

Our Strength Is In All Mankind

A New York Republican named Harold C. Ostertag, a member of the United States Congress, has asserted that he calls "an ancient and honorable truth — that our strength lies in ourselves." No longer, he says, are Americans accepting the idea that this country's safety lies in dependence on other nations: "There is an increasing tide running in the direction of the 'Fortress America' concept."

Rep. Ostertag's statement came just a few days after Britain's Prime Minister Churchill told the Conservative Party conference at Blackpool:

"There is one risk that we must never run. Our policy is peace through strength. We must never run the risk of subjugation through weakness. There is already in the United States no little talk of a return to isolation, and the policy is described as 'Fortress America.' We may, however, be sure that all the strongest, wisest forces over there, regardless of party, will not allow the great republic to be turned from the path of right and duty . . ."

Despite what Sir Winston said, he is probably not sure that the strong, wise forces in America will prevail against an isolationist resurgence. And neither are we. There are far more Ostertags in the Congress today than there were even five years ago, and as the years pass the cry for an American withdrawal behind a continental Maginot Line grows stronger in the land.

The fact is this: Men must cooperate or die. American strength is not in ourselves alone, but in all mankind, and if we have not learned that lesson yet, there is not much hope for our survival.

The task of building one world from many ought to be second to no other job in our lives.

It is United Nations Week. Had you heard?

A Week For Academic Freedom?

The Congress of the National Students Association framed a resolution last summer mandating its national staff "to sponsor a National Academic Freedom Week."

This freedom, as Alan Barth reminds us in his book, *The Loyalty of Free Men*, has not always had free course. A growing segment, gathering impetus in the face of attacks on the free sowing of ideas, seems to have gained a new enthusiasm toward Academic Freedom. It is still to be recalled that the broad way of liberty in the classroom remains a daring concept.

The inherent danger, as we see it, in having a week for Academic Freedom is that it would tend to give those who neglect to keep abreast of the issues the notion that we are according forbearance rather than celebration to the idea.

Academic Freedom, in its highest connotation, is not something that will admit of one week of celebration and 51 others of neglect. In believing that it will, we may be making the schools safe for hypocrisy—not for freedom.

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Carolina Front — Biggest Party In Washington Had No Slate

Louis Kraar

"HELLO, ROOM service, send up about a hundred set-ups to room 607-F," he said over one of two telephones in the plush Hotel Shoreham suite.

This is how the biggest party in Washington began last weekend after the Maryland game. And it ended as dawn sent the last couple home for sleep—after being broken up earlier in the evening by two house detectives.

At 10:30 the people started coming. Manning Muntzing, Student Party mogul, met the guests at the door and SP Floor-leader Jim Turner took their coats. Soon the crowd started spilling over into the huge bedroom. By midnight, one couple had no room except in the closet and another had found a home in the bath tub. The party had hit its peak.

About 250 people attended the party in room 607-F, including beer-seller Spero and countless other alumni and students. Students who made the Washington jaunt tell me that more people were at the party than the Carolina dance down in the ballroom.

Sunday morning Washington visitors were talking about the Shoreham party as much as the hurricane. And a maid sent up to room 607-F learned, to her amazement, that nothing was broken — except the students who threw the party.

HAS IT struck you that although Hurricane Hazel was coming FROM the southeast, all the trees fell TO the southeast? Here's why: The eye of the storm passed about 40 miles east of Chapel Hill. Hurricane winds move counter clockwise about the eye. Therefore, the winds approached Chapel Hill from the northwest.

PRESIDENT CREASY'S comment on campus political parties—that they are a "necessary evil"—interests me.

It would seem that the parties are no more an "evil" than those in them. Creasy didn't call the parties "a necessary evil" when he was running as a candidate of one of them.

Creasy's efforts at cooperation with the rival Student Party are admirable, but with the SP's three-fourths legislative majority, there is little more he can do.

AFTER THE Student Party's imitation of the Watkins Committee (the Fleishman-Muntzing ensure battle), I wondered what the University Party would do to emulate national politics.

President Creasy said he would campaign this fall to get a University Party Legislature elected, bringing my wondering to an end.

A PRESS service, the United Press surveyed major colleges in the country on fraternity hazing recently.

The survey revealed that old-fashioned hazing is on the wane for two reasons:

1. "Student bodies are now made up of large numbers of war veterans who are too mature to go in for the old kind of pranks."

2. "Upper classmen have discovered that a freshman can be hazed just as effectively by making him work. Besides, the freshman class is a good source of cheap labor."

