

# Fat, Sleek Americanism Or Freedom From Tyranny

"Nothing has occurred in the international situation during the past year which would indicate the necessity for any major change in (our defense) policies and concepts."—Former Republican Secretary of Defense Charles F. Wilson.

We have often hit at the complacent attitude which prevails among jingoes and smug advocates of "undefeatable Americanism."

There are obviously too many Americans who propound fat, sleek, invincible Americanism, Americans who are so optimistic they glaze over the entire threat of Communist tyranny and Soviet technological achievement by remaining smug and complacent and "undefeatable."

We have tremendous faith in Americanism and the American way of life—particularly as opposed to Godless Communism. But we definitely feel that, ridiculous Soviet propaganda discounted, America's world leadership is severely threatened.

For complacent Americans throughout the nation, George R. Price, fellow off the American Association for the Advancement of Science, had these startling remarks to make in this week's Life magazine:

"Let us think back to 1945. At that time the U.S. enjoyed power, prestige and security far surpassing any other nation's. Russia was a war-ravaged land with no atomic bomb and an air force vastly inferior to ours. Today the two nations are almost equal. It is true that we are still a little ahead, but that is not what is important. What is important is the rate at which the Soviets have been gaining on us. For 12 years we have watched them increase in military power with a swiftness that is without parallel in the entire record of history—and yet this has meant no more to us than rumors of barbarian unrest in the provin-

ces must have meant to some fat Roman lolling in the baths of Caracalla shortly before the Visigoths sacked his city."

Concerning standard American platitudes and complacent tone, Price answered these with caustic and perceptive statements:

Attitude — "This country has been around for a long time. We have been through a lot of close scrapes and have always won out in the end."

Answer — But the citizen of Rome at the end of the Fifth Century A.D. could look back over a peril-filled history of more than a thousand years. Yet the end was soon to come.

Attitude — "Most of the things one worries about never happen anyway. There is always somebody warning that the end of the world is coming. But it pays to be an optimist."

Answer—Always? The pessimistic Jews who fled Germany as Hitler rose to power still live, but the optimists are turned to ashes and vapor, and there are many former optimists in the slave camps of Siberia.

Attitude—"We should have faith in our leaders. After all, they are in a position to know far more about things than you can know."

Answer — All nations that have perished have had leaders who were in a position to know more about things than we can know."

Price has ejected a note of pessimism into the issue of international supremacy.

Perhaps if more Americans, including President Eisenhower, adopted a bit of this pessimistic outlook and actually implemented far-reaching decisions and policies, our smugly complacent attitude would vanish to darkest oblivion.

Televisionitis and Cadillacism or freedom?

Americans must decide. Now.

## WISE AND OTHERWISE: Golfclub Goofs & Wall Street Pendulum Pull

Whit Whitfield

The fate of a nation, maybe even a world, hinges on a stroke of a golfclub. This sounds a little farfetched, but is it?

In a capitalistic society such as ours, the going concern is business, and the heartbeat of business is Wall Street, USA. What happens when like goofs? The market falls.

When he makes a popular play for the masses (such as a speaking tour) the market rises. Any time a golfer gives up a golfing vacation such as he is doing next month

just to inform the people is assured a popularity boost.

It would seem that Wall Street is a giant pendulum coordinated with the moods of our chief executive. When he is up, they are up. And when he is down, they are way down. Nuff said?

A birdie probably wouldn't cause a great stir, but what effect would a double bogey have? Too many in one day might just cause the president to be in a bad mood, and people in bad moods don't always make the proper decisions, especially when they are poorly informed by incompetent assistants. Who knows? Maybe he would authorize troops to enforce integration in New York restaurants where lip service is paid to equality, and where the negro is accepted as a race but not as an individual. Ridiculous assumption? Specious argument? Sure it is.

We see where the Student Legislature defeated a bill calling for wastebaskets on campus? This is the only right thing to do in our opinion. Why put wastebaskets around campus? Tradition has it that paper or other refuse should be thrown around indiscriminately, not in containers. Some students might not know what they are, not having seen any before on campus. Besides this—just think how many groundskeepers this move would put out of work. If the students obliged by not littering the campus, what would they do.

Surely the Groundskeepers' Local 647 is behind this recent maneuver. It might be a good idea for the Student Legislature to subpoena the officers of this organization and see what the true facts are now in order to avert a scandal later.

