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Passing Sentence Some Attacks Are Justified

By Jonathan Marshall

The American press has been taking quite a beating recently, and although much of it is unjust, there is some foundation for these attacks.

Newspapers in this country have traditionally played an important part in the lives of men, and there can be little disputing the many contributions that the press has made to our nation.

For any democracy to succeed, it is essential that a virile and honest press disseminate news and help to educate the people. In order to do this, the press must always be free.

It was unfortunate from many standpoints that President Truman used the language he did in his recent speech; aroused at Drew Pearson's attack on one of his aids, the President said that he would not let any "S. O. B." tell him what to do.

In this particular case Mr. Pearson was pointing out the relationship between General Vaughan and the fascist government of Argentina. Such an article seems within the realm of good journalism, for it is when the press abuses its rights, not when it gives opinions and facts, that it should be called to task.

Anna Louise Strong's attack seems far more valid. She said that the papers were trying to achieve sensationalism and were forcing the world to war. In her own case she had been deprived of privacy by the press. A common practice in getting news and feature stories.

All human beings, regardless of their importance, deserve the right of privacy. Although the press should give opinions and news, it should not build up golden idols and it should not attempt to arouse mass hysteria which may threaten the peace of mankind; it should be calm and objective in its reporting.

Although the sports department of the DTH has attacked a recent article of mine, I do not believe that it is worthwhile for either of us to become involved in an internecine battle. Attacking personalities for opinions is not beneficial for either side, and I respect Mr. Carmichael for his ideas, his hard work, and as a person.

I would, however, like to make two points. Some people may have gained the impression that I think Charlie Justice is the devil incarnate; this is not so. I have great admiration for Justice as an athlete, but I have more respect for his sportsmanship and his modesty. Shaking hands with opponents after games and giving his teammates credit for their share made more of an impression than did his long runs.

The other point is that great stars existed before college football was professionalized, and they are still remembered.

A Chip Off the Old Block



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Washington Scene

Sweet, Unambitious Vultures

By George Dixon

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Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to address the House for one minute on a matter that should brook no further delay. I wish to speak in defense of America's vultures.

I feel that these birds have been unjustly traduced and calumniated. While I am not a member of the vulture bloc in Congress, I believe in the glorious principles of American fair play.

My distinguished colleague, the Hon. John A. McGuire, of the 3rd district of Connecticut, has seen fit to attack these feathered friends before this august body. I am willing to concede that the honorable

gentleman may not have realized the enormity of the injustice, but one should look (laughter) before one leaps (rising applause).

The distinguished gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. McGuire) arose before this body yesterday and said we should give more thought and attention to colleagues who are ill. He suggested we should send them "Get Well" cards.

Well and good. This shows the distinguished gentleman's heart is in the right place. But, Mr. Speaker, he threw in a gratuitous insult to our great vulture population.

He said, Mr. Speaker, and I quote:

"At the present time our ailing colleagues must feel that their colleagues are hovering

over them like vultures... so they can edge up a place on some particular committee."

On behalf of our vultures I resent this, Mr. Speaker. I challenge the gentleman from Connecticut to name a single vulture who ever tried to edge up a place on a committee.

This is a clear case of slander, Mr. Speaker. If I were a rabble-rouser I would stand before this distinguished body and cry: "Vultures of America, arise!"

Tobacco tycoon Reynolds, who used to be treasurer of the Democratic National committee, has made a niche for himself in the sports world. He is also married into the sports fraternity.

His second wife, known on the stage as Marianne O'Brien, is the stepdaughter of Abe Attell, once featherweight champion of the world.

Little Abe, who held this title for nine years, is still quite a character around New York, although he is hitting his mid-sixties. He's as spry as a colt.

He's also full of reminiscence. The other night in Toots Shor's he was matching fight reminiscences with Teddy Hayes, former trainer of Jack Dempsey.

They got talking about fighters being belted silly. Mr. Attell contended that the knockout with the most protracted effects was administered to Kingfish Levinsky about 10 years ago by Joe Louis.

"Levinsky was out cold in his dressing room for more than two hours after Louis tagged him," said Mr. Attell, dreamily. "It must have been a lovely punch."

"They finally got Levinsky into a shower and dressed. His trainer figured a walk in the air might do him some good."

"They continued to stride through the downpour. The trainer was about to call it off, convinced his charge was back to rationality, when Levinsky stretched out his hand and felt the raindrops. "Say," he said, 'don't you think this rain will hurt attendance when we go to the fight tonight?'"

A bunch of heavy lenders from the Economic Cooperation administration were before the Senate Foreign Relations committee asking for more billions to give away.

Naturally, since they were only asking for our economic life blood, they didn't cause much excitement. In fact, Chairman Tom Connally became so bored at all the talk over a few paltry billions he picked up his newspaper and buried himself in it.

Write Away

A-Bombs for 'Pop' Quizes

Editor:

Finally I deem it necessary to make a confession about myself. You see, since I entered the University 'way back in 1946 it has been my humble conviction that the world is wrong and that I am altogether right. No matter what is wrong and that I am always felt that my conclusion problem is discussed, I have always felt that my motto has been, "To heck with the world, yours truly above all!"