Nearest school to Carolina in the survey was the University of Miami, where "hazing is a thing of the past."

Apparently, throughout the country, "Hell Week" is giving way to "Work Week."

HEADLINE IN the University of Alabama's student paper: "So You Think You're Busy—Try Combining Engineering, Football And Being A Daddy." Not this week thanks, I'm going to Germans.

'Heart Attack, Poor Chap. Send Flowers And List Him As A Security Risk'



State-by-State Senate Race

Drew Pearson

WASHINGTON — Here is a quick run-down on how the election is shaping up in the most bitterly fought Congressional race in 20 years—a race into which Republicans are throwing almost as much money as if the Presidency were at stake.

NEW YORK — Whoever carries this largest electoral state has a leg up in nominating the Presidential Candidates in 1956. So far it looks as if Sen. Irving Lves, Republican, is slightly ahead in the run for governor. However, contributions began to flow in to Averall Harriman, Democrat, in increased quantities the day Charles Wilson barked his dog remark. In the end he could win.

PENNSYLVANIA — For the first time in 20 years it looks as if the Democrats would elect a governor. When young George Leader, relatively unknown Democratic chicken farmer was nominated, he was tabbed a throw-away candidate. Now thanks to GOP bumbling, the scandals of Governor Fine's organization, and unemployment, he's likely to win. Democrats will also pick up about five House seats.

CALIFORNIA — Gov. "Goody" Knight, Republican, holds the lead for re-election, but Democrat Richard Graves is pushing him more than expected. Congressman Sam Yorty, Democrat, an early odds-off candidate, now looks like an even bet with GOP Sen. Tom Kuchel. Some polls place him slightly ahead.

IOWA — Sen. Guy Gillette, Democrat will be almost unbeatable despite Iowa's rock-ribbed Republicanism. This time, young Clyde Herring, son of the late Democratic Senator by that name, is making quite a race for the governorship.

WYOMING — Ex-sen. Joe O'Mahoney, long a fixture in the Senate, is a sure-shot to come back. This will reduce the Republican margin by one seat.

COLORADO — John Carroll, live-wire ex-Congressman and former member of Truman's White House Staff, is ahead in race for Senator. Carroll and retiring Sen. Ed Johnson, once political enemies, have patched up their feud and are pulling together—a combination hard to beat. Johnson is running for governor.

IDAHO — A few years ago, Glen Taylor, Democratic Senator and Vice Presidential candidate on the Henry Wallace Progressive ticket, was considered all washed up politically. Now he's giving GOP Senator Dworshak such a race that he's likely to win. Taylor has cut out the cowboy crooning and is

campaigning on a straight anti-Republican ticket. The electric power lobby and Hells Canyon are his biggest issue.

OREGON — Hasn't elected a Democratic Senator in 40 years, but it looks as if young Dick Neuberger, author and newspaperman, might make it. GOP Sen. Guy Gordon has lots of money behind him, but Neuberger has two great assets—in addition to his own ability—his wife, and Oregon Legislator, and the indefatigable Sen. Wayne Morse who is talking in every nook and corner of the state.

SOUTH DAKOTA — Normally, a Democrat hasn't a chance in this state. However, a secret Republican poll shows GOP Sen. Karl Mundt, who reaped both fame and criticism in the Army-McCarthy hearings, to be only slightly head of Kenneth Holm, the farmer-Democrat. In



ALBEN BARKLEY in the Senate?

other words, South Dakota is a doubtful state.

KANSAS — Sen. Andy Schoepel, incumbent Republican, told Vice President Nixon when he went through Kansas recently that "if the election was held today, I'd lose." He urged Nixon to stay and make an extra speech, which Nixon did. Despite this, George McGill, the ex-Senator who wrote the first farm price support bill under FDR, is running like a house afire, may upset all the political favorites. Kansas is also a doubtful state.

MINNESOTA — Sen. Hubert Humphrey, Democrat, is considered unbeatable.

NEW MEXICO — Ex-Secretary of Agriculture Clinton Anderson, Democrat, is also just about unbeatable.

WEST VIRGINIA — Sen. Matt Neely, Democrat, is unbeatable.

Bender, Republican, is running neck-and-neck with Sen. Tom Burke, Democrat, the long-time and able former Mayor of Cleveland. Secretary of the Treasury George Humphrey, the biggest businessman in Ohio, is putting big money and heavy pressure behind Bender, while Burke is running with a bare campaign cupboard. It's anybody's race.

