

# Hungary Teaches A Lesson To The Fat And Lazy World

"Somehow defiance always managed to keep its head up. Through all these changes the man in the street would be apt to say virtually in one breath: It is hopeless- We will fight!" - New York Times Correspondent Henry Giniger, recently returned from Russian-held Budapest.

Yesterday the fighting was all over. The Hungarians had been beaten, physically, by the Russians. More than 20,000 Hungarians had been killed, according to unofficial estimates.

They were 20,000 brave men, women and children. All reports from Hungary indicate that the embattled people faced death simply and courageously. They thought only about the freedom they were fighting for. They took rifles and handguns and homemade Molotov cocktails and went out into the streets to fight Russian tanks and armored troops. They knew the troops outnumbered them, yet they fought on.

They fought with desperation and deliberation. They were joined in their fight by their countrymen all over the world. New York longshoremen refused to unload the luggage of Communists involved in the Russian attack. A Hungarian-born British woman was fined in court for throwing a bottle of yogurt through the window of the Soviet embassy in London.

She said: "You can arrest me. I won't run away. I am Hungarian. If you saw your people sinking in blood, what would you do?"

At first they thought help would come from the United Nations or the United States. But when help didn't come, the Hungarian people did not give up, even though they knew more Russian divisions were entering the battle.

When their ammunition ran out, they struck the factories. They struck most of Hungary's economic life, and are still on strike.

What does this add up to? What does it mean?

It means, of course, that a nation can become fed up with Russian-style Communism to the point where it will revolt. It proves again that Communism is no good.

But the Hungarian revolt proves that people in this fat and lazy world still have guts.

They have the guts to pour gasoline into an empty wine bottle and sling it at a Russian tank. They have the guts to hand rifles to their

wives and children, and the wives and children have the guts to point their husbands' rifles at Russians and shoot to kill. They have the guts to stand up for themselves, to practically renounce life in order to achieve something far greater—freedom.

It was freedom the Hungarians wanted in the first place, and it was freedom they fought for. It was freedom they had for a few beautiful hours, and it was freedom that the Russian tanks took away in another few, but horrible hours.

In the end, it was freedom that 20,000 Hungarians died for.

A few days ago, Carolina stopped its classes for two minutes in tribute to the Hungarian students who died in an effort to achieve freedom. Now, the world would do well to stop for a whole day and reflect on what one word, one feeling, meant to 20,000 human beings.

Perhaps the world is not so fat and lazy after all. Perhaps freedom does mean something to people after all. But it took 20,000 human lives to prove it.

# A Chestfull Of Congrats To The Drive

The Campus Chest drive has achieved something that is practically unprecedented in the annals of fund-raising.

It has hit the top of its \$1,500 goal.

The credit goes to Co-chairmen Jess Stribling and Miss Jackie Aldridge and the people who worked with them.

The credit also goes to the contributors who realized the value of a one-shot giving campaign and who dug for the few pennies that were needed to get the chest over the top this week.

It was a good drive, and it had good people running it.

# Furman's Rules: Tch, Tch

"We have given a great deal of thoughtful study to the effect of fraternities on the life and influence of (Furman) University. Let it be stated here and now that Furman University has never officially sponsored dancing.... No organization on the campus... has been allowed to sponsor dances." -From report of Furman's board of trustees to the S. C. Baptist State Convention.

From the looks of the report, maybe Furman had better forget about fraternities until it gets straightened out about dances.

# The Daily Tar Heel

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# WORLD COMMENT

# Motivation: Needed For Action

Frank Wamsley

It's fall here at Carolina and students shuffle through the leaves to their classes in much the same manner they shuffle through life.

Unnoticed go the falling leaves and the splendor of Fall. Unnoticed goes all except that which happens to fall within the narrow scope of the student's life.

Tomorrow it will be another date with some cute coed, another football game or a trip home for the weekend. Only occasionally is the student stirred from his complacency.

What student, who now and then screams himself hoarse at a football game, or, even rarer, takes part in a panty raid as the ultimate in self expression, can understand the real meaning of student demonstrations?

Yet across the Atlantic students are violently demonstrating. They are leading the Hungarian revolt, attacking and burning Communist buildings in Paris and leading protest parades and demonstrations in Berlin.

