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Merry-Go-Round I Told You So

By Drew Pearson

WASHINGTON.—Five years ago today, this column broke one of the most sensational and unpleasant stories of the war. American troops had reached the suburbs of Berlin. I reported, and then been ordered back to the River Elbe because of a demand by the Russians.

Publication brought immediate criticism from a great many people, who felt that I was upsetting U. S.-Russian relations. They especially objected to this paragraph:

"At the height of the rapid U. S. advance (toward Berlin), and just four days before Roosevelt's death, Stalin sent him a brusque note accusing the United States of making a deal with the Nazis in order to advance more rapidly through Germany. The note was couched in most caustic and critical language. The inference was that a U. S.-German deal had permitted the Nazis to transfer more troops to the eastern front and thus kill more Russians."

I mention this now, because that critical mail came from about the same general type of people who are now writing me letters upholding Senator McCarthy and denouncing even remotely Russian.

In other words, the pendulum of public opinion, having swung violently one way, has now swung just as violently the other way. Five years ago some people loved Russia too much, now some people hate Russia beyond the point of objectivity.

Sometimes we get better objectivity by thumbing through the pages of the past. And here are some situations taken from the old files of the Washington Merry-Go-Round which illustrate:

Situation No. 1.—On Feb. 13, 1946, I published another anti-Russian story which few believed and which made a lot of people sore. It read: "Secret revelations are stirring in Canada. They will make people hold their hats and run for the diplomatic storm-cellars. The biggest story of espionage and intrigue since the war is about to break...The Canadians have taken over a Russian agent, who has given the names of about 1,700 other Russian agents; also has put the fingers on certain officials inside the American and Canadian governments cooperating with the Soviet...Photostats showing payments to U. S. and Canadian officials have even come to light."

"The State Department is anxious not to disrupt relations with Russia. One Russian agent named Shimishenko was negotiating for the purchase of the blueprints of an American jet-propelled plane. The Justice Department proposed arresting him, but the State Department said no. Shimishenko sailed with his wife and child Jan. 6. He did not get the blueprints."

This, I repeat, was published Feb. 13, 1946—four years ago. Once again there was a deluge of critical letters... "Russia could not have done such a thing..." "You are disrupting our relations with a great ally..." So ran the criticism.

Situation No. 2.—On Sept. 7, 1947 I published another expose telling how a little group of government employees had operated a spy ring in a Maryland suburb basement, stealing blueprints of the B-29, photostating them, and sending them by courier to New York and thence to Moscow.

The story was considered so sensational that many newspapers did not publish it. One year and a half later, it made headlines when officially revealed by a Congressional Committee.

Situation as of now—today the American people are harassed, worried, and sometimes seething mad. They don't know whom to believe—McCarthy, Tydings, or who? And I don't particularly blame them.