NEW JERSEY — Republican squabbling plus the serious GOP scandals in New Jersey seem certain to defeat Clifford Case, Republican, in the Senate race. Election of Congressman Charles Howell, Democrat, would take one seat away from the Republican margin.

KENTUCKY — The Veep is having a tougher time defeating Sen. John Sherman Cooper than any other previous Republican, but it looks as if he would win. Barkley is one of the most revered figures in Kentucky. His election would take another cut out of the Republican Senate margin.

ILLINOIS — If all the Republican money poured into Illinois is officially tabulated, it should prove larger than that of any other state. The McCarthyites, the Chicago Tribune crowd, and various other Republican factions would like nothing better than to defeat Sen. Paul Douglas, ex-Marine hero Democrat, who has stood up against Eisenhower on economic policies. However, they are going to have a tough time. It looks as if Douglas would win.

MASSACHUSETTS — As a result of Sen. Jack Kennedy's desertion of ex-Congressman Foster Furcolo, Sen. Leverett Saltonstall, Republican, will be re-elected.

MONTANA — Republicans are throwing a lot of money into Montana to try to defeat elder Statesman Jim Murray, who would head the Senate Labor Committee if the Democrats control the Senate. Despite this, Murray will win.

NEVADA — Allan Bible, unstudy and friend of the late Pat McCarran and a Democrat, will be elected to fill his friend's seat.

MICHIGAN — After Sen. Blair Moody died, everyone figured that Sen. Homer Ferguson, Republican, was certain of re-election. However, an unspectacular, tenacious Democrat named Pat McNamara has been creeping up on him. When Charlie Wilson let loose his dog remark in Detroit the other day, Ferguson almost wept. In hard-to-get-work Detroit it could cost Homer the election.

Reaction Piece — Forum Funds Badly Spent Says Mundy

David Mundy

The \$1800 in student fees expended by the Carolina Forum undoubtedly is the worst spent of any appropriated by the student legislature.

More than a third of the audience at the Forum's first presentation were non-students. Had they been students, only about 5 per cent of the student body would have been there. It doesn't seem reasonable that so many should pay so much for so few and so little.

No blame should rest on the students, except perhaps for allowing such shenanigans. Why should we have to pay to hear a string of politicians, mostly second rate? You can find them on radio, television, and in the newsreels—that's enough.

The money could be much more effectively spent—if, indeed, it MUST be spent—in presenting speakers from other fields than politics.

My strongest objection isn't to the quality (some being assumed) of the speakers, but the use of the Carolina Forum.

For a state university to collect money from a political conservative to help finance a speaker's bureau for the left wing of the Democrat party somehow bothers my sense of fairness. Even the "campus liberals" should see the inequities, but self interest is indeed blinding.

Jonathan Daniels, liberal, former Democrat National Committeeman, showed too much of the hand when at the Dialectic Senate's inaugural ceremonies he remarked: "I've worked with Joel in securing several speakers for the campus, and hope to continue in the future." And he probably will, considering the political influence on North Carolina's educational system.

I am certainly not the one to say that no benefits accrue from the Carolina Forum. The Chairman traveling about the country on Forum business, has been able to make invaluable political contacts. The leftists of his party certainly owe him a vote of thanks for his distinguished forum services to the "cause."

And I am somewhat amused. The state's "liberals" have been busily boosting Judge Parker for a seat on the Supreme Court—apparently they wish to show how unreasonable the Republicans are if he isn't appointed. They are the same class of liberals who accused Judge Parker of being narrow minded, reactionary, and anti labor when his appointment to the Supreme Court was before Congress for confirmation some 25 years ago.

Last week a Chapel Hill newspaper said that his being a Republican wasn't held against him in North Carolina. Apparently the only way for a Republican to be liked by Democrats is for him to be either very old or dead. Were it not for Lincoln and T. Roosevelt, both quite dead, Democrats would classify all Republicans under an unprintable delineation. They can't be satisfied, not even with the fulfillment of their highest aims, election to office.

The most popular and efficient misquote is that about General Motors. Wilson never said, "What is good for General Motors is good for the nation." His philosophy as a businessman had long been what he happened to remark after taking political office: "What is good for the nation is good for General Motors, and what is good for General Motors is good for the nation." Pray that a few labor "leaders" would substitute the name of their union and adopt the same philosophy.

And despite what Mr. Reuther would have us believe, Secretary Wilson never called workmen "dogs." Until recent years it was a good old American principle that people should get off their rears, and work, instead of whining. Wilson was using this principle in his analogy of bird and kennel dogs seeking food when they were hungry. It did bear an unfortunate proximity to remarks about unemployment.

