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Peace Corps

Yesterday's full slate of activities climaxed the two-day Peace Corps Conference in Chapel Hill.

Significantly, the final major address, delivered by Yale Chaplain William Sloan Coffin, stressed not what the Peace Corps projects are doing for distressed nations, but what participation in the projects is doing for the U.S.—not in terms of improved relations with foreign countries, nor even containing communism. Instead, Rev. Coffin pointed to what the Corps has done in capturing the imagination of a nation jaded by its own economic success and slogging through a marsh of introspection.

Chauvinism, to Rev. Coffin, is possibly the ranker word in the English language. He says it with a family sneer, mocking it occasionally with a pointed comment. The

Peace Corps, he believes, is combating the special American brand of it by cutting artificial barriers imposed by national boundaries and internally-oriented thinking.

In this, he differs not at all from a statement issued by Gov. Terry Sanford early this week, designating yesterday Peace Corps Day in North Carolina. In the statement, Gov. Sanford states that "the enemies (the Peace Corpsmen) are fighting are disease and ignorance and poverty."

Gov. Sanford Coffin is correct in his view. The inroads that the Corpsmen make against backwardness in distressed countries will doubtless be great.

But Rev. Coffin is correct also in his belief that the Peace Corps will help the American people overcome their own national narcissism.

Medical Care

At his news conference on Wednesday, President Kennedy flung down a gantlet. He indicated plainly that his Administration would make an all-out effort to bring medical care for the elderly to a vote in both houses of Congress during the current session. This is immensely heartening news for all who believe, as this newspaper does, that the country greatly needs a program which will give assured medical care as a matter of earned right to all senior citizens and that such a program can best be organized and financed through the Social Security system.

Evidently the President means to take his case, as he must, to the American people. He is going to speak next Tuesday at a major rally in Madison Square Garden designed to mobilize enthusiasm for the health care program. He will have an opportunity then to tell the public why the program is needed, why the logical way to finance it is through Social Security taxation and why this way is as thoroughly consistent with American political and economic principles as any other aspect of Social Security—or as any other public welfare program.

There is the most pressing need for the President to explain this to the people. For a lot of sand has already been thrown into their eyes. They are being told, through a highly organized publicity campaign, that while it may be all right to provide aid to dependent children and aid to the blind and aid to the unemployed through Social Se-

curity, it would be "socialistic" to provide medical care for the elderly through the same mechanism. They are being told that while the "doctor-patient" relationship will be unaffected by participation in a privately-financed insurance scheme to pay for medical care, the right of a patient to choose his own doctor will somehow be taken away and medicine will be "socialized" if the financing is done through a public agency. They are being told that it is somehow more virtuous and more "American" to rely on the charity of physicians for medical care in old age than to save up during one's working years in order to pay one's own way.

The President is going to have a first-class fight on his hands to get his medical care program enacted into law. The American Medical Association has already launched a kind of religious crusade against it. The National Association of Manufacturers has announced its undying opposition. We believe the President can win this fight—and that if he does so he will at once enhance his own political stature and invaluable promote the general welfare. But to do it he will have to make the White House what Teddy Roosevelt once called it—"a bully pulpit"—and he will have to treat the Presidency as a position of moral leadership.

—Washington Post

Three-Ring Politicians

The Campus Chest Carnival yesterday provided an appropriate backdrop for some political shenanigans by Inman Allen and Dwight Wheelless. Both aspirants for the position behind the big mahogany desk in GM 218 made themselves look more like clowns than politicians by running some sort of unofficial race to see which could have himself paged most often over the loudspeaker system.

"Will GMAB Chairman Inman Allen please report to Graham Memorial," the speakers blared, ad nauseam. Alternating with this gem of asininity was the rebuttal: "Will Presidential Assistant Dwight Wheelless please report to Student Government offices."

We expected both to suddenly appear in a puff of smoke and start doing an Emmett Kelly routine. Maybe both should give up and run away to join the circus.

If they teamed up, they'd make Barnum and Bailey look like a meeting of the DAR.

