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Truant Officer's Report

To the Students of North Carolina:

This is a report on the continued absence of our new president, Gordon Gray, from his office. Rumor has it that he is not intending to take up his duties until after the fishing season is over, and so we want to make sure that he is not just playing hookey this summer.

On investigation, it turns out that he is working on an assignment. This is not especially noteworthy, until we know that this assignment is from Truman himself, and is mereover one of the most important assignments ever given out - an American president.

The ackground reading for this assignment is modern history sine 1945. In particular, this fact is important: the same war wisch blasted and devastated industrial areas in most parts of he world made American industry bigger and healthier than ever before.

After the war, America's foreign economic policy was dictated by the relief needs of Europe, UNRRA and the British loan came first. The Bretton Woods plan was intended to solve the problems of monetary unbalance. Then the deteriorating international situation called into being the Marshall Plan and that three-initialed trio, ECA, NAP, MAP.

Total American overseas investment since 1945-a staggering \$75,000,000,000. Result-communism still going like a house afire, has upped it from a pre-war 190 million to a present 720 million people.

Secretary of State Dean Acheson's response to the challenge is his recently proclaimed "total diplomacy." Everything that he means by this is not clear yet, but one thing is. And that is the recognition that American policy has been disintegrated and piecemeal, dealing with superficial symptom of international disorder instead of with basic dislocations.

The "dollar gap" is one of the most serious of these. America's economic health, instead of communicating itself to Europe and Asia, does just the opposite. These countries willingly buy American goods, but are discouraged from selling their own products here by tariffs. The result, for nations as for individuals, is bankruptcy. For awhile, America can bail them out by giving them dollars that they might have earned, but this cannot last. Countries cannot preserve and strengthen their self-respect and will power as long as they have to live on the dole like this.

Here is where Gordon Gray comes in. His job this summer is to persuade America to let foreigners sell four billion dollars worth of goods to us every year. To many Americans, this sounds like four billion dollars less of American goods being bought, low profits for American businessmen, increased unemployment, cheap foreign labor, vanishing markets, and finally depression.

Graham's Strength The Truth

They have sought to smear Frank Graham in many other ways. But now they have hit the bottom of the barrel. Being determined to smear, they have left the lies and gone over to the more easily peddled half-truths. They are concentrating their half-truths toward one end. And the end they hope to reach is to arouse in the hearts and minds of every North . Carolina voter a deep and lasting prejudice against any reforms or changes in the status of the Negro people of this or any other southern state. They cannot prove that Frank Graham is a communist; they cannot prove that he is a socialist; they cannot prove that he is weak-willed and willing to be led; but they can prove that Frank Graham has always had and still has a tender regard for the rights of ALL CITIZENS OF HIS STATE INCLUDING THE NE-GROES. That is how they hope to beat Frank Graham. They hit at socialized medicine, and tell no truths about it; they hit at the farm program and tell half-truths about it; they hit at foreign affairs and tell half-truths. But they tell NO TRUTH about the race issue-and that is just what it is. They seek to convince the white citizen, that he cannot afford to trust Frank Graham with the race issue, and to do this, it is manifest that they misrepresent Frank Graham and his record.

The truth is being TOLD about Frank Graham. His record is open, but only to those who are well-informed enough already or who can readily inform themselves from objective sources. The majority of the voters have to take somebody's word. They are getting plenty of words from Frank Graham's opposition. But what we're worried about, and what the voter had better worry about is WILL THE TRUTH-BE HEARD ABOUT FRANK GRAHAM before it is too late for the people of this state to send back to the Senate one of the greatest Americans of our time and possible the most worthy Senator in that body today.

Hugh Wells

Merry-Go-Round

Commies Cooling On Berlin March

By Drew Pearson

WASHINGTON.-High Commissioner Mc-Cloy has cabled the State Department from Germany that the Communists are getting cold feet and will back down on their threat to seize Berlin during their May Day demonstrations.

McCloy reports he has learned that Foreign Minister Vishinsky has called the East German Communist leaders to Moscow and has ordered them to abondon their invasion. Vishinsky and the Politburo are now convinced that the West means business and will fight to keep Berlin.

But Vishinsky gave the German Communists a caustic dressing down for tipping the Russian hand by their boastful speeches about what they intended to do. He figures that if the Communists hadn't blabbed so much, they could have surprised the Western troops and taken over the city in a few minutes.

