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Merry-Go-Round Top Brass Is Cause Of China Blunder

By Drew Pearson

WASHINGTON—Despite the hue and cry about friends of the Chinese Communists in the State Department, top-secret documents in the files of the Joint Chiefs of Staff will reveal that major divisions on China were made, not by State Department advisers but by hard-headed generals.

The salty seadog, Admiral William Leahy; the sober military planner, General George C. Marshall, and their associates on the joint chiefs pushed the most far-reaching decision made by the United States on the Far East.

That decision, argued back and forth in the White House and the Pentagon for weeks, was to admit Soviet Russia to a partnership in Asia. Back of this were frightening military logistics and a lack of faith in the atomic bomb.

The somber argument given President Roosevelt by his most trusted military advisers was, "the invasion of Japan will cost 100,000 American casualties unless a Russian attack across Manchuria pins down every Jap unit on the mainland."

Simultaneously there were skeptical reports to the Joint Chiefs from General Leslie Groves, Chief of the Manhattan District, which said the United States could not count on the atomic bomb to achieve major damage. Such leading scientists as Dr. William Oppenheimer opposed Groves, pleaded that the new weapon could end the war, but Groves' view prevailed at the Pentagon in 1944-45.

That was why the Joint Chiefs were prepared to make major concessions to Russia to prevent overwhelming loss of life in the proposed invasion of Japan. In fact, they even agreed to give the USSR railway access to Pacific, Baltic Sea and the Persian Gulf. This was much further than FDR ever went at Yalta.

Decision On China

The decision that Chiang Kai-Shek's Nationalist Government was a lost cause was recommended later by General Marshall after his disillusioning experience in China.

To a closed-door session of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, General Marshall explained: "American aid is not getting to the fighting forces. American recommendations are ignored. Chiang is an honest, if stubborn man, who is surrounded by independent war lords and thieves. I have seen Chiang give instructions in good faith that were never carried out down the line."

Last winter, a secret military intelligence report led to a decision not to send American military aid to Nationalist forces in Formosa. This report stated that a majority of the 6,500,000 Formosans look on Chiang and his Chinese as "carpet baggers."

Hundreds of Formosans, the report stated, were ruthlessly killed in the early months of Chinese occupation in 1945. During any battle for Formosa, the natives would be unfriendly to Chiang and sabotage his operations. Also, the report contended, the Chinese troops were in bad morale, because they wanted to return to their homes and families on the mainland.

One "if" was appended on this decision. If Chiang would voluntarily surrender authority to the Formosans, then the United States should support an independent Formosa.

Note—An unpublished report by the Truman Committee on Corruption in China was responsible for President Roosevelt's distinct coolness to Madame Chiang Kai-Shek on her last visit to him. Harry Truman, then Senator from Missouri, advised FDR that as much as half of the American goods flown across the hump and hauled across the Burma Road never reached the fighting fronts, and that one Chinese war lord was actually sending Tungsten to the Japs.

Bedsheets For KKK

A delegation of prominent Jewish leaders called on Attorney General McGrath the other day. Led by B'nai B'rith President Frank Goldman they presented McGrath with a copy of the anti-defamation league's explosive new book "A Measure of Freedom."

In the course of their talk, Goldman, who hails from Lowell, Mass., asked the Attorney General also a New Englander, to support a federal bill outlawing interstate travel of masked or hooded Klansmen.

McGrath, whose religion does not make him a Klan admirer, replied: "The bill makes sense to me."

Then he added, with a twinkle: "But we wouldn't want to do anything to interfere with the sale of bedsheets manufactured in New England, would we?"

Editors Hear Truman

The August American Society of Newspaper Editors, meeting in Washington last week, was warned of being investigated for "harboring Russian spies." The warning came from Washington Star Editor Ben McKelway in introducing President Truman.

"It's about time we made a clean breast of the whole matter," said McKelway. "Two years ago, the society had several Russians as our guests. As a matter of fact, one of them sat in the same chair as the president. We will probably be investigated by the House Un-American Activities Committee. But Senator McCarthy will be here tonight, and I don't want to steal his thunder."

The President enjoyed the joke.

Washington Scene

A tanned and dapper White House crony sits in an old courtroom with the paint cracking from the walls and listens with straying attention to charges he lied to a Senate Committee about his bank account. Johnny Maragon, the one time Kansas City Greek shoeshine boy who parlayed his friendship with Harry Truman and Harry Vaughan into big earnings, wears gold cuff links, a natty double-breasted suit, and a fancy silk tie admired by the reporters.