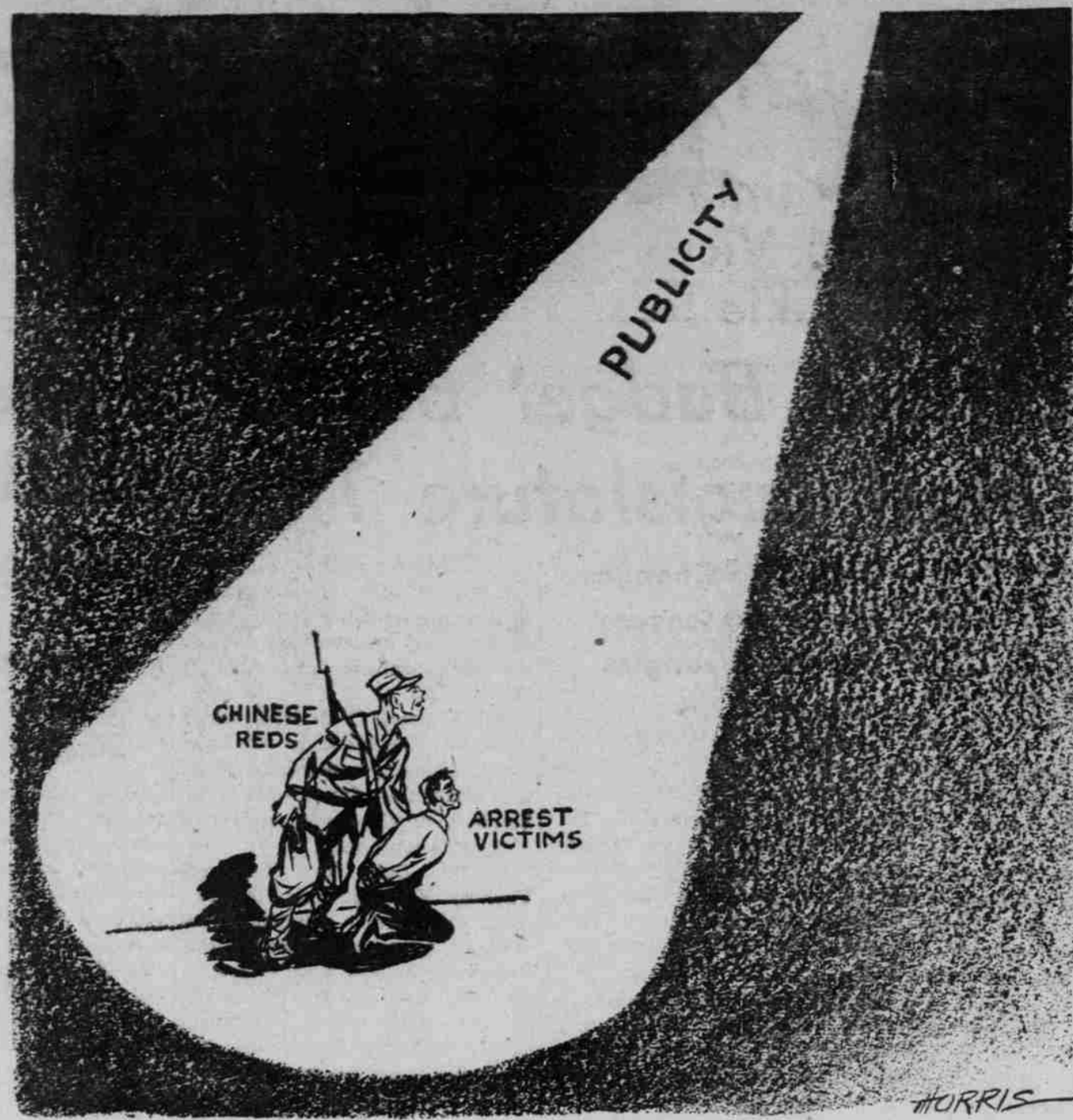
But this much is fairly clear. While the American people have every reason to be sore, the time for them to have been sore was three and four years ago.

Today the secrets are stolen. But likewise the present administration of the State Department has done the greatest personnel house-cleaning of all time. It was the Acheson regime which fired the 90 homosexuals. It was also the Acheson regime which ousted a long list of bad security risks.

And though Acheson personally pulled a boner in indicating his continued personal loyalty to Alger Hiss, the real fact is that the men under him have orders to do a thorough, vigorous job on loyalty checks. Acheson's Loyalty Review Board, incidentally, is under a New Hampshire Republican, Gen. Conrad E. Snow, recommended to Acheson by Russian-baiter GOP Sen. Styles Bridges.

Chapelhillia

That chilly rain and those cold gusts of wind which turned up yesterday morning sort of put the crimp in the first-beach-trip-of-the-season plans of a number of students. But maybe the weather will change today. If so, we'll be the first to head for Wrightsville... The inside of New West Building has a shiny new coat of paint (doubtless, no less) on the inside. Looks great, but everybody's wondering when we're going to do something about the outside. Mebbe sand-blast?... And talking about outside, when the heck are those "temporary" building going to be cleared off the campus so we can see the campus again? We've all heard the story of the huge Navy Department Building in Washington which was erected as a "temporary" structure back during the first world war and is still in use.