The Most Perfect Line

Harry Golden In The Carolina Israelite

What is "the most perfect line of poetry" in the English language? The Greensboro Daily News comments on the question raised by the London Times. The British paper submitted several entries. For example:

The uncertain glory of an April day, (Shakespeare) Dawn skims the sea with flying feet of gold, (Swineburne)

The Greensboro editor submitted a few of his own, all of them magnificent of course:— Have I not made blind Homer sing to me (Marlowe) The moon shines bright, On such a night as this... (Shakespeare)

In my own opinion, I believe the "most perfect line" of poetry in the English language is: "The ploughman homeward plods his weary way,"

There you have, not only beauty of sound, but probably the universal theme all in a few words. Mar, his work, his home, and his family. Thomas Gray wrote what may very well be "the most perfect" poem written in the English language, "Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard." There are no less than FIFTY lines in this masterpiece, each of which could qualify as "the most perfect" line of poetry.

The curfew tolls the knell of parting day The lowing herd winds slowly o'er the lea, The ploughman homeward plods his weary way, And leaves the world to darkness and to me.

As it gets dark, you begin to "hear" instead of "see," and Mr. Gray was able to create the mood by the mere use of words. Note how the words have the ring of all the sounds you hear as it gets dark: Now fades the glimmering landscape on the sight,

And all the air a solemn stillness holds, Save where the beetle wheels his droning flight, And drowsy tinklings lull the distant folds;

Thomas Gray was writing about a churchyard in the English countryside. It took him over twenty-five years to perfect this poem, and "each word is a pearl." Gray writes of life and death—first he describes the burial ground:—"Beneath these rugged elms, that yew tree's shade . . . the rude forefathers of the hamlet sleep."

For them no more the blazing hearth shall burn Or busy housewife ply her evening care; No children run to lisp their sire's return, Or climb his knee the envy'd kiss to share,

Just think what a wonderful rationalism we find in this "Elegy," in the England of 1750, and remember, too, the constant references to the "churchyard" itself. Mr. Gray speaks of the dead—"each in his narrow cell for ever laid"—and he tells us that death is as nothing, despite the many systems of consolation we humans have erected. "For them no more the blazing hearth shall burn." In other words, this is it; and the one to feel sorry for, (if indeed this finality calls for sorrow) is for the one in "his narrow cell." "The living" are the only ones who are still alright. For a while longer they will know the fireside and love, and kissing and the other sensations and pleasures of living. Then Mr. Gray says to the "we-born" and the "talented" and the "rich";—"don't you be so proud of yourself as to look down upon the graves of these 'obscure' and poor farmers. You are only kidding yourself. No matter: wealth, power, beauty; it all leads to this same narrow little cell and it's all over for you.

The boast of heraldry, the pomp of power, And all that beauty, all that wealth e'er gave,

Await alike th' inevitable hour. The paths of glory lead but to the grave.

Again Mr. Gray returns to the Humanism of his —an Anglo-Saxon Spinoza who was concerned more with whether "the roof leaks" HERE than with possible "rewards" to come "elsewhere." Mr. Gray turns his attention to the people "sleeping in those narrow cells." He wonders with a deep melancholy —NOT whether they were "saved" for the future, but maybe, maybe they could have had a little more out of it while they were alive. "How oft the harvest to their sickle yield; how jocund did they drive their team; arduous;—how bowed the woods beneath their sturdy stroke." He says maybe one of these farmers would have been a great man if he had had the opportunity. "Perhaps in this neglected spot is laid some heart once pregnant with celestial fire;—hands that the rod of empire might have swayed."

Yes, one of these farm boys might have ruled an empire; another have been a great poet, or waked to ecstasy the living lyre." But poverty, and lack of education; those were the circumstances "of obscurity." "Chill penury repressed their noble rage, and froze the genial current of the soul."

Full many a gem of purest ray serene The dark unfathomed caves of ocean bear; Full many a flower is born to blush unseen, And waste its sweetness on the desert air.

We owe the Englishman many a debt. He gave us habeas-corpus, trial by jury, the ballot, the free public school, and Shakespeare, Milton and Winston Churchill and also Thomas Gray, and his "Elegy." Mr. Gray died in 1771 and of course was buried in the same "country churchyard" of his poem. He was a great intellect and spent most of his life reading the literature mythology and philosophy of the world. He was very careless about his personal affairs. He did not seem to care whether he was ever "published" or not and that was a pity. Some years ago they succeeded in collecting many of his letters for publication in a single volume. They are considered among the best in the English language.

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