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## A. Z. F. Wood Jr. The Mob

A Mob, according to Webster, is a promiscuous collection of people, and is always referred to in the singular. The individuals who compose a Mob are as cells in a human body—or in the body of an animal, such as a tiger. (A tiger is a member of the feline family, and is predatory, cruel, and motivated exclusively by instinct.)

A Mob is nearly always destructive. It destroys things tangible like lives and things intangible like respect or pride. A Mob is never progressive in the long run. It may accomplish a temporary end by overthrowing the status quo for a few years, but it will always get enough rope to hang itself sooner or later, and something worse than the overthrow status quo will emerge, such as Napoleon Bonaparte and Joseph Stalin.

A Mob always has leaders, though sometimes the leaders themselves don't realize it. And there have never been leaders capable of controlling a Mob once it has gained momentum. The Mob has strength and desire to begin with. All it needs is a slight push like a very small snowball on the top of a steep hill. Once that push is given, there is no stopping the snowball that quickly becomes an avalanche. An avalanche doesn't stop until it hits something—hard.

In many instances, the individuals who compose a Mob are downtrodden and discontent and starving, as in the French Revolution. In more instances, the individuals are frustrated and cowardly. Acting as individuals, they are reckless, inferior, and incapable of self-expression. Acting as components of a Mob, they are cruel, childish, and very dangerous, and this makes them feel respected and powerful. For this good, feel that they are feared and is the only possible way they can express themselves, and with impunity, for they are responsible only to the Mob, and the Mob is a temporary being. Its existence terminates forever when it disperses. At best, only the leaders can be punished, and they didn't know what they were doing when they pushed the snowball. Leaders are a dime a dozen, and they are inferior to what they lead.

Mobs are to be respected and feared, for they are powerful and they have impunity. Mobs are to be hated, for they are cruel and cowardly and childish. Whether it's a lynch Mob or a Mob of neurotic, overgrown adolescents yelling their fool heads off at a basketball game, it is an extreme manifestation of animal instinct, a headless monster. A Mob cannot be stopped by intellect or reason. The only thing that can stop a Mob is another Mob.

So after I graduate in June and someone asks me where I went to college, I'll say, "I went to UNC, but please don't hold it against me."

—Chuck Hauser

## Tar Heel At Large

Camp Stoneman, Calif.—This is a smallish and uninteresting Army-Air Force base crouched in a flat valley tucked between the Bay and the green mountains which ramble up and down this usually foggy section of the California coast.

