

Brownell's Big Boom

The furore kicked up by the Brownell charge that President Truman knowingly appointed a Russian spy to high government position is far from its end. Yet one stark fact already stands clear above the continuing verbal crossfire. It is this: The Attorney General of the United States has, for the first time in history, used the resources of the Federal Bureau of Investigation for purely political ends. That Brownell's object in making his charges was to insure a Republican victory in the special congressional election in California, and not the protection of our national security, no one has seriously denied.

The fact that Brownell so used secret data, collected by the FBI in a loyalty investigation, may not at first appear to be as significant as several other aspects of the case. But this employment of the work-product of a secret investigative agency to belabor the administration's political opponents conjures up grim images. Our fresh memory of the Gestapo, and our knowledge of the current uses to which the secret police forces of the Soviet Union are being put, are reminders enough that we want nothing remotely resembling a secret political police force on American soil.

We readily concede that there must be serious and sober concern over the question of the loyalty of persons in position to injure our national interests, should they be disloyal. To do the investigative work requisite to a determination of questions of loyalty and security, we obviously must have services such as the FBI and the military intelligence agencies.

But to use the FBI to investigate an applicant for a government job, or an allegedly disloyal person, and to use its accumulation of data in presenting a case before a federal loyalty board, or a grand jury, or a court — its proper use — is one thing. To use the fruits of such investigations as raw material for a political stump speech is quite a different proposition. And here, the information was used by the Attorney General as the basis for the conclusion that the subject was a communist agent, after a federal grand jury had refused to indict the same man on the basis of the same information.

Gossip, Hearsay, Lies and Truth

The long-range consequences, should Brownell's precedent be followed in future campaigns, are likely to be tragic. And the tragedy will not be that of the Democratic Party, but of America.

Every person who has sought a federal job or a military commission in recent years has a security file of some sort. Into it goes everything the investigators pick up with regard to the person under investigation — gossip, hearsay, and lies, along with the truth.

The FBI is neither authorized nor equipped to determine the real significance of the data it acquires. For anyone active in public life (and therefore possessed of vocal enemies), the adverse data which will find its way into his security file will likely be considerable. For any Attorney General desperate enough to use such data for strictly political purposes, and irresponsible enough to abuse this official control of such resources by making them available for partisan use, the files of the FBI provide an inexhaustible bunker of political ammunition. And if it is justifiable so to use such data as is already in the files, what is wrong with sending out a few agents to dig up some special stuff to meet particular needs?

The tactic used by Brownell — a sort of white-collar McCarthyism, carried on with a flourish of patriotic purpose — is a dangerous thing, not alone for the immediate harm it does in misleading the public. As a political stratagem, it is cheap, easy, and apparently successful.

An Addition To The System

Given those attributes, it is not impossible that it should be copied by the Democrats, when they return to office. Having the sanction of use by the Republicans, its retaliatory adoption would in a sense be supportable on precedent, and thus would become an ineradicable part of our political system.

And given such an attitude towards the utilization of the FBI as a political weapon, what is to happen on the retirement of J. Edgar Hoover, who is now past 60? Will we see the appointment of a man with his scrupulous fair-mindedness and determined non-partisanship? Or will a successor be chosen who promises to be a willing helper in an attempted subversion of the Bureau into a political tool?

These are fearsome things to think on, and we hope they are more fantastic than fearsome. But the time to curb any drift in that direction, either in terms of official action or public acquiescence, is now, before such practices become condoned by toleration.

It is a matter for the President and the Congress to deal with forthrightly and soon. More important, all of us must consciously avoid the all-too-easy slip into the indifference which will condone such abuse of official power and such prostitution of patriotism for grossly partisan ends.

No Blue Blood

C. T. Andrews

First of all, we are not trying to re-fight the war between the states, as is usual each time something like this comes up.

But the Carolina gentlemen down at the Red Cross Blood Donor Center the other day were most unmannerly Carolina gentlemen we can remember ever seeing.

We think of a true Carolina-blue Carolina gentleman as a handsome young man with a deep Southern drawl, polite and manly in his ways, with chivalry at the top of his on-your-toes list.