Perhaps you have wondered, after looking at your fellow students, what it is that can motivate students to such violence, even to the point of laying down their lives. Would the fellow sitting next to you in your nine o'clock class pick up a flag and march on Raleigh? If necessary would he take up a rifle and fight for what he believes? You doubt that he would.

And he probably wouldn't. He wouldn't unless the cause affected his own personal life, family, well-being or happiness. In short, personal experience and knowledge is necessary.

Here in the United States we are too far removed from the causes of these demonstrations to be too much affected by them. Of course we object to much we hear of but it never goes further than that.

Students in Europe have seen Communism and they don't like what they see. Those who were prisoners in Russia during World War II or lived in one of the Soviet occupied countries know Communism for what it is. They would rather die than submit to it.

Western countries are glutted with thousands of refugees from Communist oppression. Each one has a story to tell and people listen and believe. They believe because they have heard the same story dozens of times before.

The average student in Europe has little money to spend. There are no fraternity houses or comfortable dormitories. Many get by on less than would be thought possible.

But he is vitally interested in the world about him. He loves an argument—especially a political argument. He belongs to clubs and takes part in discussions.

This love of meetings is especially true of the German-speaking countries. Discussions are often heated, for opinions are diverse and each is eager to make known his feelings and views.

Such student groups are of all sizes. They are formed for many different purposes but all are interested in politics and are quick to band together for pur-

poses of demonstration or protest. It takes only a fiery leader to mold feelings into organized action.

These groups which meet from time to time for a meal or a glass of beer are healthy signs of a free thinking people in

search of political expression. They are miniature town meetings. They are the seeds of Democracy.

'Ah, You've Come Back To Me'



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YOU Said It:

# A Legislator Replies - - Part 3

In reference to what Mr. Powledge had to say about articles that could easily be dropped from the pages of The Daily Tar Heel, I would give him my full agreement. The appearance of articles relating to the trip of the S.P. delegation to the regional meeting and of Mr. Fred's appointment as head of the band three different days was rather unnecessary.

However, the point is that because The Daily Tar Heel cannot attempt to cover the campus newswise, that it should have another means of getting filler and, therefore, it should have a third news service at the cost of \$400.

When I pointed out the inadequacy of the campus coverage, I had something definite to comment on rather than the problem in general. It seemed to me that student government was being overlooked by The Daily Tar Heel staff in their efforts to report what has been happening on campus.

As most of you realize, the distance between The Daily Tar Heel office and that of the Student Government is very small. The pathetic thing about the situation is that the editor of The Daily Tar Heel doesn't know what is happening in the Student Government office.

For instance, last week the editor wrote an editorial com-

menting on the fulfillment of the party platforms by each party. His analysis is truly pathetic. He stated that nothing had been done to provide free directories for the students, that nothing had been done toward a rebate system at the Book Exchange, that the S.P. did nothing to alleviate the parking problem (it was their very own resolution which the trustees accepted), that nothing had been done to make physical education voluntary for veterans, etc. and etc.

Although the full benefits from the accomplishment of the planks of the platforms have not as yet been realized, they can hardly be labeled as just talk. A great deal has been done toward the accomplishment of these platforms whether it is known by the editor of The Daily Tar Heel or not.

Returning now to the debate on The Daily Tar Heel bill, I should like to make other observations. First, Mr. Linker states that Mr. Powledge will print international news whether the students want it or not (1st column). This seems like a strange and stubborn attitude, to me. Why use this kind of argument to seek support for a bill? Second, Mr. Linker says that the day when campus news is omitted is far off and that when it comes he will resign from the staff.

May I recall to his memory the words "John, we just don't have

room in the paper for this material today." May I also call his attention to the fact that the following day the top third of his own make-up copy was completely replaced by international news and that the bottom half had been drastically changed. (I sat in the office two hours while the copy was being designed, trying to get room for this Mock Election material. I saw the copy go off to the printers. The paper was nothing like the copy.)

The real question, however, is this: Is The Daily Tar Heel going to be a student newspaper or one which tries to compete with other locals. Because the international news can be read more profitably in the city papers, it would seem illogical to replace what ought to be in The Daily Tar Heel with this news.

In regard to my constituency, let me clarify Mr. Linker's misquote. I said, and now repeat, that not one of my constituency with whom I had spoken was in favor of having the world news service. I deeply respect their ideas and attitudes and shall always attempt to vote for and defend their ideals, whether they are in conflict with those of The Daily Tar Heel or not.