It's a sickening piece of irony that the U. S. Air Force, in its obligation to safeguard our national independence, now finds its toughest opponent in the Executive Branch of the U. S. government. Kennedy's determination to block the RS-70, despite the recommendations of almost every military expert in the country, is providing a "tragedy of errors," to use one of Garry Blanchard's phrases.

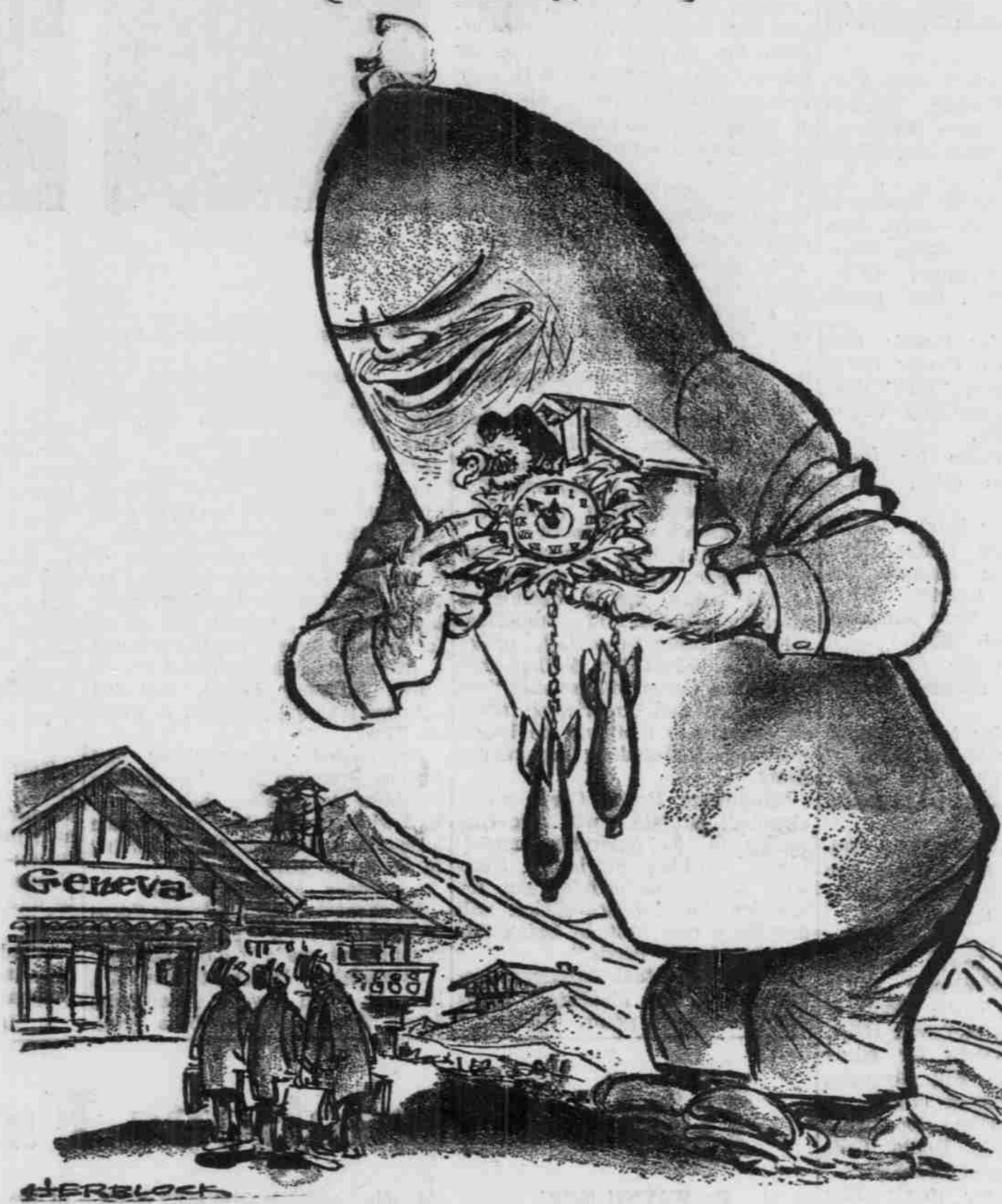
The tragicomedy is not new, of course, though its present scene is perhaps the most revolting to date. This began with a vengeance in Eisenhower's second term, when the Air Force pleaded in vain for enough funds to turn out the B-52 Stratofortress in quantity. Production slipped to four bombers per month when it could have been eleven times that number. In vain did the nation's top-flight strategists point out that a fleet of 1,200 B-52's would

guarantee our security for many years to come. Eisenhower, of course, wouldn't listen, and finally batted down all criticism by publicly shrieking that he knew "more about defense than almost anyone in the country."