No, Averill Harriman is not going to buy the Democratic Party in order to get the nomination in '60. . . . The government could not make his tax refund this year after searching the budget, so Eisenhower offered him the state of Arkansas instead.

### ATTITUDES

Nothing is so easy but it becomes difficult when done with reluctance.—Terence

### L'IL ABNER



### POGO



## "He's Sure Been Kept Under Wraps, All Right"



### READERS' REPOSITORY:

## Of Flu And Trembling And Hypos; SSL And Freedom Of Expression..

EDITOR:

We have it straight from the horse's mouth—the Asian Flu vaccine shot is a cinch! Paying a visit to the infirmary yesterday to have some football-banged ribs checked, we trembly decided while there to "get it over with," and thenceforward marched to the reception desk, picked up a card, and shakily walked (very slowly) to the treatment room off to the side and at the rear of the long corridor. A white blur appeared to take the card and half audible words trickled to our brain—something like, "follow me."

Standing in the room with sleeve rolled up, the foot-long hypodermic was awaited along with the pint of vaccine supposed to go into one's arm. Weaving there in a state of semiconsciousness, we seemed to be sliding down a spiral banister bedecked in colors of red, yellow and their combinations. But just before keeling over, other words seeped through, "Okay, that's it."

And that was it. Reviving, a very small needle was noted which couldn't possibly have held that pint. On inquiry, though, it was found that, indeed, we were now fairly assured of safety from long weeks of battling the Asian Flu, and that the similarity between this and the polio shot was simply that the two were identical.

So, Mr. Editor, the point is this: Tell the people to go on down and get their shots. Dr. Hedgepeth says

there is plenty of free vaccine now, but that it will be taken elsewhere in about a week. The good students have had their polio injection and this is the same thing. It isn't a painful ordeal at all—it's a cinch. . . . (No foolin', fellas).

ED PROESCHER

EDITOR:

In Wednesday's Raleigh Times I read that Gov. Hodges accused the State Student Legislature of taking advantage of the state's hospitality last weekend. He classed the assembly's action as "immature," the story said.

Perhaps so. College students, even those of the caliber attending the SSL, do occasionally make mistakes due to the lack of the experience of years.

Yet, because I was a delegate to the Legislature last year, I know all are conscientious, hard working individuals who have the best interests of the state and nation at heart. Hodges asked, the (delegates) represent?"

The answer to that is: no one but themselves. They stand for thousands of young people over the state, however, just as the representatives in the General Assembly stand for 4.5 million citizens. We all know that even our elder lawmakers act immaturely, as in inaction on reapportionment and action of obscenity statutes indicates.

At Carolina the delegates are selected by an interim committee on the basis of speaking ability, knowledge of parliamentary procedure and current events. I doubt if many elected state officials could score highly on portions of the quiz administered. And because the students officially represent no one, they are free to speak out on issues of the day that politicians will not touch.

This freedom of expression of the youth of North Carolina colleges should not be bridled in any manner. The State wants to do it, by possibly supervising the agenda, and UNC wants to do it, by popular election of delegates.

Both "censorship" ideas should be discarded for the good of the state. As the situation today is, only youth is free from entanglements enough to speak freely. Let them keep that privilege.

ED ROWLAND

EDITOR:

A lot of you missed a great get-together held over at Cobb Dormitory the other afternoon.

The music, furnished by the Bobby Hans Band, was out of this world and thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

It's a shame that so many of you missed out on such a wonderful time.

DON FOGLEMAN

### PRESIDENTIAL MEMO:

## President Speaks On SSL Dispute..

SONNY EVANS

The storm of controversy which has raged on the editorial pages of the state newspapers over the actions of the State Student Legislature this past weekend is due in large measure to misreporting, misstatements, and misinterpretation. Over the course of the last twelve years, the State Student Legislature has done a great deal of good in both giving students the experience of meeting with students from other colleges to discuss the issues of the day and in teaching these students the responsibilities that go along with government. It has become a body unique in the United States and one of which the State of North Carolina can well be proud.

The University of North Carolina has a great tradition of respecting the rights of students to vote various convictions regardless of whether or not they anger, criticize, or disagree. Though they were not elected specifically for this meeting, many of the students here who went were responsible leaders in other positions on the campus, and they split on many of the votes just as the student body would split if a vote were taken.