Campus Flashes

THE UNIVERSITY OF Minnesota. Now there's a school where they get right down to the bare facts of life. According to The Minnesota Daily, a recent panel discussion on campus concerned necking, and the entire panel with the exception of one dissident voted that couples should confine their on-campus osculatory activities to a series of steam tunnels being dug.

Know who the exception was? The representative from the Panhellenic Council, who decided that it would be better for the sorority girls if things were all up and above board.

"Such action would only serve to drive them underground," the Panhel cutie snapped at the discussion group. "I say let's leave them up where we can keep an eye on them."

THE DAILY ILLINI, student newspaper from the University of Illinois at Urbana, reports that a group of 10 undergrads, working in a social psychology experiment, were given their choice of a number of interests.

Their list was finally narrowed down to two items:

1. A juicy steak at the Illini Union.
2. A chance to see Lana Turner in "Life of Sin," a movie never released publicly in this country.

Believe it or not, the characters chose the steak.

THE DAILY TEXAN of the University of Texas smelled this one out in Austin.

Several weeks ago, a shipment of horsemeat came into town from Dallas. The wholesale distributor who handled the meat said he sent the first load back to the Dallas packers because retailers complained that the meat was "off-flavor."

The stuff was being passed off as filet mignon and sold at \$1 to 1.50 per pound wholesale. The scandal caused the Texas Legislature to pass measures prohibiting shipment, etcetera, of anything disguised as something else that it isn't.

So the students have gone back to eating again without any worries.

UP AT SYRACUSE the Colledge Council has set up a committee to begin work on the collection of funds and clothing for a number of students burned out in a barracks-type building fire.

It was the same type of thing that happened at Oklahoma not so long ago, has happened at other campuses in the past, and may strike here with no warning before we know it.

Talk Away

A few average students, a political science instructor and the director of Graham Memorial were the ones to make the pithy (no, that's not misspelled) comments yesterday on the running of The Daily Tar Heel.

Jim Rathburn, GM bossman, suggested that the newspaper carry a more complete calendar of campus events day by day. Another request of Jim's was improved coverage of local affairs. "Several columnists," the sharp-tongued Rathburn continued, "who are not named, could be shot." Thank you, Mr. R.

Evans Johnson of 513 East Rosemary Street said he didn't particularly care for the Billy Rose column, and would like to see Marquis Childs substituted for it. "There should be competent people," Evans said, "to write the religious editorials every Sunday. And the editorial page should be used for editorials and not comics."

Sorry, Evans, but that is a problem of space which we simply must solve in that way from time to time.

Polysci instructor Frank Gibson also has those comic strips on his mind. In addition, "Better coverage on the sports page, and don't cut Drew Pearson." Again, Frank, all we can do is point out that we just have four pages per day to work with.

Charlie Behrens says the paper as a whole is as good as can be expected, "but the administration stinks. I can't notice any improvement in the sports page," Charlie says, "since Vaden was unceremoniously booted. And what are we going to do for a sports columnist now that Vaden has left?"

Homer Pulliam of the Airport Road said he wanted better coverage of big league ball games, and Thaxton Richardson wants better proofing.

Write Away

From Raleigh . . .

Dear Graham,

Fran and I followed the Campus Campaign with much interest, and wish to congratulate you on your election. Apparently it was a hot race, and it is additional credit to you that you won over such a worthy opponent as Chuck Hauser. I trust you will have a very interesting and profitable year, and I am sure you will continue to make an increasingly fine contribution to the University community.

Let us see you when you are again in Raleigh, and with cordial good wishes to you, I am

Sincerely yours,
R. Mayne Albright.

From Buddy's Buddy . . .

Editor:

Your appointment of Zane Robbins to replace Buddy Vaden as sports editor was, to me, a move in which you stepped out of place. You don't know enough about the job to go around juggling talent!

Come in out of the jungle, boy.

Jim Peal

Go Away!

Editor:

This from an old alumnus who thinks that your staff might have missed the story as it happened.

I looked in, myself, the other day, for the first time in years. Of course I'd heard all about the "Commie scare," but scarcely expected to find one.