Uncle Sam Pays and Pays

A Missouri grain company that grew up overnight shows how government agencies sometimes don't let each know what the other "hand" is doing. The company rented a section of Camp Crowder, Mo., from the government for \$5,569, then, in effect, leased the same property back to the government for \$204,000.

Both contracts were signed within a week after the company, Midwest Grain Storage and Realty, was incorporated last September. First, the company rented 113 buildings at Camp Crowder from the War Assets Administration, then turned these buildings into storehouses for the Agriculture Department.

War Assets charged \$1 per building, plus varying rates per square foot, totaling \$5,569 in rent. However, the Agriculture Department paid Midwest one-twentieth of a cent per-bushel per day for storing 2,041,803 bushels of surplus corn. This amounted to \$204,000 for 200 days-the maximum number of days that the rate is in force

Thus, while Uncle Sam leases from Peter to pay Paul, Midwest Grain Storage rakes in the profit. However, A. H. Myers of Kansas City, company President, claims the gravy isn't as thick as it looks. In the first place, he says, Midwest had to pay for unloading the grain. The Agriculture Department provided \$30,627 extra for this, but Myers claims it cost \$40,000. When it comes time to move the grain, Myers also figures it will cost more than the \$15,303 handling charges which the government is committed

However, Myers is counting on the \$204,000 storage contract being renewed for another year. And, to this column it looks like good businessif you can get it.

NOTE: V. M. Harris Grain Co. of Scott City, Kansas, an established firm, is also renting facilities at Camp Crowder for storing 895,936 bushels of surplus wheat. Havis pays \$16,713 in rent, collects \$66,800 in storage tees.

Congressional Fur Plies Ohio's portly Congressman Clarence Brown flew into a rage the other day after an obscure Air Force Captain got the best of him at a house

Brown was championing the cause of the private grocers near Wright-Patterson Air Base, who complained that the base commissary was hurting their business.

However, Capt. A. M. Puncsak, the sales officer, refuted each argument brought up by Brown and his constituents, with such cool consistency that the Congressman began raising his

At one point, Captain Puncsak replied abruptly: "I beg your pardon, Sir!"

This offended Brown's congressional dignity, which he soon discarded altogether. After Puncsak left the room, following the hearing, Brown exploded.

Waggling a finger under the noses of the other Air Force Officers, Brown shouted: "That little S.O.B. (referring to Captain Puncsak)! He ought to be court-martialed!'

Then he went into a tirade about military officers in general.

"Some of these military people think they've got the world with a string around it," said the Congressman from Ohio. "I have tried to be good to you, but you people haven't done right by me. Don't forget, I've got a long memory." As an afterthought, he quickly added: "Don't

think I am trying to intimidate you now."

However, one officer blurted: "That isn't open to any other interpretation."

At this remark, Brown really blew up. His language can't be repeated.

New Farm Plan

Secretary of Agriculture Charlie Brannan is working on a new farm plan. This doesn't mean he is giving up the Brannan plan, but merely that he is doing some research on an idea that is growing on Capitol Hill.

The new idea would be for farmers to build up an insurance fund during prosperous years and draw on it during lean years. It is hoped this eventually would cut government farm handouts to a minimum and shift the burden to farmers to pay their own support prices out of the insurance fund.

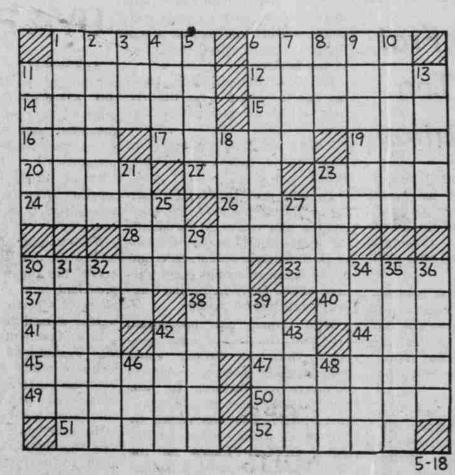
Congressional interest in the Federal Crop Insurance idea is increasing, particularly with Chairman Harold Cooley of North Carolina and Congressman W. R. Poage of Texas, both powers in the House Agriculture Committee. As a result, Brannan has agreed to make a thorough study of the idea and report his findings to Con-

However, this will not become a new Brannan Plan. In fact, after turning his research over to Capitol Hill, Brannan will probably recommend against it.



