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## Polgar As Good As The Cat Girl

By Wink Locklair

With the possible exception of "The Cat Girl," it appears rather doubtful that the Student Entertainment Committee could ever book an attraction year after year which would have the appeal of Franz J. Polgar, who, last night, completed his fifth engagement in Memorial Hall before another capacity audience.

There was nothing essentially new in this year's two-hour program. Dr. Polgar began with a couple of mind-reading demonstrations, one involving his check for the evening's work. He found it, of course, hidden somewhere in Jim Mill's camera.

The rest of the performance was given over to Dr. Polgar's amazing stunts with group hypnosis. This is the time when almost everything can and eventually does happen. One student thought he was Laurence Tibbet and he sang a few bars of "Ole Man River" to carry on the illusion. Lacy Bell was the principal goat in a number of experiments and there were antics by more than a dozen other volunteers.

Two hours with Dr. Polgar is quite a strain on the audience, also, for the hypnotist frequently works his spectators up to a state of frenzy by the demonstrations he produces.

While SEC Chairman Gibson reported that the opening night audience was "extremely cooperative" while entering the auditorium, the crowd conduct before the performance was extremely juvenile. Students continued to smoke regardless of "No Smoking" signs and warning issued at the Burl Ives' recital. And there was a childish reaction to the order to keep all lower windows closed in the hall, although the upper windows were eventually raised. Had the no smoking order been observed, it would not have been necessary to raise the windows at all. All in all, the foot-stomping, cat-calls and general bedlam which has preceded the first two SEC programs is more in keeping with a bunch of teen-agers than students at a State University.

Dr. Polgar was the final SEC attraction this quarter. On January 10 the famous Don Cossacks will be here to sing and dance on the stage of Memorial Hall.

## Look Out Irish!

It's been a long time since the University of North Carolina has sent its football team to New York City to battle a top-flight Northern grid outfit. Last time the Tar Heels headed northward was back in 1940, when a good Carolina club dropped a 14-0 decision to Fordham, back in the days when the Rams were ranked with the nation's top football elevens. Two years earlier Carolina had tied Fordham, 0-0., so the Tar Heels will be after their first victory in the big city.

From reports we have heard from New York sports writers, many of the scribes are bemoaning the fact that it is not Army that is playing Notre Dame instead of Carolina. Apparently the Tar Heels' losses to Louisiana State and Tennessee have led these sports writers into believing Carolina will be a pushover. The record seems to back them up in their boasts, but we doubt if they would have expressed a similar opinion a month ago when Carolina ranked well up among the top ten teams in the nation. Frankly, we think the Carolina-Notre Dame series to be a natural for rivalry. Each is annually one of the top powers in its section. And the comments about how much better an opponent Army would be for Notre Dame than Carolina seem untimely and in complete bad taste.

There have also been reports that 73,000 fans were going to the game to see Notre Dame play (more by the New York sports writers). It so happens that there were 34,000 tickets alone sold to Carolina students, alumni, and friends of the University.

The critics have been overly outspoken this week, in our estimation. They alone have given the Carolina team all the incentive necessary to go out and lick the pants off this Notre Dame team about which we have heard so much. Carolina can be depended upon to go all out in its attempt to show up the all-wise sports writers who have "doomed" them to defeat.

At any rate it is to be hoped that today's contest will mark the beginning of a long and colorful rivalry with Notre Dame. The two schools are scheduled to meet each other on the football field for the next four years. Perhaps this rivalry may soon be expanded to other sports.

But as for today's game, Carolina couldn't possibly have a better opportunity to atone for those losses to LSU and Tennessee. The score of the Tennessee game certainly was not a true indication of the difference between the two teams. All will be forgotten if the Tar Heels can beat Notre Dame, however. The sports writers are entitled to their own opinions on today's game, but we can't help believing that the old Carolina spirit will rise up to new heights this afternoon. We saw a truly underdog Carolina team trample what was considered a mighty Texas team, 34-7, last year in a stunning upset. A repeat performance is in order today.

## Difficult To Explain

Many of the "enlightened" critics of the South's segregation laws will tell you without so much as batting an eyelash that ending segregation of Negroes from whites would be the biggest single step we could take in solving the perren perennial racial problem in Dixie. But one question which usually stumps these persons is why there are so many more race riots and episodes in the North than in the South. Apparently sending the Negroes and whites to school together does not necessarily make for mutual understanding and good will. Jim Crow or not, the Negroes tend to group together as in Harlem and racial tension and jealousy obviously run higher in New York or Detroit than in Raleigh, for example.