Behind me, though, drove up a party which was all primed for a look at such a creature. At least that's the impression I got.

Sure enough, a boy handed him a leaflet before he had taken half a dozen steps on the campus. He looked at it in sheer disgust, wadded it up, and threw it to the ground.

From curiosity I picked it up, and here is what it said:

"Where Will You Be In Eternity?"
James Wallace

Report From . . .

The President

As the smoke and debris of the fight over the 1950-51 budget clear away, it seems advisable to review briefly the entire budgeting procedure of student government.

Early in the winter quarter, the Budget Committee, a 10-man group headed by the secretary-treasurer, asks each organization receiving funds from student government to submit a request budget for the coming year. Total income from block fees is then estimated on the basis of South Building's anticipated enrollment figures.

Organizational requests are added up, and this total usually exceeds by several thousand dollars the expected income. Obviously some, and perhaps all, requests must be reduced to fit into the total budget.

Representatives of the funds-seeking organizations, such as the Publications Board, Student Entertainment Committee, University Club, and class organizations, are called before the Budget Committee, and each item of each budget is discussed. On the basis of findings here, request budgets are trimmed, approved as requested, or in some cases increased by the committee.

This involves study by the Budget Committee of the functions of each organization, its record of service to the students, the manner in which it has utilized its funds over the past year, and needs for the coming year.

Every effort is made to leave in the unappropriated balance a small amount, usually about \$1,000, to serve as a contingency fund to meet needs arising during the course of the year.

When approved by the Budget Committee, the budget goes to the Finance Committee of the Student Legislature, where each item is again carefully gone over, hearings held, and such changes made as seem to the Finance Committee to be advisable.

Its work completed, the Finance Committee then reports the budget out to the Legislature as a whole.

In the Legislature, the budget is for a third time examined in detail and debated, item by item, such alterations being made in the recommendations of the Finance Committee as are felt necessary to achieve the maximum effective use of each dollar of student funds.

This year, the Legislature spent almost 10 hours considering the whole budget, which totals \$100,565.44 in appropriations. Under this budget, the various agencies of student government will operate for the next fiscal year, which begins in June.

As can be seen from this short summary, countless hours of thought and study go into the preparation of each year's budget. Final figures are only arrived at after everyone who is concerned with appropriations, directly or indirectly, has had an opportunity to debate them on three different levels.

Such criticism as can be made of the budget, and the appropriation received by any organization, must be borne by the Student Legislature, for no figure is final or legal until it receives its approval.

Representing as it does the entire student body, it is necessary that the Legislature look at the budget as a whole, and at the needs of the various student agencies as related. Thus it happens that cuts made by the Legislature in the interest of all the students are sometimes denounced by the group so cut as discriminatory and unfair.

The DTH Takes A Beating

The Eighth Student Legislature dissolved itself at three minutes to one yesterday morning after appropriating the grand sum of some \$96,000.

The record of the Eighth Legislature will go into the archives of Student Government showing that the student lawmakers of the past twelve months sat through many weary hours of debate, approved a revised Student Constitution, passed the perfunctory bills, and generally did a pretty fair job of serving their constituents.

Included in the record, unfortunately, are certain shady deals, (notably the CP-UP coalition that disregarded qualifications and rammed through a slate of CP-UP officers at the very start of the Eighth Student Legislature), several needless measures, and a great amount of lethargy.

Late Wednesday night the Eighth Legislature in its final meeting acted on the most important measure of the entire twelve-month term of office. The job it did is not particularly to its credit.

There is little need at this late date to go into a long detailed list of questionable and/or unexplainable items that kept popping up throughout the budget. But it may be interesting to you, who pay the money that finances Student Government, in all of its activities, to know just where your money goes...and how it goes.

You pay \$5 every quarter to finance Student Government and its activities. Such things as the Daily Tar Heel, Graham Memorial, the Student Entertainment Committee, the Debate Council, and Yackety Yack are supported by funds from that \$5.

Due to an anticipated decrease in enrollment at the University next year, the total amount that is available for the fifteen organizations that receive student funds is less than the amount divided up among those same organizations last year.