But the way these particular Carolina gentlemen behaved before, during, and immediately following their giving blood was terrible. They spoke to the nurses, attendants and Red Cross officials in tones of disrespect that we wouldn't even think of using toward a fraternity brother or a roommate.

We were taught way down in the grammar grades that sassiness and disrespect did not mix well with politeness, just as whisky doesn't mix with beer. We were taught to say "yes ma'am" to our parents and teachers. They instilled in us the fact that young men don't make vulgar or disrespectful remarks to young women.

Evidently someone has either forgotten or never learned at all the first essentials of politeness that were taught us when we were just old enough to be taught such things.

Or maybe it was just the strain of the thought of being minus a pint of blood.

Anyway, Carolina gentlemen are inflicting serious wounds into the reputations of their contemporaries. If you've got to be disrespectful, why not just go up to Yankee land, where it won't be noticed?

Godfrey Wins Over Coeds

Jenks Robertson

You'd better face it girls... you can't compete with Arthur Godfrey.

At least, such was the case Wednesday night when Cobb Dormitory held a reception for the girls whom it sponsored in the Yackety Yack beauty contest.

For anyone unfamiliar with the Cobb social room arrangement, it is this. There are two social rooms on the first floor separated by an entrance hall. In one room is the dormitory television set, while the other is left for socializing and studying.

At 8 o'clock on the night of the reception, the party was going on in one room while Arthur Godfrey was cavorting on TV in the other.

Attendance at the reception—26.

Attendance at the TV set—34.

So you might as well give up girls. You were just born ten years too late.

The Search For Peace



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Washington Merry-Go-Round

Drew Pearson

WASHINGTON — The Republican high command has decided to re-examine its earlier strategy of popping one big expose after another during the coming year in order to embarrass the Truman Administration and put the Democrats on the defensive.

This strategy, as reported in this column on Oct. 15, 1953, set up a timetable by which various skeletons were to be yanked out of the Truman closet beginning about January 1. A former assistant attorney

PEARSON general was to be indicted. Several Democrats connected with surplus-ship deals were to be prosecuted. Various alleged links between the Truman-Roosevelt Administrations and the Communist Party were to be revealed.

The schedule had been carefully worked out and a deal was even arranged with Senator McCarthy by which he was to get the green light for any of his investigations. Orders already had gone out to government departments to cooperate with McCarthy 100 percent.

Simultaneously, Attorney General Brownell announced that the Justice Department could find nothing in the Senate report on Senator McCarthy's financial transactions which merited prosecution. Brownell also let the statute of limitations expire this month on the Senate report alleging corruption in the Maryland senatorial campaign in which McCarthy likewise figured.

The Harry Dexter White expose was to be the first big gun to be fired in the new GOP of-

ensive. It was moved ahead on the schedule because some GOP leaders got panicky over the New Jersey defeat and figured something must be done quickly and before the California elections to divert attention from Benson, the drought, and recent defeats.

Herbert Brownell, trained in the Dewey crime-busting school, largely masterminded the offensive — an offensive which he worked out in great detail, even including a telephone call to Jimmie Byrnes in South Carolina to prime him to tell newsmen about his last-minute attempt to stop Harry White's confirmation.

Several unexpected developments have now caused the GOP high command to re-evaluate their strategy. Development No. 1 was the sour reaction to the subpoenaing of ex-president Truman. President Eisenhower, who joined in this reaction, was genuinely surprised; for it was never intended that Truman would be drawn into the controversy by such blunt and abrupt tactics as the issuance of a subpoena. Mr. Eisenhower, however, was quite familiar with the over-all strategy, most of which was threshed out in detail inside the White House.

Unexpected Development No. 2 was the disclosure that Ike himself had lunched with Harry White at his south England headquarters in August, 1944, at which time the European commander agreed with the general idea of demolishing German industry—an idea which later led to the famed Morgenthau Plan of making German an agrarian state.

Unexpected Development No. 3 is the fact that Alger Hiss, now in jail and apparently more involved in the Communist spy ring than White, was protected

by eminent Republicans, including John Foster Dulles. Mr. Dulles, now Secretary of State, was in exactly the same position in regard to Hiss as Mr. Truman was in regard to Harry White.