Latest event to set our "progressives" scurrying in search of explanations was the Harlem mob which felled six policemen in New York Friday. The occasion was "a wild welcome home for one of the Red leaders," according to Associated Press reports of the events immediately following the release of 11 American Communist leaders on \$260,000 bond.

Three of the Communist bigwigs, Benjamin J. Davis, Jr., Henry Winston, and Paul Robeson, all of whom are Negroes, made street corner addresses to the screaming mob which turned out. When police attempted to control the ensuing parade the Harlem mob retaliated by throwing bricks, bottles, china, and brooms. They attempted to overturn a police car, succeeding in shattering its wind shield. All the while they shouted in unison with a sound truck, "We will not be moved." Police charged the mob endangered bystanders by waving torches.

None of the idealistic racial harmony was present in this Harlem display. The Communists have succeeded in taking a strong hold in that area. We can see nothing wonderful about such a situation.

The Negroes of Harlem have all the "rights" which are denied Southern Negroes and supposedly are the cause of the infrequent racial feuds in the South. You may draw your own conclusions. The Northern Negroes certainly are doing their Southern brethren no good.

## THE WASHINGTON SCENE

By George Dixon

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The Bureau of Internal Revenue is striving to circumvent a form of crookedness which appears to be on the increase.

The government, as you know, receives upwards of 36,000,000 income tax returns and can't possibly check them all. The thievery stems from awareness of this situation. Here's the general pattern, although it has many variations:

A man makes up the name of a firm in Wilkes Barre and states in his income tax return that he earned \$3,000 from it last year, and had \$400 withheld from his pay by the company. Then he writes to the Bureau citing a raft of imaginary dependents, and claims that, because of allowance exemptions for the latter he has had too much tax withheld. He makes a demand for a refund of, let's say, \$100, and gets it.

Mr. Jack-Smith, the eminent bossman of International News Pictures in Washington, is an engaging gentleman, in a rather nauseating way. He is constantly combing all publications that come to his hand for repulsive recipes to send his friends.

The other day he came upon a positive triumph, from his warped viewpoint, a recipe for baked squid—which he promptly delivered to me. It—ugh!—Reads as follows:

"To bake a squid, prepare it by splitting the belly, and removing the 'quill' or backbone. Wash the squid well, and dip it in a cup of milk to which a teaspoon of salt has been added. Roll it in bread crumbs until nicely coated, and put it

## THE BALANCE OF POWER



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### 'RESTORE FREEDOM'

**Editor:**  
 I have returned to Chapel Hill this quarter after an absence of some years to find that the liberal traditions, the traditions of freedom of thought and expression which have been the honor and fame of the University of North Carolina, have, to all intents and purposes, been relegated to the junk heap. Why? The only answer I can find is that hysteria is ruling instead of reason and common sense—anti-Communist hysteria.

It is axiomatic that meeting a threat with hysteria, with the lack of coordination that is characteristic of hysteria, is out and out stupidity. If Marxist ideology is a threat to something (our "Democratic way of life"), then the suppression of personal freedom or the intimidation of the teaching profession is the worst possible way to meet that threat.

And I maintain, in Mr. Alderman's despite (Letters to the Editor, October 18), that the personnel sheet and its questionnaire constitutes intimidation. The employer's right to "interrogate his employee" does not extend to questions of personal affiliations with clubs, groups, or organizations. It is not a question of being "ashamed" of belonging to some organization. It is a question of having one's means of earning a living taken away if someone, in an omniscient fashion, has pronounced said organization "Communist-controlled."

In a general sense we may regard the personnel sheet as a suppression of individual freedom but specifically it is a suppression of academic freedom which is more important to all of us because academic freedom is one of the bases of individual freedom. A teacher must be able to investigate freely, to inquire freely about all things and he must be able freely to express his ideas without fear of losing his job.

This right to free inquiry is just as vital to someone who teaches French grammar as it is to a professor of economics or physics. If a teacher is forced into the position of jeopardizing his right to make a living for himself and his family by free investigation of ideas (popular and unpopular), then he is intimidated. Anyone who can remember the past two years, can remember

in a baking dish. Dot with butter and bake in a hot oven for 10 minutes. Serve it with curry sauce.

"You may also rool squid in flour and fry it in deep fat, and serve it with tomato sauce."

To which Mr. Smith appended horribly: "Want to come for dinner?"

a growing number of teachers and professors throughout the country who have lost means of livelihood for being so presumptuous as to exercise their rights as American citizens to their own opinions.

I agree with Mr. Myers: "With draw the questionnaire and restore academic freedom!"