So here's what the Legislature did:

1. Told the Debate Council to operate from a surplus of \$4,600.
2. Raised the appropriation for Student Entertainment Committee to \$9,185. (This means that SEC got an \$1800 increase when other student activities were being curtailed.)
3. The Daily Tar Heel, which costs the students less than 2 cents a copy, was cut over \$3,000 from its requested appropriation.
4. After hearing a very able presentation by Tom Kerr for Tarnation, the Legislature restored \$575 to the humor magazine.
5. The Carolina Forum, the campus speakers bureau, was left with the same amount that it was given last year.
6. The Publications Board (this board controls all three student publications) was cut.
7. The other major organizations were left with about the same proportional share as they have gotten in the past.

What all of this boils down to, is simply this:

The lame-duck Legislature, led by President Sanders, decided that a two or three hour program by some paid entertainer (who could entertain at the most, only one out of every four students) will be more beneficial to you students, than the equivalent of nine days worth of Daily Tar Heel.

Many funny and many very unfunny things happened in connection with the beating that the Daily Tar Heel was subjected to in the Legislature Tuesday night. Personalities and the most contemptible sort of selfishness and some of the slickest political maneuvering on this campus for a long time combined to defeat the DTH's request for the same chance as Tarnation, SEC, the Forum, and the other organizations. You will have the facts brought before you on this page. Those who disagree with our presentation of those facts will be given all the space they need to answer.

Despite an attitude on the part of some that they have learned all there is to learn about the art of Statecraft, and know what is best for you, the non-political student, the DTH is convinced that the recent fight on block fees showed conclusively that the "campus leaders" do not always act according to the just wishes of the Student Body.

—Publications Budget—

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the subscription manager who rises at 5 o'clock in the morning to run mailing copies through the addressograph machine.

Every salary except those of the Tar Heel night editors felt the axe of the Finance Committee as backed up by the Legislature.

The law-making body was told flatly by Hauser that "it takes some \$250 every day to publish The Daily Tar Heel. Every time you cut \$250 or a fraction of that from this budget you are cutting out another issue of the paper."

Hauser said an alternative to cutting out issues of the now-daily paper would be to eliminate non-essentials in the publication, such as syndicated features, comic the crossword puzzle and other

purchased items.
The Board chairman charged after the session adjourned that the Legislature had "railroaded the Publications Board item through when the representatives of publications were not even in the hall."

The Board budget called for an appropriation of \$2,335 to cover auditing fees, supplies, postage, telephone and telegraph, typewriter repairs and depreciation for all publications and the salary of a paid faculty financial adviser.

"The appropriation for the Board's financial adviser," Hauser said, "had been cut from \$420 to \$300, a ridiculous slash in view of the fact that we have a hard time finding a good man to take on that financial responsibility (See BUDGET, page 4)

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14. in what way
15. portend
17. erect
19. river islands
20. stable
21. rib: comb. -form
23. controlled
26. city in Iowa
27. bodies of still water
28. behold
29. hurtful
30. specified times
31. rubber
32. exclamation of admiration
33. turns out
34. constructed
35. bewails
37. afflictions
38. units of work
39. domestic pigeon
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VERTICAL

1. swab
2. ventilate
3. gratified
4. muse of lyric poetry
5. falls behind
6. high card
7. symbol for tellurium
8. commissions
9. Scandinavian judicial body
10. goddess of dawn
11. reverential fear
16. holds session
18. macaws
20. ruins
21. intrigue
22. city in Nebraska
23. specks
24. evade
25. rounded roofs
27. segments
30. hazards
31. mutilates
33. flowerless, seedless plant
34. English author
36. clemency
37. rescues
39. stoop
40. duet
41. epoch
42. prevarication
43. twilight
44. jacksaw
47. personal pronoun

Answer to yesterday's puzzle.

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 SI CARE TO SA
 GNATS REMIT
 SNARE COR DEW
 PERT LOB PERT
 ADE GIB BEAST
 SARD MEAL
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 ARE PEACE JAR
 DISPENSATIONS
 ELSA SEW STET

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