Unfortunately, it has been impossible for me to gain a single follower of my so-called "school of thought" impossible, that is, until I happened to read today's (Thursday) "Write Away" column and realized that Bill Robertson is virtually "jumping his traces" to join with me. My opinion is based on the fact that Mr. Robertson heartily supports the life-time sentence recently handed to Cardinal Mindszenty by the Communists in Hungary. Mr. Robertson supports this sentence even though everyone—from the most distinguished engineer over at Duke to the most scrawny cow at State—wholeheartedly condemns it.

So, welcome to the club, Mr. Robertson! It's really nice to know that I'm no longer alone. Incidentally, our next meeting will come in the near future, in which we will discuss the possibility of arming each Communist on campus with an atomic bomb so as to enable him to get higher marks on "pop" quizzes.

Dwight E. Bunn

Textile Industry Defended

Editor:

Mr. Myers, an instructor in French, has written that we should soak the rich, namely the tobacco, textile, and furniture industries in North Carolina, who have wrung enormous profits out of their workers' sweat. This same thought is contained in a pamphlet about the textile industry entitled "The Nation's Most Prosperous Industry" published about a year ago by the Textile Workers Union of America, CIO.

Using the information contained in the statistical tables of this pamphlet I find that the average annual profit made by the textile industry over the 19-year period 1929-1947 (a representative period of boom and bust) amounts to the tremendous sum of 3 1/2 cents on each dollar of sales. Further examination discloses that this 3 1/2 cents was used as follows: (1) one plus cent was paid in dividends to stockholders (who used it among other things to pay state taxes and to send their children to the state university to study French and other subjects); (2) one plus cent was reinvested in better and larger plants; (3) one plus cent was saved as a reserve for a rainy day.

Take it away Mr. Myers and the TWUA (CIO), take it away and let some political scientists run the country's business. I feel certain they wouldn't make 3 1/2 cents profit on each dollar's sale!

William E. Loftin

Malicious Gossip

Editor:

Why didn't Wink Locklair condense his article and merely say that Margaret O'Brien is a poor actress and that she is illegitimate. It seems a needless waste of space to devote two columns to an article which approaches, or might even be rightly labeled, malicious gossip.

As for Locklair's contention that O'Brien is an insincere actress—what difference does it make what the real emotions of an actor or actress are as long as he or she gives the desired impression to the audience?

Walter Umstead, Jr.

It's Up to the Trustees

Tomorrow the board of trustees meets in Raleigh, and one of the topics under consideration will be the proposed raise in tuition at the three branches of the University.

In the last few weeks much has been written and said about the tuition raise. Most students are in agreement that the raise will be detrimental to the University and to many prospective students. They do not agree that although regrettable the raise is unavoidable as many people claim. But in denouncing the proposed raise most students have aimed their remarks at Governor Scott because of his faux pas in saying that the University tuition rate should not undercut that of denominational colleges. The governor, however, should not be the primary target. Although it is true that he favors the raise, it was not he but the advisory budget committee that recommended it and the joint appropriations committee that approved it. Yet neither are these bodies the responsible party—not yet. The board of trustees is the one group that has authority to declare a raise in tuition.

The student Council of the Greater University, which represents the students of UNC, WC and State, has sent a letter to each trustee pointing out that there is a possibility the state legislature will vote to supply funds which would make the hike unnecessary. For this reason the trustees are being asked to postpone action on the raise until their meeting in June. If in the meantime the legislature does not increase the appropriation, the trustees will be forced to raise tuition—but the blame will be upon the budget commission and the legislature for forcing them to. If, however, the board acts tomorrow to institute the raise, then the board of trustees and only the board must accept full and complete responsibility for the increase.

Klan Is No Criterion

As dangerous to the American philosophy of Democracy as the Communist doctrine is the influence of its opposite number, the Ku Klux Klan. The radicals say "change everything, and change it immediately." The reactionaries say "don't change anything ever." Dominance of the one group means chaos; of the other, stagnation. Neither is the path America would follow.

It is good to note that even in its southern stronghold the Klan is more and more losing its grip upon the younger generations through the process of education. That this is true was shown when students at the University of South Carolina disagreed with a speech by Samuel Green, Grand Dragon of the Klan, last week. A comment Green made about the students was illuminating. "I was young once," he said. "I did some foolish things then myself."

If by this Green means he is now a criterion of wisdom, then thank God for fools.

Entertainment Guide

'Little Foxes' Opening Takes the Spotlight

By Vestal C. Taylor

Holding the spotlight in campus entertainment for the coming week is the five-night stand of "The Little Foxes," beginning March 2nd and running through March 6th, under the direction of John Parker, Playmaker business manager. This drama has enjoyed a long and successful career, beginning back in 1939 when it was first produced on Broadway as a stage play. Since that time the "Foxes" has appeared as a screen play, and at the present is being prepared for presentation as an opera.

The "Foxes" will play for the visiting firemen later in the week when the campus plays host to the representatives of theater groups from 10 states (not 15 as originally planned), gathered here for the Southeastern Theater conference, scheduled for March

4th and 5th.