Thelma Thompson

### SEGREGATION? NO!

**Editor:**  
 In your October 27 editorial, would the facilities of Woolen about: "The real motive, of course, is the termination of the South's segregation laws"—"Can't end tradition over night"—and the four problems: "(1) where would they be quartered and where would they eat, (2) to the rear of the bus—only to the Gymnasium, its locker rooms, and Bowman Gray Pool be open to Negro student? (3) would the Negro students be seated in the student section at football games, meetings, classrooms? (4) and finally would not the presence of Negroes in a southern university prevent many North Carolina and other Southern boys and girls from enrolling at Carolina.

There are Negroes who strive for nothing but the end of segregation. If I were a Negro, it would be my uppermost thought. How would you feel if every time you boarded a bus with an aisleful of standees, you had to shoulder your way through said standees, bearing their annoyed—even angry—glances and grumbings, to get you seemed most concerned have to repeat the long trek a few miles up the road? I know that drivers and white passengers are beginning to show enough consideration to let them stay up front sometimes, but they do so in violation of the law and of some wise guy wants to be nasty, to the rear the Negro must go. You might not mind so much if you were a dull, slow-thinking animal as so many whites seem to think the Negro is.

But in this age of enlightenment we should know that the Negro has mental, physical, and moral abilities equal to those of the White. As a matter of fact, if you could not see the extremely dark shade of his skin, you could not detect a difference. Such characteristics as shape of lips and body, the hair, and even very nearly the skin shade are frequently found among people generally classed as "white". Only the ethnologist is concerned with the minute details of racial differences.

Second, tradition cannot be ended overnight. That is all it is: tradition. We have almost forgotten its beginning, some say that the younger generation is willing to forget it. That when the old conservatives die off the Negro will have a better

chance. What a pity! What a crime! to make so many able young Negroes wait another generation for their chance—and then die without it. We can no longer argue that the Negro cannot stand the shock of new freedom; that he should be "acclimated" for another generation. If anybody is unable to stand the shock it is the white man. Perhaps we need courses to show whites the surprising abilities of Negroes.

I am certainly aware that to do the things I advocate would "fan old flames of hatred and prejudice"; but let that come. Uncover the smouldering embers and scatter them and let them burn out. As for the Ku Klux Klan; it served a purpose once—when the Negro was not yet able to stand the shock of freedom—that I cannot deny. But now that that danger is no longer present, it has no right to invent false enemies to fight. If they insist upon doing so, they are a greater threat to this country than anything they ever fought. If the officials of this University sincerely want to admit Negroes, they can hold out over the demonstrations that will take place for a while. That problem is not insurmountable.

Neither are the four problems you listed by number insurmountable. As long as the segregation laws of North Carolina exist, I suppose they would have to be housed and fed separately. I see no great problem. I would like, however, to say how I think your four questions should be answered. There should be no segregation laws to hamper honest pursuit of any goal. (1) They should be quartered as any other student. I wouldn't object to living with them. As a matter of fact, I roomed with a Negro for more than a month in a Naval hospital. I never felt contaminated. The food in Lenoir Hall is prepared and handled by Negroes. If you eat their food, why should you object to eating it with them? (2) Bathing in the same water with another person does seem more intimate. And records do show a high rate of venereal diseases and such among Negroes, but isn't everybody who enters here subject to a physical exam? And wouldn't a Negro who has raised himself to a university student be as careful about cleanliness as we? (3) Oh, for God's sake. (4) Probably. I dare say UNC will be crowded for some years to come. I'll bet more boys and girls have stayed away because Hans Freistadt is here. A few fathers have probably sent their sons elsewhere because Frank Graham was president.

I could make no sense of the last two paragraphs of your editorial so can register no comment on them.

## DREW PEARSON ON THE WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

WASHINGTON. — Resignation of isolationist insurance man James Kemper as Treasurer of the GOP National Committee was dressed up in a high-sounding smoke-screen about foreign policy in order to cover up a bitter personal GOP feud. Actually, his resignation was handed in one hour after Guy Gabrielson of New Jersey became the new National Chairman last August, but it was agreed to delay the announcement until the political horizon was calmer.

Kemper's exit puts the spotlight on some red faces and raw nerves inside the GOP Committee, which probably will be smoothed over now that he is out. Although Kemper talked big about lack of funds in the GOP Treasury, real fact is that he was never much of a money-raiser. The best GOP money-raiser was the man Kemper and Dewey ousted as GOP National Finance Chairman after the 19-48 Convention—Walter Hope.