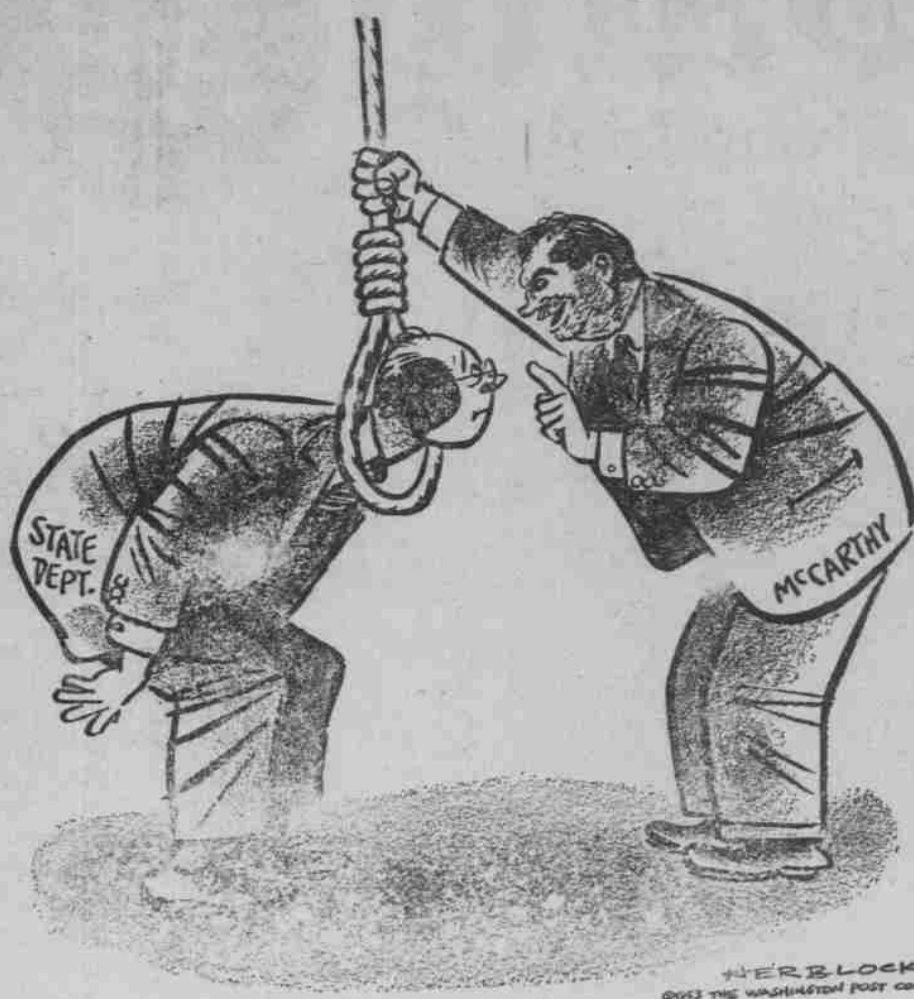
It hasn't been foggy here for the past few days, however, and the Carolina-like spring weather has me homesick for Chapel Hill. Even the nearby mountains, normally buried beneath cushions of cumulus and shrouded by gray sweeps of mist, stand forth to remind me of western North Carolina.

Duffield Smith of Dallas, Texas, an adopted Tar Heel and recent graduate of the University Air ROTC program, is stationed with the permanent party here, and isn't too happy about the distance between the California and Carolina coasts.

I told Duff my opinion of San Francisco, and he decided to prove that I was wrong. So we headed for Frisco for an evening. Before dark we drove out to the Cliff House by the Seal Rocks and watched the seals enjoy the cold brine for a while, and then we struck out for the Mark Hopkins just as darkness came.

We had to fight our way through the lobby to get to the express elevator running up to the Top O' the Mark, because an

"Steady Now, Pal — Don't Hamstring Me In My Work"



—Drew Pearson

## The Washington

### Merry-Go-Round

Exactly what happened inside the White House when a group of congressional leaders were briefed on the international situation has had the world guessing ever since. Just why did senators emerge from the White House to pronounce the state of the world "Grim?"

Briefly here are the nonsecurity highlights of what the congressional leaders were told:

1. The Chief Friction Point Is

imported bagpipe band was playing a concert down there to celebrate the dance of some Scottish society or other.

With the help of an old friend from Tennessee named Jack Daniels, we settled down to enjoy the celebrated view of Frisco from the top of Nob Hill, where the Mark is located. The sweep of the city is truly impressive from there, if you go for sweeps of that kind. At night, it is especially so, with the glittering lights of the Golden Gate and Bay Bridges flanking the hearth-warm glow from the center of this immense metropolis.

We had dinner at a little place in the International Settlement just off Chinatown called the Iron Pot. For a buck fifty, we picked up a five-course meal with a juicy red and marvelously tender slab of roast beef as the piece de resistance.

The evening was topped with a session at Goman's Gay Nineties and a walking tour through Chinatown, where the inhabitants were celebrating the Chinese Lunar New Year with thousands of crackling fireworks which would send a Chapel Hill policeman to Dix Hill in a state of nervous frenzy.

Goman's Nineties is definitely a night spot to visit if you find yourself in Frisco some day. It's a family-type watering place which features amusingly risqué floor shows, but which leaves the vulgar and the strippers to its more tawdry brothers in the metropolitan tenderloin.