For those of you who have read through to this point, I ask your forgiveness for my criticisms and your respect for my viewpoint.

John C. Brooks

# PROSPECT & RETROSPECT

# Election: Was It A Kiss Of Death?

Neil Bass

What may be made the scapegoat for the scant 38 per cent of the student population which marked ballots Tuesday?

First, bugs in the electoral process should be enumerated:

- (1) Ballot box stuffing in Town Men's II.
- (2) Failure by the judiciary branch to select candidates for Honor and Student Council seats in time to allow candidates not endorsed by the Bi-Partisan Selections Board to petition the Elections Board for privilege of allowing their names to appear on the ballots.
- (3) Failure of Kenan Dormitory government to provide poll tenders so that residents might vote.

# COUNCIL ELECTIONS

One important reason, most will agree, that only 38 per cent of the student body turned-out for the election is postponement of Student and Honor Council elections.

The judiciary branch is to be severely chastised for failing to select candidates in time to allow candidates not endorsed to petition the Elections Board to place their names on the ballot anyway.

Petitions must be in to the Elections Board nine days prior to elections, and the Bi-Partisan Selections Board began choosing candidates only one week before election day.

Thus the Student Council had to postpone the judiciary election for one week.

Therefore some students interested in judiciary branch but not the legislative branch failed to vote. And many students interested in the legislative branch but not the judiciary branch won't vote next Tuesday.

Election of one branch stimulates vote for the other and vice versa.

Fraternity men seem to be a bit more interested in the judiciary branch than the legislative branch. This may have something to do with voting percentage drop from last fall's election to this one.

That is to say, when election for the two branches was held simultaneously last fall, approximately 55 per cent of the student body voted. This fall, when election for the two branches was split, 38 per cent of the students voted.

And a large portion of the percentage drop can be traced to town men's districts—dominated by fraternity men.

Here are the figures in Tuesday's 38 per cent election: (First column lists eligible voters, second lists actual voters)

- Town Men's I: 1,000—150.
- Town Men's III: 840—100.
- Town Men's IV: 420—65.

Thus the scant vote may, some say, be partially traceable to the split-branch election.

Another interesting fact, which may involve reapportionment of legislative seats, is that 2,000 voters elected 14 representatives in dormitory districts while 568 voters elected 15 representatives in town districts.

# ADMINISTRATION.

The other two "bugs" in the election may be traced, some would contend, to the election's administration.

That is to say, the ballot box stuffing in TM's II (a hundred-odd more votes were cast for junior class officers than there are juniors in the district) is the result of faulty election administration.

Also the lack of poll tenders in Kenan Dorm can be traced to faulty administration.

In attributing these election "bugs" to faulty administration, we are not directly blaming the Elections Board, which is ultimately responsible for the election, although partial blame must fall on its shoulders.

The student body as a whole in these districts is to be blamed for lack of interest and responsibility.

The Kenan incident shows lack of interest; ignorance is no excuse. The TM's II incident shows lack of responsibility.

Without interest and responsibility on the part of the entire student body, the campus democratic electoral process is doomed to death. And administration control of student government's budget, etc. is sparked to life.

# SOLUTIONS

This conspicuous lack of student vote may be attributed to two causes:

- (1) Split election.
- (2) Poor administration.

Both of these causes may be ultimately attributed to lack of interest and responsibility on the part of the student body.

Regarding the first cause, this may be a solution:

Combine the executive, legislative and judicial branches' elections into one massive spring election. But this would entail much hardship for the Elections Board and possibly lead to more administrative "bugs."

Regarding the second cause, this may be a solution:

Turn the entire electoral process over to University administration and hope for more efficient election administration. But this would lead to dictatorial control and ultimate loss of priceless student self-government.

# REAL SOLUTION

The real and best solution is for students to awaken to the realization that self-government is a treasured heritage and become interested in and responsible toward the electoral process.

If this doesn't happen—and there are no indications it will—then one of the above suggested solutions must be turned to:

- (1) One massive election.
- (2) Administration control of student extra-curriculars.

Even though Tuesday's election might have seemed the kiss of death for student self-government, let us all hope neither of the above solutions must be resorted to—least of all administration control.

Pogo



By Walt Kelly

Li'l Abner



By Al Capp