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The Liberal Hour

The Liberal Hour is over and party politics have returned to normal . . . The Student Party Monday night elected a conservative Advisory Board and then paradoxically passed a strongly liberal resolution, which was mildly opposed by a considerably minority of the party.

By a 13-6 vote the party instructed its projects committee to investigate Chapel Hill segregation. Earlier Chairman Robin Britt had broken a tie vote to retain an article in the resolution supporting other campus groups which work toward integration.

Opponents of the resolution claimed that "the Student Party hasnt decided yet whether it supports integration" and said "I hope the SP decides NOT to support campus groups which work toward integration." (—Dave Williams, new and old Advisory Board member.)

Resolution defenders placed it in the historical context of the party—the SP decided to work for community integration in 1948, in 1951, in 1953, in 1957, in 1961 and in years between. One of the planks of the party in the recent election stated the party's support of desegregation activities.

The trend of most speeches, however, was against taking a stand on this issue, against taking any stand on any issue . . . because of political expediency.

At least two party members said,

"The duty of the Student Party is to get its men elected"—Elected to what? How? Why? Who are "its men"? Why should anyone join such a party?

Several of those who made pleas for political expediency were speaking from the ranks of the losers, persons who had run for office on the platform of having-no-platform and who failed to deceive the voters—persons who hope to lead the Student Party into the comfortable abyss of No-Think.

The SP's expedient politics disregard the fact that their only winning Big Four candidate this spring was Mike Lawler, who spoke in favor of the integration resolution. (The other three SP spring candidates weren't even at the meeting.) Their successful president-vice president candidates the previous year, Bill Harriss and Hank Patterson, strongly supported integration. Most of the party's successful candidates, chosen in the Liberal Hour of convention-time, for the past decade have been liberal integrationists.

By the same token the University Party usually runs Big Four candidates who are more liberal than the majority of their constituents.

But the Liberal Hour is over, the major student government offices are filled, and the party hacks must be content with cries of "We can't take a stand . . . it's not politically expedient." (jc)

Cuba, Prematurely

Since the ill-fated and totally embarrassing attempted invasion of Castro's Cuba, quite a lot of confusion prevails. No one is quite sure what degree of Communist effectiveness has been achieved, and no one is certain just how involved the Central Intelligence Agency has managed to get.

The confusion and uncertainty persist on all levels of U. S. involvement. But the uncertainty on behalf of too many uninformed and uncertain students could be eliminated, or at least lessened, with some good old fashioned emotion.

That is to say, we are tired of hearing the quaint and clever catch-all evasion, "premature," thrown at any attempt to diagnose the Cuban fiasco. Surely, much has been

said about Cuba that is not totally correct; certainly, opinions have been formed that suffer from insufficient information.

Just ask any political scientist, adroit historian, or clever graduate student; ask them what is the best book to be written on the Cuban situation, they will tell you that none of them are any good, "all too premature." It is too early to judge, too early to decide, too soon "to know."

Of course we ought to consider all of the best analyses that are presented; that is, read them to stay informed, discuss them to appear concerned, then label them "premature," and discard them; just don't take them too seriously, after all they will obviously be "premature."

Well there are many things about the Cuban situation that are decidedly premature . . . quite a few deaths for instance .

We may rest assured that those Cubans who lost sons in the invasion—those who have relatives rotting in Castro's prisons, they are not content to wait before passing any judgment. They are not sitting back to let time heal. They do not care that their opinions may be "premature." They are involved. Totally involved, as we should be.

They may acknowledge our cool and learned "wait and see" attitude. They may admit to the prematurity of many analyses . . . but they are more aware of that other premature incident, death.

What should be do? Well, let's start, let's just begin by remembering that those imprisoned and exiled Cubans are fighting for right. They are struggling to defend their political freedom. They want their country back . . . prematurely as hell. (cw)

Subvert Ourselves? —U.S. Rep.

(The following letter was written by Glenn Cunningham, U. S. Representative from Nebraska, in answer to a series of attacks by the Washington Post on the bill banning Communist mail by bulk postal rates.)

The April 26 edition of The Washington Post contained so many glaring errors that I feel I must set the record straight. It concerned Section 12 of H. R. 7927, the postal rate bill passed by the House Jan. 24. Section 12 bans free or subsidized delivery of Communist propaganda by the U. S. Post Office Department. This was, incidentally, the third editorial in The Post about the same section. There was also a front-page feature article in the Jan. 23 "Outlook" section.

All three editorials and the article have repeated statements which simply are not true. In fact they are ridiculous. Section 12 was carefully drawn to accomplish two things: —Retaliate against Communist governments for their failure to live up to international mail agreements by: —Ending the subsidy being given by the Post Office Department to Communist propaganda.

That is what the amendment aimed at that is what it will do.

It has no effect on first-class mail; it does not deprive anyone of Communist propaganda; it does not invite retaliation because we are the nation that is retaliating; it does not totally ban Communist propaganda from the country; it does not ban Communist propaganda from the mail; it positively has no effect on freedom of speech nor the right of Americans to choose what they want to read.