Eavesdropping

People Will Always Be Great

By Wulf Newell

Acting President W. D. Carmichael Jr., is sporting one of the fanciest "Old School" ties we've seen in a long time. It's even sharper than some of the ones worn by his son Billy the Third.

The background is light blue—a little too dark to be called Carolina blue—and at regular intervals on it are what look like exact pictures of the Old Well. Seems Kay Kyser, University alumnus, gave it to him because of the pictures on it.

"I'd like to be able to tell you that it really is the Old Well," he told us, "but actually it's the temple of Venus, the goddess of love, from which the Old Well was copied."

Toby Selby, whose friends kept his name before the campus during the last election, may now be seen on Sundays singing in the choir at the Episcopal Church. We looked to see if his friend and constant companion Bob Clampitt was taking up the offering, but he didn't seem to be around that day.

Professor Joseph Morrison of Bynum Hall fame says that col-

lege students, despite the knowledge they're supposed to have accumulated, just don't know how to use the telephone book.

"For example, he said, 'where would you look to find the number of the Chapel Hill weather bureau?'"

Answers were everything from "Dial the operator" to "Is there one in Chapel Hill?"

The newly-initiated members of the Order of the Old Well had to wait almost half an hour between the appetizer and the main course at the banquet in their honor Wednesday night. After most of the hot rolls and all the salads had been consumed, retiring president Pete Gern stood up and announced, "The food will be here soon. The Inn is trying to do the impossible—serve three banquets at one time."

Quipped an initiate almost before Pete had finished, "You mean two, don't you?"

Are YOU ugly? Then why don't you enter your picture in Theta Chi's Ugliest Man contest. You can enter any size picture and it can be of any male student on campus. His face should be made up so that he is as ugly as the ugliest man

the judges have ever seen.

It's rumored that Miss Modern Venus Joyce Richert is hoping that the winner wins because of his make-up and not because of his face. She's promised to date him!

Coeds who use the steps between first and second floor in South Building are beginning to wish that the window near them didn't have to stay open. Every time a gust of wind comes through the window, the skirts of any unfortunate coeds who happen to be at the strategic spot billow in the breeze—to the amusement of male onlookers.

Jimmy Capps, WPTF's gift to the lovesick, will make his second public appearance in Chapel Hill April 30. The popular disk jockey will present this spring's edition of the University Club sponsored Music Under the Stars.

A copy of his famous "Our Best to You" nightly show, the outdoors program last year attracted several hundred students.

Jimmy's wife, Aimee, probably won't make the trip this year. She'll have to stay home with their four new puppies.

Write Away

They Aren't Blind

Dear Sir:

I've just read W. Charles Joyner's thoughtful letter commending those who help the blind students adjust to society. Blind students obviously need help. They know it. Someone nearby knows it. Help follows. Both benefit.

Everyone needs to help others as much as they help themselves. Many people don't realize this. Show me a person on this campus who is the least bit unhappy and I'll show you a person who doesn't know or doesn't practice this simple law of human nature. Yet on every hall, in every dorm, there are students who need help. They aren't blind. They aren't physically handicapped. It isn't obvious. But they need help in socializing a bit. Some of them can get help by helping others, but for some this is difficult.

Help which is obviously help, help without genuine friendship and honest liking, does neither any good. Help with genuine interest has unlimited possibilities. It works both ways. Both grow in happiness, understanding and personality.

A person who helps another needs no commendation. The reward is automatic and goes much deeper.

Very truly yours,
U. J.

Watching The DTH

Dear Graham,

Jud Beckwith and I thoroughly enjoyed our Tuesday night visit with the DTH staff. It was interesting to watch the DTH go to press and enlightening to talk with you about the problems of turning out a daily student paper.

Watching the staff work late into the night to get the paper proof-read, printed, and ready for distribution gave me occasion to wonder whether we students really appreciate how much effort goes into each day's paper.

Most of us realize that it takes a lot of writing to fill a paper, but we rarely think about those staff members who perform the myriad routine chores in getting that writing printed on paper and delivered to readers.