Berlin. Intelligence Chief Allen Dulles, brother of the Secretary of State, warned that the Communist Party might try to squeeze us out of Berlin this spring. Dulles could not predict whether they would try to choke us off with another blockade or send East Germans into the West sector to stage serious riots. However, he warned that trouble was coming. Meanwhile, the Air Force has a master plan ready for another Berlin airlift to be used at the drop of the red flag.

2. Drive In French Indo-China. The congressmen were told that the Kremlin was likely to hit the West in several places at the same time, and one of these, according to Allen Dulles, is French Indo-China. Russian and Chinese leaders, he said, had been conferring on this recently.

General Bradley, however, claimed the Chinese didn't have a large army on the Indo-Chinese border, though he said guerrillas and supplies did seem to be pouring into Indo-China. As a countermove Dulles urged that American supplies be stepped up to aid the French. The French, he said, were asking for a 5-year plan during which we would send half a billion dollars worth of supplies each year to Indo-China.

This brought an exclamation of surprise and incredulity from Sen. Alex Wiley, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

3. A Communist Drive on Korea, General Bradley reported, was not to be discounted. The Chinese are using a new rotation plan and have put two new divisions in the front lines. Unfortunately, lifting the embargo around Formosa hasn't drawn any Chinese troops out of Korea to defend the mainland opposite Formosa. The Chinese Communist force in Korea remains one million men.

On the other hand, the United Nations has 10 per cent more American troops in Korea today than on January 1. The reason,

## Reflection Upon A Swindler

"Chicago, Feb. 9, 1952—(Special)—A University of Chicago student who set up a counterfeiting operation to make money to go through school was arrested here recently . . ." (News story, The Daily Tar Heel, Feb. 10.)

There's a kind of celebration  
 And of ratiocination  
 That is common to the prison and the college,

For remission of tuition  
 In exchange for erudition  
 May eventuate in several kinds of knowledge.

Though the catalogue will mention  
 Universal comprehension  
 And the names of all the ways for you to gain it,

What you really will acquire  
 When your need of it is dire  
 Is the skill that will enable you to feign it.

In Cosmology, Zoology,  
 Or Cultural Biology,  
 Or Studies in Atomic Economics,

You'll be able to succeed  
 Although the only test you read  
 May be the polychromatic Sunday Morning comics.

Which is indication ample  
 That at Harvard, for example,  
 There's a moral tone that some cannot but censure,

And that inmates up at Yale  
 Share with those in any jail  
 Something more than their abbreviated tonsure.

Oh, a truculent psychologist,  
 A spleeny entomologist,  
 A chemist who will brook no imperfection,

May intimidate you briefly,  
 But his net effect is chiefly  
 To accelerate the process of selection

Which eliminates veracity  
 In favor of audacity  
 And cultivates the tendency to cheat.

For we find to our elation  
 That disguised imitation  
 Will turn the academic trick toute suite.

So when pleading with a judge  
 Not to bear a foolish grudge  
 Acquaint him with your academic bent,

And a tale of slow decay  
 In the sordid quest of A  
 May persuade a thoughtful Jurist to relent.

Then the Court will find a need,  
 As you learnedly do plead  
 For some recognition of your better parts,

And your sentence, it is plain,  
 Will not be a ball and chain,  
 But a Doctorate of Extra-Legal Arts.

Bradley said, is because other U. N. units had to be rotated. Any big U. N. drive in Korea, the congressmen were warned, would cost us total casualties of around 50,000 men and would not be possible without sending more American divisions to the front.

4. Cooperation In The Balkans—The Secretary of State, John Dulles, reported one favorable piece of news, namely that three traditional enemies—Turkey, Yugoslavia and Greece—will sign a mutual security pact which will greatly strengthen the West in the Mediterranean. This will bring pressure against two satellite neighbors—Albania and Bulgaria.

Dulles was also pleased about a prospective Mediterranean defense pact which would include Egypt, England and the United States, as well as Italy, Greece and other Mediterranean countries.