On the contrary, the House action does proceed along an avenue provided for in Universal Postal agreements; it is a possible means to step up the free flow of information across the Iron Curtain — both ways; it merely puts Communist propaganda in this country in a higher mail rate category.

The Supreme Court has held that Congress not only has the power to set postal rates, it also has the power to prescribe the rates at which material may move through the mail. The defining of political propaganda poses no problem since such definition (in existing law) has been upheld by Federal Court.

There is no possible way this language can affect freedom of the press or any American newspaper, no matter what it prints, unless such newspaper is financed or sponsored directly or indirectly by a Communist-controlled government.

Of course it may be that The Washington Post and the House of Representatives approach this matter from different viewpoints. I do not know of many if any Members of the House who subscribe to the statement in your latest editorial: ". . . today the Communist Party in the United States is wholly negligible."

Negligible is defined by Webster as meaning "That may be neglected or disregarded."

I believe most people would prefer to take the word of J. Edgar Hoover rather than The Washington Post as to whether we should disregard the Communist Party in the United States. Mr. Hoover said recently:

"The atheistic Communist dictatorship now controls one fourth of the earth's surface and more than one-third of her peoples. The Communist threat from without must not blind us to the Communist threat from within. The latter is reaching into the very heart of America through its espionage agents and a cunning, defiant and lawless Communist Party, which is fanatically dedicated to the Marxist cause of world enslavement and destruction of the foundations of our Republic."

Missing Pulitzer—For W. R. Hearst

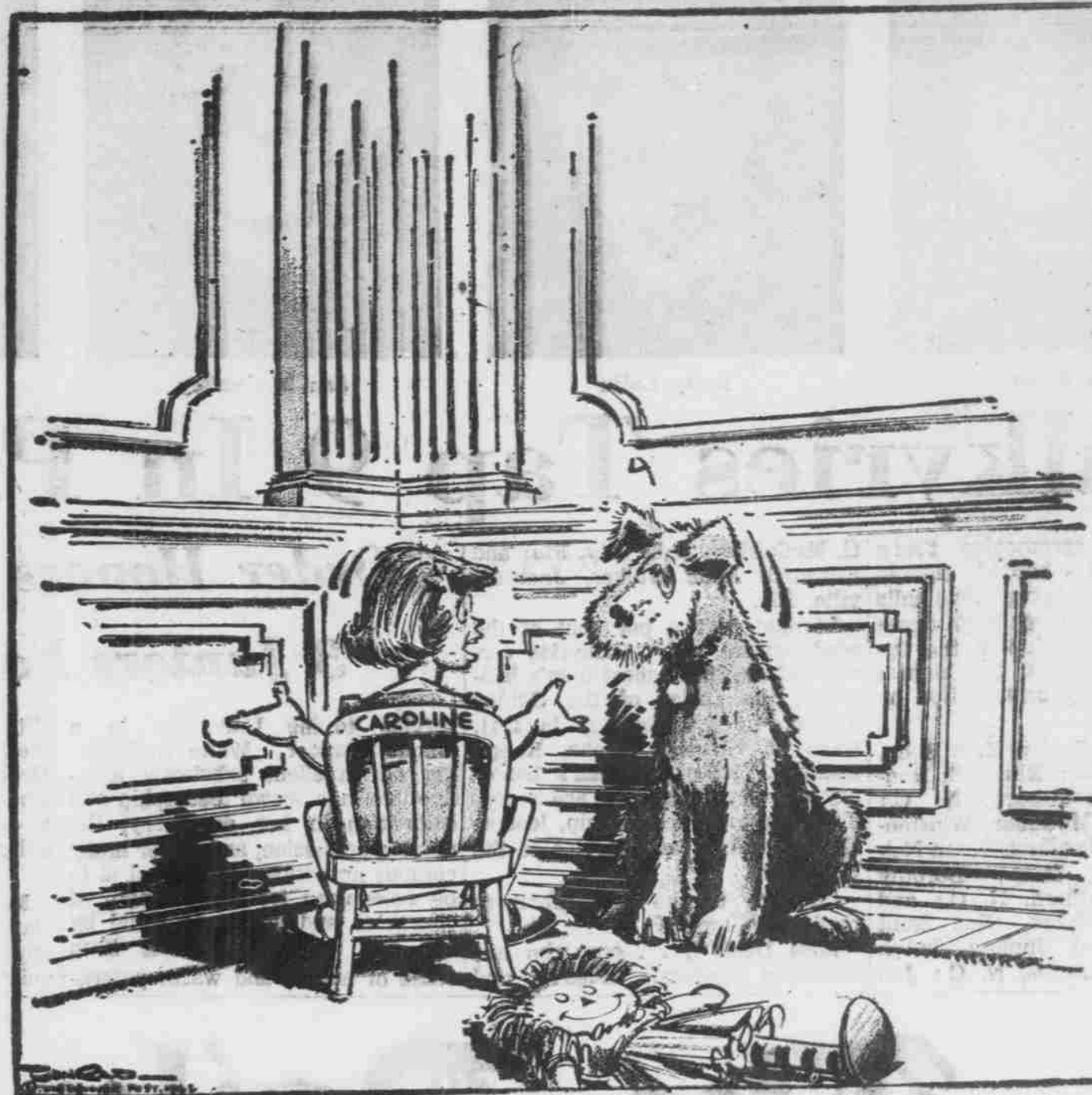
In the newspaper Valhalla, and surely there must be one, we suspect that a certain Joseph Pulitzer may be smirking at the looming shade of William Randolph Hearst. When they were alive, firing memos with lethal warheads at trembling editors,