I was glad to hear that you plan to inject new spirit into the editorial page. I've heard and read that a good newspaper should serve as the conscience of its readers, that the editorial page is where the paper makes its position known in an effort to direct readers' attention to the serious problems of our time and the alternative solutions to them.

The DTH has failed for many months to make itself heard, primarily because it had little or nothing to say. Perhaps the new DTH will be an improvement.

Harry Snook

Pitching Horseshoes

Dear Harry

By Billy Rose

Honorable Harry S. Truman
The White House
Washington, D. C.
Dear Mr. President:

It may interest you to know that there's a man in New York who knows exactly how many atom bombs we have, exactly where they're hidden and exactly how they're being guarded. What's more, he is connected in no way with the Atomic Energy Commission, the Army, Navy or any other branch of the government.

With your patience and permission, I'd like to tell you about him.

Not long ago, this man—the editor of a national magazine with more than 15,000,000 readers—went to Washington on routine business. The day he arrived he was invited to a dinner party in Georgetown, and over the post-prandial brandy he got into a bull session with several members of the military and bureaucratic elite. When the subject of the atom bomb came up, a high-ranking official laughed. "Don't worry about our A-bombs," he said, and then, without prodding or prying, he proceeded to tell the editor and the other guests precisely how many bombs we had, where they were stored, and the security measures in force in the area. At the end, the drinky-talky notable smiled as if to say, "You folks didn't know what a bright boy I was, did you?"

The editor, an old friend of mine, told me this story a couple of days after he got back to New York, and I've been using a lot of barbiturates ever since. He's a zipper-lipped citizen who edits his thoughts as carefully as his copy, and I believe him when he says that Washington is currently a-busting with blabbermouths who, at the drop of a daiquiri, blurt top secrets with only a prefaced "This is off the record" to tidy up their consciences.

Fortunately for us, this magazine man is not apt to talk out of school or turn, but it stands to wonderful reason that if he can come away from Washington with this kind of information a lot of other people can too—including those who cash their pay checks in the First National Bank of Moscow.

In this day and dilemma, Mr. President, government by gossip can easily mean the end of government by consent, and from where I sit and tremble, it's high time you pressed a few buttons and initiated some big scale tracking and cracking down. If heads must fall, then let them fall—and if you want to take that literally, it's all right with me, not to mention 150,000,000 other Americans who don't own a bomb shelter or a lead-lined tuxedo.

Respectfully,

Billy Rose.

P.S.—It may further interest you to know that, according to a recent estimate, the per capita consumption of hard liquor in Washington is greater than that of any other town in this country.

Memo To Legislators . . .

Last Thursday night the ninth Student Legislature began its job as the supreme law making body in our autonomous student community. It is a task which, if handled sincerely and intelligently, can bring benefit to the students and prestige to student government and the University.

This new legislature is relatively inexperienced in legislative functions; most of the members are newly elected or have served only a single term in the legislature. Many of the more experienced and capable legislature leaders have taken new posts or have retired from active politics. However, under the leadership of such men as Harry Horton, Ben James, Sheldon Plager, Bill Prince, and Speaker Herb Mitchell, this legislature can, through energy and effort, carry forward a well-rounded plan for student advancement.

It is hoped that the new legislature will continue the work of the many special committees established under the old legislature. It is hoped that they will continue to press for benefits which can be derived from the Instructor Evaluation Committee, the Curriculum Evaluation Committee, and National Student Association. Each of these is an individual program in itself but together they make up a better Student Community and should be directed toward this end.

A little over a month remains before the school session comes to an end. Past legislatures have had a tendency to put off any positive action until the Fall Quarter but the task before this new legislature is one that cannot be delayed. Unfortunately our court systems are shrouded in secrecy and silence. Legislation which would require a full report, including charges, plea, and verdict, plus the names of all council members present and absent is desperately needed. Also the codification of campus and honor code offense is a duty which the legislature should concern itself with if we are to continue under our present system.

To the new members, as well as the old members of the legislature, the best of luck on a job which the students are confident you will do.

Sol Kimerling

President's Report

(The column today, in good Drew Pearson fashion, takes the form of a personal letter to Bill Mackie, retiring President of the Student Body).

Dear Bill:

Now that you have shed your cares of office, and for the first time in several years are without major public responsibility, I suppose you are about the happiest man on campus. But before the last year grows entirely cold, there are a few things I'd like to say to you.