Courtesy Of Coronet

Sex On The Campus



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Write Away

Sincerity

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Mr. Freistadt: Your letter in the Daily Tar Heel of May 11th smacks a bit of propaganda. In the first place, the mere use of your signature would tend to deprecate whatever you might say, since your name has been so closely linked, as you know, with a country that your readers consider an enemy country. It must be evident to you that anything you say over your signature for a good cause would do more harm to that cause than good in this country.

As to the real worth of your argument that two harmless articles were directed against the negro race, you did more harm to the cause of happier race relationship by calling attention to them in the first place, and by warping a casual jest into a monstrosity. It is quite evident that the articles mentioned by you were really satires: one on bourgeois tastes in radio programs and the other on "gin-drinking-flowers-of-Southern-womanhood". That a man of your intellect, proven by outstanding work in your own field, could be sincere in such a thesis seems to me quite impossible. Therefore, I deduce that your article, clothed though it is in simulated righteous indignation, is in reality propaganda with the vicious purpose of stiring up that same racial hatred that you pretend to abhor.

It would seem to me wise for you to withhold your name on any publication that you may make in the future meant for real good to that cause when writing for your present audience, that you find material worthier of-criticism if you want to propagandize, and that you use better judgement in the quality of the intelligence of your

Dixon Warren

Snatchers Among the Snackers

Mama Mia:

Ahora that I write you, I am very mad. That which happen today has something to do with another thing that happen yesterday. And the two of them make little Panchito very angry.

Somebody tells me thar good place to eat is "Pine Room", so I go there yesterday to eat breakfast. I stay in line como the other people do. I order my breakfast y cuando breakfast is I find que I can not carry everything because I have only two hands. I leave a milk bottle on the counter y I walk to a table. Cuando yo volvio, Bingo!!!!! The milk is gone, and the bottle

I says nadie y buys another bottle of milk. All that happen yesterday. Today I goes to "Snac bar in Pine Room" again. I order my breakfast again y I leave a cup coffee on the counter. When I comes back the coffee she is gone . . . Where? En el estomago del hombre who snatched it from Panchito. What a buena suerte for him. If I had seen him it would be Mala Suerte,

It is not the money that I paid mamma mia that make me angry. But like un amigo mio dije "The principal of the damn thing." Cuando es the Honor Pledge that the Stewdents sign? Who knows? A signature is a signature y a cup coffee is a cup coffee . .

But mama mia, little Panchito knows better. So cuando I go to the "Snac Bar" I will Wash-Out for the Damn "Snatchers among the Snackers."

> Con Amor Your Little Panchito

Yellow Journalism

Dear Editor:

Several days ago I addressed a letter to you in which I commented on your editorial "Sunny Florida and Greater N. C." Today, in your juvenile masterpiece "The Daily Red Neck" the letter was finally published. But it was not my letter any more. It was signed by a fictitious name, "Robert Beans Renolds" and placed in a column of fictititious letters. It would appear Mr. Editor, that you are afraid to publish letters in opposition to your personal views.

Let me be the first to remind you that the Student Body elected you to your present position as Editor of the Daily Tar Heel in the belief that you would carry on the fine liberal views of Dr. Frank Graham, a man whom you claim to support by words but do not support by your actions. Since taking office, you have so twisted and Vistorted these fine liberal views to poor personal tastes, that your editorials have become nothing more than blasts of "yellow journalism."

Now Mr. Editor, why don't you show us how big you are by publishing this letter as it was meant to be published, and not by hiding behind one of your cheap shams. Incidentally, I still believe that your editorial "Sunny Florida and Greater N. C." was far better fitted for the Daily Worker than for the Daily Tar Heel.

Very truly yours, Robert R. Rossit

Pearson Special

Secretary of Defense Johnson was on the horns of a political dilemma about the televised cabinet meeting in Chicago. Generals and Admirals urged him not to attend, said it was politics. But the President wanted him there. What the Admirals forgot was that Louey got his cabinet job partly by raising more money than any other man in 1948 Postmaster General Jesse Donaldson is getting more mail than even the President. Reason-a planned campaign against the once-a-day mail service by Bill Doherty, the ambitious President of the National Association of Letter Carriers. The cariers are stuffing handbills and postcards in letter boxes asking that protests be mailed to Donaldson. The Postmaster General is getting it from both sides, from friends of the carriers and those who resent being pressured by the mailman.