Hope, an able New York lawyer, learned of his resignation by reading it in the morning papers, and his friends claim that the shock was responsible for his death a month or so later. Hope left in the treasury a surplus of \$800,000 after the Philadelphia Convention.

He was replaced by Bourbon Prince Harold Talbot, eager aspirant to the Court of St. James, whose family had almost ordered their clothes for their presentation to the king—when they heard the news of Dewey's defeat. Between January 1949 and August 4, when GOP Chairman Hugh Scott resigned, Talbot had raised the magnificent sum of \$71,000—while Scott and Kemper were spending money at the rate of \$80,000 a month.

Talbot's main excuse was that he couldn't collect funds because of the Omaha GOP fight. And when it became apparent that Guy Gabrielson was to be the new chairman, Talbot began a quiet campaign against him, which culminated in a lunch at which he and Gabrielson patched over their differences. That same night, however, Talbot dined with an oil executive who reported back to the new GOP Chairman that Talbot had begun his attack all over again.

As a result of all this, GOP finances today are in terrible shape. However, with Sinclair Weeks of Massachusetts now in charge of the National Finance Committee, they are improving. Johnny Haines, onetime Democrat and member of the Roosevelt Administration, has been appointed vice-chairman, and some of the big contributors already have promised to kick in. Some folks were surprised when Senator "Wild Bill" Langer, Republican, praised President Truman, Democrat. But it was this same President who appointed Langer's nephew, Morgan Ford, as Judge of the United States Customs Court in New York. Ford was an insurance man in North Dakota, a long way from New York. Air Secretary Stuart Symington staged a private poker party for President Truman and cronies last week. The now vanished 70 Air Groups were not discussed, not even the 58 Air Groups which have also vanished. Colliers Magazine hit the purge of the left-wing CIO Unions right on the nose in its advance article by Sam Stavisky. The man responsible for injecting new pep into Colliers is Loui Ruppel, one of FDR's old newspaper pals.

While the U. S. Steel Corporation was using its influence against a settlement of the strike, it was also trying to increase its tremendous hold on the steel industry through the U. S. government.

Its latest proposed acquisition is a government wartime shipyard at Orange, Texas, which it plans to convert into a factory for making steel pipe for the oil industry. The shipyard was purchased by U. S. Steel's wholly owned subsidiary, Consolidated Steel, upon whose property the yard was built. Then Herbert Bergson, head of the Justice Department's Antitrust Division, ruled that this would increase U. S. Steel's monopoly position and would be against the best interests of the U. S. A.

However, this didn't please Congressman J. M. Coombs and other Texas politicians who thereupon pushed a resolution through both houses of Congress authorizing the shipyard facilities to be sold to U. S. Steel.

Once before, Congressional and White House pressure was used to increase U. S. Steel's hold on the industry. After the war, when the government advertised its Geneva, Utah, steel plant for sale, once again the Justice Department's Antitrust division ruled that any sale to U. S. Steel would be against the best interests of the nation.

However, then Senator Abe Murdock of Utah, now a Labor Relations Commissioner, pulled every wire possible to sell the government's property to U. S. Steel. Simultaneously, Secretary of the Treasury John Snyder, a good friend of U. S. Steel President Ben Fairless, was given credit for talking to the White House.

Undersecretary of State Out-Kindly Jim Webb has informed President Truman he wants to resign as Undersecretary of State. Webb hasn't liked the sophisticated rough-and-tumble game of diplomacy, wants to get back into private life. The President asked Jim to remain on until after the important atomic energy talks with Britain and Canada are over, then he will look for another man. Meanwhile Webb is on the list of possibilities for the Presidency of the University of North Carolina, though Sperry Grosvespe is itching to get him back.

## Crossword Puzzle

**ACROSS**  
 1. Forced air upon  
 5. Juice of a tree  
 8. Renown  
 12. Place cargo on a vessel  
 13. Mohammedan saint's tomb  
 14. Press  
 15. Leave out  
 16. Poem  
 17. Fragrant ointment of the ancients  
 18. Improved in health  
 20. Steeples  
 22. Beech  
 24. Was informed

**DOWN**  
 27. Avian  
 31. Salutation  
 32. John  
 34. Frontie  
 35. Wilson  
 37. Geographical surface  
 39. Takes offense  
 41. Go by again  
 44. Behind a vessel  
 48. Dry  
 49. Leaf in a loom  
 51. Cry of the ancient barbarians  
 52. Frolic  
 53. Optical organ  
 54. Mature

**Solution of Yesterday's Puzzle**  
 55. Oceans  
 56. Color  
 57. Vehicle runners

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