During the last year, working as your chief office-boy, I had an opportunity to observe you both as President and as a person. While we were in general agreement on most matters, there were times when we disagreed on what should be done, or how we should go about doing it. It is to your credit, however, that we were always able to discuss things on which we disagreed in a rational manner, and that usually we came up with some solution acceptable to both of us. I have watched you in times of crisis and in the daily drudgery of the Presidency, and thru it all I have seen you steadily grow, both as a public servant and as a person.

On the whole, your administration was successful from the point of view of achievement. Most of the things which you set out to do this year have been accomplished. But far more important to the campus has been the fresh spirit which your advent brought into Student Government, and which you were able to infuse into those of us who worked with you. Your understanding and insight not merely into the functions, but into the vital philosophy upon which our student democracy is based have been a steady guide and an inspiration to all of us.

Your integrity, your unaffected friendliness, your ability to see all sides of a question, and your clear perspective of the objectives, ultimate as well as immediate, towards which we all should strive in Student Government constitute a high standard, one which it will be a constant challenge to me to approach. If, when I join you in the ranks of the political "has-beens" next spring, I can honestly feel that I have significantly measured up to you, I will feel that it has been a year of real achievement for myself and for the campus.

Sincerely,
John Sanders

Editor's Note

On the appropriation for the Daily Tar Heel, on block fees, on one or two appointees, and on numerous other items, the editor of the Daily Tar Heel has disagreed with the present President of the Student Body. Our disagreements have been rather violent at times and may get hotter next week.

On one thing we do agree: Student leaders on this campus can do no better than to follow the spirit of the Carolina Way so well personified by Dr. Frank Porter Graham. Bill Mackie earnestly tried to do that. At times his speeches were stronger than his action. He was and is attempting to make this school truly representative of the heritage that is ours.

Talk Away

Robert Emerson

From the telephone poll we've been taking for the past three days, it sure does look like Tarnation is going to be with us for quite a while.

No one has yet to say that it should be abolished, in fact, no one has even been too critical of the pocket sized mag.

Cecil Smith

I finally managed to get a graduate student to say and she said, "I think it's pretty good. The writing could have been a little better but it's a good magazine." Her name was Cecil Smith, she said.

Bill Robbins

I got one of my secretaries to call my old friend Bill Robbins over on the third floor of Everett. Bill remarked that he thought the first issue last fall "wasn't worth a damn. The last two have been very good, especially the last one. The little mag has good humor but, you know, it isn't a very good college humor mag."

Marshall Vickers

Marshall Vickers, who lives in the dorm where Pete Gerns and my roommate live, had this to say about the little Bantam: "I think it's shown improvement. It's alright. Damn good."

Bert Thrasher

I was over in Lewis yesterday trying to sell some Venus Fly Traps, and I ran into Bert Thrasher, an old pal from years back. "I liked this last issue of Tarnation immensely," Bert said. "I didn't like the cartoons at the beginning of the year but they have improved steadily. I think the whole mag has improved."

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- 5. beetles
- 9. old maxim
- 12. peel
- 13. the dill
- 14. wing
- 15. trim
- 16. corrected proof
- 18. submerged
- 20. ignored
- 21. networks
- 23. propagated
- 24. Gospels
- 26. heroic toper
- 30. harden
- 33. note in Guido's scale
- 34. golf mounds
- 36. perfumes
- 38. strays from truth
- 40. drench
- 41. stav
- 44. bucket
- 45. larger than ordinary
- 47. European river basin

VERTICAL

- 1. decide
- 2. disfigure
- 3. bearded
- 4. get back
- 5. gloomy
- 6. single unit
- 7. reverts
- 8. fence steps
- 9. uttered

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- 10. plant of lily family
- 11. osier
- 17. lateral boundary
- 19. ponies
- 21. take ease
- 22. cry of Bacchanals
- 23. glorify
- 25. Canadian cape
- 27. embezzle
- 28. islands
- 29. sheath
- 32. mother of Castor and Pollux
- 35. blast
- 37. clamors
- 39. vertical part of stair
- 41. ramble
- 42. sinful
- 43. repeat
- 44. writing implement
- 46. feminine name
- 48. anecdotes
- 49. constellation

Answer to yesterday's puzzle.

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RISER	SARGENT				
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TOM	ENERGY				
	MIRAGE	ESAU			
ABED	TANTRUMS				
POISE	ETTA	ROE			
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