In spite of him, the B-52 program was belatedly strengthened and did fairly well—though not half as well as it easily might have. We have a substantial number of these planes; the latest figure given out by the Defense Department is 630, and the most advanced variety, the B-52H, carries Skybolt missiles. But the Stratofortress now stands about where its predecessor, the B-36, was standing in 1953. Russian progress in the "anti-Century" missile series has marked the B-52 for retirement. It should sign off in another three years.

Scream Of Anguish
General Curtis LeMay, currently

"Clock, Anyone?"



Alternate Plans Offered

Ruffin Dorm Petitions Student Affairs Office

We the residents of Ruffin Dormitory submit this statement of opposition to the proposed plan of the Office of Student Affairs as announced in the Daily Tar Heel of March 8, 1962.

When we abruptly learned of the proposal to reorganize our dormitory as an all freshman residence hall, we organized a committee which met with Assistant Dean Long. Then we called a dormitory meeting for that evening and invited Assistant Dean Strong to discuss our reasoning with us.

As we understand it, next year you wish to experiment with all-freshman dormitories of both the hall and suite arrangements in an attempt to ascertain the possible causes of the high freshman attrition rate.

While we do recognize the merits of such an experiment, first we do not understand your choice of Ruffin: 1) It offers no unique advantage in your experiment; 2) The use of some other suitable dormitory would result in fewer hardships to fewer people. Secondly, we do not understand the urgency of your proposal.

Now we will elaborate on these points. First, you chose Ruffin for its location; you want to prevent possible crossquad disturbances between the proposed all-freshman dormitory and the other predominately freshman dormitory, Manty. We question what serious disturbance could occur across a space of one hundred twenty-five feet filled

with trees. Furthermore, any such disturbance should be at a minimum since under the proposal the new residents will be honor students.

Second, you say Ruffin is easily accessible to the campus. We point out that all upper quad dormitories meet this requirement.

Third, you say that you want a dormitory with the hall arrangement, and that Ruffin meets this requirement. Yet again we point out that all upper quad dormitories meet this requirement.

Fourth, you have not considered the number of people that will be uprooted in making your choice. We can show that eighty-one percent of Ruffin residents plan to remain next year, whereas only forty percent of the residents of Grimes, for example, plan to remain.

Again we say that we cannot understand your particular choice of Ruffin.

We offer two alternate proposals:

1) That a three year plan be used; this plan would eliminate the removal of present residents from any dormitory. This plan entails the filling of all vacated rooms each year with freshmen, who would be relocated at the end of the year. Thus, in a maximum of three years, an all-freshman dormitory would result. You have objected to this plan, claiming that the experiment must be instituted next year, "as that will be the only time in the near future that housing conditions will be 'nor-

mal" (i.e. two-man suite rooms can be compared with two - man hall rooms). We ask, how can conditions be called "normal" that exist for only one year?

2) That if you must institute this plan next year, you consider the number of present residents you would necessarily disturb, and select a dormitory accordingly.

May we conclude with some admittedly personal feelings. We have reasons to be proud of our dormitory. Recently we won the Intramural Sports Participation Award, gained co-ed visiting hours for our social room, started a dorm newspaper, voluntarily enforced quiet hours in our dormitory, and attained the highest scholastic averages for a men's dormitory (1960). All these achievements mean a great deal to us. Even more could be said about our lasting friendships, but at this point, you can well understand the widespread reaction to your proposal in our dormitory, and our enclosed list of 105 signatures (out of 109) attests to this. And although we have been dispassionate in pleading our case, our feeling is intense.

So we ask you to reconsider the hardships that arise when you evict students from their home, and we ask you to choose that system which makes these hardships most bearable.

