wit that the normally free enterprise-loving audience elected a Socialist, Norman Thomas, in the poll that followed. What was Mister Lowenstein's hypothesis? He, usually a good Republican, said the only way to protest against the bi-partisan foreign policy is to vote for Norman Thomas.

Now let me quote from the editorial of the Nov. 30 issue of Collier's. "So far as foreign policy is concerned there are no important differences between Democrats and Repub-

licans. . . There is not even any difference in the international field between Democrats and Republicans on one side and the Dixiecrats and Socialists on the other. The voters would have to elect Henry A. Wallace to get a real change in foreign policy."

In his speech on this campus, Norman Thomas praised the Marshall Plan, the very heart of the bi-partisan foreign policy which has as its purpose the destruction of socialism everywhere. Norman Thomas is not even a genuine socialist. If his brand of "socialism" were the slightest threat to the huge profits and expansionist aims of big-business, you can be sure it would not be so respectable to support him.

The Socialist party has a function, but serving as a protest against our imperialist foreign policy is not it. The real function of the Socialist party in this election is to furnish a haven of immaculate respectability for those liberals who cannot risk their self-esteem by associating with the business-owned Democratic, Republican, or Dixiecrat parties, yet do not have the fortitude to get into a real people's party, get a little red smeared on them, and fight to save America from fascism and war.

The only way to defeat the drive of the imperialists toward war and fascism is to vote Progressive.

John Myers

A Plug For Campus Party

Editor:

I should like to express herewith my observations about one of the three parties maintained here on the campus. The party of which I speak is the Campus party whose chairman is Jack Worsham.

My first encounter with the Campus party occurred down in the book exchange when I received a very useful book mark from one of their representatives. Afterwards, after a cordial invitation from some of the members, I attended several of their meetings and I was favorably impressed by the policy of the Campus party. This party is what you might call a "middle of the road

group." They are neither radical nor conservative.

You may say a party is progressive and that it is an active organization, but I really know that this particular party is going places. We have had some lively discussions about the different business that has been brought up. It is quite interesting to be in a party that is full of life and wants to work for the students as a whole. Incidentally, the Campus party seems to be making one of the best showings on the campus. An impressive number have been attending the meetings, and among these were an unusually large number of freshmen. In my opinion student government or extremely conservative.

ment can make great strides this year, and the Campus party is going to the front as the pacemaker.

I should like to earnestly request that all freshmen try to interest themselves in their student government. In a few days the nominations will be made down in freshman assembly of the candidates for the different parties. Freshmen, take a look and see who is running for office. Investigate the Campus party candidates and get to know the swell bunch of fellows which we will put up. They will be representing the party that is going places when the time for election rolls around. —Harris L. Evans, HL

Write Away

Proxying for Debs

Editor:

It's a strange state of affairs when the Socialist party advertises its candidate, Norman Thomas, as not being a "dangerous radical." Their spokesman, Jonathan Marshall, might profitably read the life of Eugene V. Debs, founder of the party and five times candidate for President.

Gene Debs, twice railroaded to jail, knew well that whoever seriously threatens the profits of monopolies is a "dangerous radical" for the newspapers they control; Debs took pride in the abuse they heaped upon him. He realized that one must choose between respectability and militancy on behalf of the underdog. He chose the latter, built the Socialist party, received 920,000 votes while in jail, and died the idol of the workers and an object of hate of the lords of industry.

"Uncle Thomas" prefers the praise of the master. When announcing his candidacy, he was congratulated by the same New York Times which had called Debs "an enemy of the 'human race.'" No wonder; didn't "Uncle Thomas," with but mild reservations, endorse the bipartisans abroad and the loyalty purge at home? He provides Wall Street's "loyal opposition"—opposition in words, support in deeds.

Old Gene Debs wouldn't take long to select his candidate for President. He would select the man who went on the picket lines in Detroit, addressed unsegregated audiences in the South, and is vilified by the monopoly press the way Debs was.

Though Wallace is not a Socialist, all who sincerely want socialism will back him. For only his program against war and fascism which menace our country can maintain the right of the American people to establish socialism whenever they choose.

Hans Freistadt

No Place to Park

Editor:

I'd like to stick in my two pesetas worth about the parking situation. I see by the papers they want to rope off two of the three remaining parking areas in the central campus area. Things are rough enough for the blue sticker boys as it is. I can find it in my heart not to begrudge the red sticker people the four exclusive parking lots they have already, but let's leave the rest of us a little space.

I brought my car up here to ride in, not to leave sitting around outside my billet while I walk several miles around the campus every day. I live on the outskirts of the so-called "convenient walking distance area," and I'd like to have some place to park my car when I show up for my first class every morning about 7:45. It's really very annoying to see lots of empty spaces and not be able to park in them.

It says in the paper that there were representatives of the student body, faculty, and administration present at the meeting at which this ban was recommended. I'll bet a cuppa coffee there wasn't anybody there who would have to walk over a couple of blocks if this ban were put into effect.

Ed Williams

Intended Omission

Editor:

I'd like to call attention to an example of distortion by omission. Last Wednesday I read the following quotation from Bill Robertson's column in a letter by Charles H. Hubbell:

"It would be foolish for us to make the mistake of the liberals in Germany, who succumbed to. . . Adolf Hitler, only to find themselves together with the Communists in the same concentration camps."

The full sentence in Bill Robertson's column reads as follows: "It would be foolish for us to make the mistake of the liberals in Germany who succumbed to the demagogic red-baiting and race-baiting of Adolf Hitler, only to find themselves together with the Communists in the same concentration camps."

It can be seen from this that Mr. Hubbell's omission was not accidental.

Jimmy Wills

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- 1. contended
- 7. connected
- 13. fields of combat
- 14. beard
- 15. makes lively
- 16. fire-arm
- 17. Shoshonean
- 18. slender
- 20. Charles Lamb's pen-name
- 21. high hill
- 22. positive pole
- 24. olden times (archaic)
- 25. pierced
- 27. stratagems
- 29. French article
- 30. bombycid moths
- 31. witchcraft
- 38. entire amount
- 39. humble
- 41. Hawaiian garland
- 42. mineral springs
- 44. land-measure
- 45. ringworms
- 46. rings
- 50. surround with anything
- 51. outstanding ability
- 52. swayed drunkenly
- 53. mountain in California
- 4. land-measure
- 5. advance guard
- 6. ancient Jewish ascetics
- 7. relishable
- 8. silkworm

VERTICAL

- 1. military greeting
- 2. a marine
- 3. return to
- 4. single units
- 5. advance guard
- 6. ancient Jewish ascetics
- 7. relishable
- 8. silkworm
- 9. ascend
- 10. agave fibers
- 11. lustrous satin fabric
- 12. dishes of greens
- 19. seed container
- 22. beetle-nut
- 23. eat away
- 26. Hebrew high priest
- 28. employ
- 30. minute invertebrate animals
- 31. subdue
- 32. relating to the Alps
- 33. quick look
- 34. auditory organ
- 35. straightens
- 36. that which is retained
- 37. afternoon rest
- 40. founded
- 43. close hermetically
- 45. African tree
- 47. ashes (Scot.)
- 49. college cheer

Answer to yesterday's puzzle.

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