His brother Allen, however, painted a pessimistic picture of Soviet propaganda in that same area. He said the Kremlin had stepped up its efforts to woo the

Arabs and that hundreds of so-called Russian diplomats were working night and day to persuade the Arab governments to trade with Russia and to ditch any idea of joining the Western Pact against Communism.

This Russian sweet talk, plus the Kremlin's break with Israel, the congressmen were told, is having its effect. And added to our stalled plans to bring Germany and France together in Western Europe, this means some success for Moscow.

5. Financial Headaches—Budget Director Joseph Dodge reported on the headaches of financing the world program. He declared flatly that there is little chance of balancing the 1954 budget or of reducing military expenditures during the coming 12 months.

It was this pessimistic report on finances and the difficulty of balancing the budget that made GOP leaders emerge from the White House to announce that the world was grim. Actually it's no grimmer than it has been for some time.

## Two for One

Students generally don't have much money to toss around.

Yet as future citizens, they will be asked to give to charitable organizations. And they will want to give to national and international funds—cancer, heart, Red Cross, Radio Free Europe, and others. That is why we have a Campus Chest each year. The main purpose, of course, is to raise money for special causes on the home front, and for students on the international front. Another purpose, however, is to get you in the habit of giving.

You will have two such chances, the first one beginning Monday, to contribute to the World Student Service Fund. This year there will be two knocks on the door instead of one, primarily because the old pledge system hasn't worked out well.

Here's how that was handled: You signed a pledge for fifty cents, a dollar, or more, then you'd either misplace the pledge, throw it in an empty drawer, disregard it, or forget it. About two months later the guy who made the initial appeal came around and you didn't remember that there was such a thing as the Campus Chest.

The two-fund campaign this time will give you a chance to specify as to where you want your money to go, and at the same time, give you an opportunity to give to one fund if you have missed out on the other.

## DAILY CROSSWORD

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|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>ACROSS</b>                    | <b>DOWN</b>                    | 15. Plural pronoun      |
| 1. Manufactured                  | 1. Sullen and austere          | 18. Hired by charter    |
| 5. Moslem title (pl.)            | 2. Native of Arabia            | 19. Chafe -             |
| 9. More painful                  | 3. Moisture                    | 21. Conjunction         |
| 10. Cries                        | 4. Erbium (sym.)               | 24. Breezy              |
| 12. Bird's stomach               | 5. Conscious (syn.)            | 25. Muffler             |
| 13. District (W. Indian Union)   | 6. Ordinarily                  | 26. Cone-shaped         |
| 14. Steal from                   | 7. Cord from candent tree bark | 27. Section of a city   |
| 15. Weary                        | 8. Grow                        | 28. A going out         |
| 16. Denoting an alcohol (suffix) | 9. Rub hard                    | 29. Takes dinner        |
| 17. Personal pronoun             | 11. A witticism                | 31. Bamboo-like grasses |
| 18. Happy                        | 13. Prussian carol             | 35. Fish                |
| 20. Ruined town (Palestine)      |                                | 37. Miscellaneous       |
| 22. Imitative of art             |                                |                         |
| 23. Ineffectual act              |                                |                         |
| 24. Malt beverage                |                                |                         |
| 25. Cicatrix                     |                                |                         |
| 27. Drooped                      |                                |                         |
| 30. Perverse                     |                                |                         |
| 32. Greek letter                 |                                |                         |
| 33. Indefinite article           |                                |                         |
| 34. Weird (var.)                 |                                |                         |
| 35. Male descendant              |                                |                         |
| 36. Bellowed                     |                                |                         |
| 38. Signal system                |                                |                         |
| 39. Imposed a monetary penalty   |                                |                         |
| 40. A large pill                 |                                |                         |
| 41. Father's                     |                                |                         |
| 42. Opens (poet.)                |                                |                         |



Saturday's Answer

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| 38. Conical roll of thread    |
| 40. Board of Ordnance (abbr.) |