—Roger Asher
Editor's Note: This letter was followed by 86 additional signatures.

Wade Wellman

Storm Around The RS-70

mph at an altitude so high that interceptors couldn't reach it. At that speed it would be on the target run for a few seconds only, making it almost impossible for the Red missile defense to draw a bead on it. At long last the powers that be gave in, and enough money was allotted to keep the project alive.

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When Kennedy became President, hopes developed that he just might see the importance of this airplane—which stands as an aeronautical landmark no less than the first jet. (Ed Rees gives graphic details in his book, The Manned Missile.) But Kennedy and his venerable Defense Secretary are almost as hostile as their unlamented predecessors. The White House seems determined to thwart the advocates of this bomber; Rep. Vinson and others are apparently arguing to no purpose. At

present, the USAF has funds for only three prototypes—one of which will fly this December.

A massive fleet of these delta wing systems would virtually end our strategic-assault worries. It would cost over six billion dollars, but it would throw a far greater strain than this on the Soviet defense budget. This unbelievable weapon could cruise at 120,000 feet, fly three times the speed of sound, sight targets by super-advanced radar at 400 miles distance, and go about 7,000 miles on a run—taking off from the U.S. and landing, mission accomplished, in western Europe. There's a rough road ahead, but the RS-70 cause is coming from behind.

—Wade Wellman

Sex

Why Do Boys Date?

This is directed to those unaware that the motive for dating girls is sex.

I first note several abnormal reasons for dating which hopefully would disgust any intelligent girl. For example, some boys, missing the womb, use girls as "mother images." Other spineless young men may use a submissive female as the brunt of the aggression which they cannot exert elsewhere.

A more subtle practice is the masking of true feelings by a false desire to raise a family. When a boy cannot satisfy his sex drive during premarital relations, he may turn to marriage as a means to his goal and then rationalize the defeat with an artificial interest in family life.

I next turn to several reasons why boys do NOT have to date. These are given because many persons list them as important elements in a young man's life which supposedly a girl can best provide. First of all, boys do not need girls for companionship. Except for sexually oriented activities, other boys are, on the average, more interesting, daring, and challenging associates. For example, they are much better at sports. From a purely practical standpoint, male companionship is cheaper. In particular, girls are not the only available source of stimulating conversation. Indeed, the typical boy has seen more of the world than the average girl, and he has correspondingly more to say.

While it may be true that for every young man there is a woman his mental equal, the restriction of our society on female experience means that there are not enough girls to go around. It is more practical to find an equally sophisticated male for interesting conversation. Moreover, the University's regulations make it much more difficult to hold a private conversation with a member of the opposite sex. Finally, girls are not essential for non-physical affection. This can be provided by any average dog.

THE ONLY FEELING in a normal boy which compels him to date is the sexual instinct. Sex is the one unique contribution which a young woman can make to a boy's

life, a function which cannot be duplicated by man or beast. She is the sole means available for stimulating and satisfying the male sex drive, whereas other masculine needs can be obtained elsewhere.

In fact, normal dates are always sex-oriented. For example, when a boy takes a girl dancing, it is never the aesthetic elements of rhythm and movement which the boy truly appreciates; it is the sexual stimulation of a nearby female. This is demonstrated most clearly by the fact that one never sees two boys as partners. If the boy felt any enjoyment from the dance itself, one would expect to see males dancing together occasionally. Likewise, a boy doesn't need a girl along to enjoy a movie or concert. A female companion with any sex appeal whatsoever cannot help but be a distraction, admittedly a sexually pleasurable one.

I can only conclude that the procurement of sexual satisfaction is the only natural justification for dating.

—Blake R. Patterson,
Michigan Daily

Poetical Potshots

There once was a maid in Siam
Who said to her boy friend Kiam,
"If you kiss me, of course
You will have to use force,
But thank goodness you're stronger
than I am."

A near-sighted fellow named Walter
Led a glamorized lass to the alter
A beauty he thought her
Till some soap and hot water
Made her look like the rock of
Gibraltar.

A dentist named Archibald Moss
Fell in love with the dainty Miss
Ross

But he held in abhorrence
Her Christian name, Florence
So he renamed her Dental Floss.

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