When a newspaper, such as the Raleigh News and Observer, does not report the truth from an assembly such as this, then we students are virtually powerless. Contrary to the newspaper account, the highly talked about legalized prostitution bill failed by an overwhelming majority in both the House and the Senate; in fact, it was not even on the official agenda, but came up from an individual on the floor of the assembly. The bill to delete all laws preventing intermarriage of races, introduced by Duke University and debated for several hours, was an effort by the students not to either condemn or condone but to protect the civil liberties of the individual. The obscenity bill denied the unwelcome censorship rights of sheriffs in the individual counties to arbitrarily determine what was obscene and did not abolish all obscenity laws in the State, an impression which many people received.

It is a shame that much of the good done by the students who conducted themselves responsibly has been lost in the shuffle of an unjustified controversy. SSL condemned Governor Faubus for his flouting of the court order and his disregard for the law of the land and thus became one of the few official voices in the South to speak out for the people of Little Rock who elected their Board of Education and sided with the judge.

It is our hope that the people of North Carolina understand that the sensationalism surrounding the State Student Legislature is unjustified and is a product of newspaper irresponsibility. There is nothing to be ashamed of when students conduct themselves sensibly and with conviction, believing in the freedom of expression for which this University and the state have always stood.

### FROM OLD GOLD AND BLACK:

## Tribble Rumors Are Nebulous..

Once again there are rumors of a move among alumni to put Dr. Harold W. Tribble out of office as president of the College. And, as usual, the reasons of his opponents are strangely nebulous. For two years, a certain faction of old grads has threatened to organize a move that would take the presidency away from Dr. Tribble and, supposedly, place in office someone in whom the College and its friends can exhibit more confidence.

Since the fall of 1955, Wake Forest has made the headlines innumerable times with stories of investigations, votes of confidence and violent clashes among the trustees regarding the school's administration. The publicity has been anything but favorable, and the rumblings within the College's framework added noticeably to the troubles of the move to Winston-Salem.

An investigation begun by the trustees into Dr. Tribble's administration back in the infamous fall of '55 was cut off before it was completed. Or so the Board claims. At any rate, the findings of this so-called investigation were never released. But the groans of protest continued and some came even louder.

A few critics of the president have been forthright enough to offer a few reasonably valid reasons for their attitudes. Still, these were at best shallow statements that in most cases could be refuted as readily as they were contrived.

The average student knows little of the workings of the administration; most care even less. And yet sentiment for both sides in this issue runs rather high in the student body.

Perhaps there are purposes in the evasive tactics employed by those opposing the administration when they are faced—point blank—with a request for concrete reasons. We realize that, out of courtesy to all concerned, no specific information has been released publicly.

Still, we feel that any matter of controversy can be settled best in the open air of fact. Many times, a lack of information can prove more damaging than the truth.

If those who allegedly have strong reason to wish Dr. Tribble removed can back up their claims, there's no time like the present. Otherwise, they should swallow whatever petty grudges they may hold and quit throwing darts at the administration of a man whose achievements speak well for him.

The College can scarcely afford to stay in the unfavorable rays of the public spotlight any longer. A big question remains to be answered. Why?

## Political Party Stands Offer Refreshing Change

Regardless of specific stands, it is indeed admirable to see University political party leaders speaking their minds on the legislation promulgated during sessions of the State Student Legislature.

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In the past, there has been a dominant trend toward political endorsement of "God, country and motherhood," and political censoring of "Communism, atheism and bastardy." Party heads — University Party and Student Party—have always been reticent to speak on anything unless it promised sure-fire political capital.

Concerning the SSL's passage of a resolution removing all legal impediments to racial intermarriage, state newspapers have had presses rumbling at pandemonium pace—and they have often misconstrued the measure's intent.

On the local campus, University Party Chairman Harry Braxton so opposed the actions of SSL delegates that he advocated the open election of delegates, or complete abolition of the University's delegation to the same.

Student Party Chairman Whit Whitfield offered his rebuttal to this argument by saying that delegates are chosen on a non-partisan, merit basis; and that the State Student Legislature offered an excellent opportunity for students from state colleges and universities to mingle and propose legislation without fear of political intimidation.

Perhaps there will be vital differences and policies at stake when spring elections roll around.

This will indeed be refreshing. In past elections, there have been the customary promises — but no vital differences at stake.

Courage to speak convictions is admirable in any segment of the campus, nation or world.