The Pan Hells begin work during the coming week on their charity show and plan to open the spring quarter on March 25th with a full-grown variety show, with a melodrama thrown in for good measure. The girls will do a repeat performance on March 28th. Both dates are booked at the Rendezvous and production is under the watchful eyes of Edie Knight and That Man Strader.

This writer would like to urge all parties to keep this show in mind and plan to attend. These good people are going to produce a show that will be fully appreciated by the audience, but more important is the fact that they are doing this thing to raise money in order to adopt, by proxy, a small war orphan. The Pan Hells are negotia-

ting with the Foster Parents plan an organization caring for these unfortunate kids. Interested persons or organizations may adopt a child for one year by donating \$180 to cover the cost of clothing, medicine and education. Don't balk at the door charge collected at the door on show night.

In order to clear up a popular misconception among the public, it is timely to say that neither "Beggars Opera" nor "Apple Tree Farm" are being sponsored or co-sponsored by the Playmakers. The rule reads that unless a member of the staff is actively participating in a production, it is not to be considered a Playmaker production. This excludes both the aforementioned plays. It is correct to state that both are being produced with the cooperation of the Playmakers.

CPU Soapbox

Readjustment, Not Collapse

By Henry Adams

If you're looking for a job anywhere this year, you'll have a harder time of it than any year since the war. That long-predicted postwar slump may be with us to stay. UNC students looking for jobs will definitely feel the pinch.

Unemployment has been steadily climbing in the last few months. It is estimated that two to three millions are now out of work. More workers are drawing unemployment claims today than any time since 1942. Almost every major industry is laying off workers. The postwar boom has up to now made it possible for men laid off to find work elsewhere, but with the slackening of the demand for labor today people out of jobs are out of luck.

Unemployment is just one aspect of the new economic picture that has been developing in recent months. The country's economic system is suffering a hangover from the postwar inflation jag. Producers who made whoopee with prices in the war and postwar seller's market now find themselves in the cold, gray dawn of a buyer's market.

The public is no longer falling over itself to pay high prices for shoddy goods. To take one example, the demand for textile products is off 30% from the postwar peak, while prices for certain items have fallen as much as 50%. Clothes, shoes, furniture, and other consumer goods are meeting an apathetic demand. Even automobiles, which have been the hottest item of all to get in the postwar market, no longer command grey-market premiums. Some makes can be bought without waiting for delivery.

Farm prices have already slid far from the recent highs. Bump-

er crops have brought wheat down from about \$3 a bushel to \$2.25, and cattle from \$37 to \$23 per 100 pounds. Many commodities would have dropped further except for government supports.

From surface indications it might appear that the country is right back where it was in 1929, right at the beginning of another depression. The fall in prices and demand looks ominous, if we study the beginnings of past business crises. However, there are some new factors in the present situation which make comparisons invalid.

For one thing, heavy spending by government promises to check any general decline before it goes far. A federal budget of at least \$40 billion dollars is in the cards for next year, and there is little chance of its being below that figure. The need for new schools, roads and public works which went unfulfilled during the war has still not been met.

Housing, especially for low-income groups, is millions of units short. It will take many years for building to catch up with this demand. Public aid to housing is becoming recognized as necessary if the country is to provide decent accommodations for all its citizens. Should unemployment become a problem, it is to be expected that public housing would be pushed to take up the slack. In any case, home-building, both public and private will doubtless continue at a high rate for some time to come.

The general impression that emerges from current economic is that we are going through a temporary postwar readjustment, but unsatisfied public demand, and government spending, will keep it from becoming another 1929-variety collapse.

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4. gentlemen's estate
9. Scandinavian territorial division
12. wrath
13. evade
14. dove murmur
15. river in Switzerland
17. card game
19. long, slender spear
22. malt drink
23. readers
25. misplaces
28. river islands
29. plant fiber
31. international language
32. beam
33. Hebrew measures
34. river in Switzerland
35. inside
36. genus of grasses
37. otherwise
38. mode
40. encompasses
42. auditory organ
- 43. choicest part
44. ran after
47. theater seats
50. possessive pronoun
51. eagle's nest
54. twilight
55. Massachusetts cape
56. lacerates
57. observed
- VERTICAL
1. tropical fruit
2. metalliferous rock
3. the absolute
4. intermediate
5. amputative for Albert
6. Greek letter
7. lyric poem
- 8. brings to mind
9. land measures
10. pithy saying
11. pedal digit
16. butts
18. plant of lily family
20. inquiry
21. perfume
23. capital of France
24. gay
26. rub out
27. afflictions
30. beaten track
33. eat too much
34. adduces
36. woe is me!
37. external comb. form
39. long for
41. irritates
43. female chicken
46. river in Scotland
48. feminine name
49. stretch
52. sun god
53. symbol for iridium

Answer to yesterday's puzzle.
ARABALMALES
IOSREEELVIDE
RESTIVE RAVEN
25. plant fiber
CERISE SEEDS
ALOE PRAY
MATS OUT COMA
SCENT UP
ORATE LESSENS
RACER ARK TOO
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