Just as Truman kept White on for approximately one year in the International Monetary Fund after receiving an unfavorable FBI report, so Dulles continued Hiss as president of the Carnegie receiving unfavorable reports on endowment even longer, after Hiss's alleged connection with a communist spy ring. Dulles even wrote laudatory letters supporting Hiss and denying that he had any communist connections. On Dec. 23, 1946, Larry S. Davidow, prominent Detroit Unitarian leader, wrote Dulles as follows:

"It has been brought to my attention that Mr. Alger Hiss either has been chosen, or is being considered, for a position with the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. The information we have would indicate that Mr. Hiss has a provable Communist record. The information in this regard comes to me from reliable individuals in Washington.

"If you are interested in becoming more familiar with this situation these Washington friends of mine would be glad to arrange to have you meet with one or more persons who know the situation and will disclose it to you in full confidence. What I am writing you is done with the purpose of affording you with an opportunity to become familiar with the facts and thereby avoiding a situation which, if publicized, might prove of substantial embarrassment. I shall be glad to hear from you regarding this.

"Very truly yours,
"Larry S. Davidow"

YOU Said It

Plenty Of Spirit

Editor: Last Tuesday night, five members of the UNC Cosmopolitan Club answered a request made by the Tubman branch of the Durham YMCA to attend, as guests, a celebration of World Fellowship week.

The event was sponsored by a joint meeting of five affiliate Negro women's clubs. As a part of an inspiring program, which laid stress on the oneness of all peoples, some of our members delivered short talks which dealt with, among other things, the particular role of women in their respective countries.

We would like here to express our sincere appreciation for this invitation and for the warm-hearted, sincere, and thoroughly informal manner in which we were greeted. A fine buffet supper consisting of the national dishes of many different countries topped the evening with an international sparkle.

In conclusion, we thoroughly enjoyed the meeting as a practical and real example of the world fellowship whose espousal we celebrated. We could not, however, but be struck by the incongruity occasioned by the fact that white and colored branches of the Y in Durham deemed their mutual fellowship to be not so far advanced as to permit a joint meeting.

John T. Chu
Colin J. Williams
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Lack Of Spirit

Editor: In the dean of students office the Monday after a football game can be "blue Monday" with the inevitable calls and comments of displeasure over the game, the cheering, the conduct, the referee, etc. Today, Monday, November 16, 1953, all is joy and pride—even though we lost!

The fact is the playing was inspired, the sportsmanship exemplary, the cheering superb. The Athletic director is happy (see Tar Heel for Sunday) and it looks like all that seemed impossible (except for licking Notre Dame) has come true.

This should be made a matter of record; and the students and all who are responsible for this achievement are to be complimented.

Fred H. Weaver
Dean of Students

Kirk's In The News Again

Kirk Kirkley, c/o DTH Editor: I have never read the newspaper of which you claim to be sports editor, but if your recent letter to The Daily Tar Heel is indicative of the caliber of the journalism found in the sports section, then I haven't missed a thing. The letter was poorly written and incoherent, but the most appalling thing was not the technical flaws but your childish reasoning.

If the "Tar Heels" are not, as you say, a "team of importance," then I find it rather strange that such teams as Notre Dame and Maryland waste their time with us.

You assume that withdrawal from the "big dollar arena" of sports would diminish the "importance of sports to any well-rounded school." At the present time participation in varsity football is limited, and rightly so, to a very select few. This is necessary because of the ability of opposing teams. A more modest schedule (which would be the direct result of withdrawing from big-time football) would encourage and facilitate greater participation on the part of the student body. Since this would magnify the importance of sports within the University, your argument doesn't follow.

In the second paragraph of your letter, you blame the mediocrity of our football team on "old foggies" who are the "mama's boy" type. Frankly, I fail to see the connection. What correlation is there between the physical condition of the Tar Heel editor and the defensive play of the Carolina line? Perhaps you are implying that our first string doesn't have "enough energy to do two consecutive push-ups without blowing like an old bull."

The thing which I resent most is the derogatory allusion to our school spirit. Have you been to a Carolina pep rally this year or listened to the cheering section at a game? The "real U.N.C. spirit" is there, and it's just as deep-rooted and sincere as ever.

In closing permit me to say that communist infiltration here is due to "old foggies like you who don't realize" the importance of good editors to a well-rounded football team.

Ken Pruitt



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