The two great publishers engaged in a feud that was the rowdiest rumble in the annals of American journalism. Pulitzer came to New York first, and in 1883 made the World the prototype of a new kind of journalism — bright, breezy and crusading. He ran the first color cartoon, "The Yellow Kid," and soon conservative critics were complaining of "yellow journalism." In 1895, Hearst bought the New York Journal and did his best to outdo Pulitzer in saffron sensationalism. He succeeded.

One incidental byproduct of the newspaper feud was the Spanish-American War. "War Ship Maine Split in Two by Enemy's Secret Infernal Machine!" Country Thrills With War Fever." Soon Hearst was sending the artist Remington to Cuba, with instructions to provide the pictures while the Journal took care of providing the war.

As time passed, however, Pulitzer

"All I Asked For Was An Increase In My Allowance!"



Letters To The Editor

On Chapel Hill, McCarran

Legislature Performs Well

To the Editors:

Lest anyone be deceived by a misinformed editor of the Daily Tar Heel into thinking that the student legislature is not performing its duty with thoughtfulness and discretion, let me hasten to set the record straight.

In a recent editorial by (jc), the editor makes mention of the fact that at its last session legislature overwhelmingly defeated a motion to close debate and vote on the pending question, after which no one had anything further to say on the bill. From this astute observation, jc concludes that "the legislators didn't know what they were voting on . . . a not too unusual situation."

The plain fact of the matter is that legislators did know what they were voting on, and moreover, were extending a common courtesy to one of their group. After the previous question had been moved, the Chair asked the body if there was any objection to closing discussion. At this time one legislator clearly voiced an objection. In accordance with parliamentary procedure, the Chair then was forced to call for a vote on the motion to close debate. Assuming that that protesting legislator had some further comment to make on the question at hand, most legislators acted (in good faith and with complete cognizance of what was going on) to defeat the motion in order to extend to their colleague the privileges of the floor.

As to the charge that it is not an unusual situation for legislators not to know what they are voting on, it may be discarded as unwarranted and unfounded slander on the integrity of the student legislature

and the members thereof.

I might humbly suggest that it is you, Mr. jc who didn't know what the student legislature was voting on. In the future we may hope that THIS does not become "a not too unusual situation."

—FRANKLIN ADKINSON, JR.
Student Legislator

Concentration Camps In U.S.?

To the Editors:

Gus Hall, Communist spokesman in this country, recently released thru the Gus Hall-Benjamin J. Davis Defense Committee, a copy of a letter written by James V. Bennett, on letterhead of the Department of Justice which admits the existence of concentration camps in the United States on a standby basis under the provisions of the McCarran Act. In releasing the letter Hall declared:

"This Bennett letter written in 1952 and released by a National Committee to Repeal the McCarran Act in 1953, gives the locations and expenditures involved in establishing and maintaining these shameful McCarran Act concentration camps for future use in our land. Although this Committee of prominent individuals has not been in existence for a number of years, these letters have been public documents for ten years and the camps are maintained within the prison system. The Department of Justice cannot dismiss this with the word "bunk," as spokesmen have done.

"Mr. Bennett's letter reveals that the McCarran Act camps are at Florence and Wickenburg, Arizona; Avon Park, Florida; Allenwood Pennsylvania; El Reno, Oklahoma; and

Tule Lake, California.

"These camps should be closed down and that land put to entirely other purposes. This is one disgraceful mess that the Attorney General should get rid of if he expects to improve the image of our country in other lands. He cannot hide these camps under any other name in the Federal prison system. They reveal the fascist character of the McCarran law and that this law endangers the whole concept of American freedom and liberty for all the people. The concentration camp section of this law flows logically and naturally from the fascist character of the law.

"Not only should he get rid of the camps, but because of the very character of this law, he should halt all prosecutions under it, and abandon all applications of a law which so obviously violates our Bill of Rights and constitutional liberties. Congress should deny the use of any funds for concentration camps and fascism in our land.

"The fact that McCarran Act hearings have been started by the State Department to deny a passport to Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, one of America's greatest women labor leaders of this century, and that this is done on the very day that Robert Kennedy says that more Americans should travel abroad shows the absurdity and vicious character of the law. This begins a screening process on travel that hits everybody.

"The indictment of the Communist Party and of Benjamin J. Davis and myself under this law spells greater danger to all Americans than to those who are the first victims of this fascist law. These indictments should be scrapped. Any reading of

Cosmonauts: No Dream

The recent visit of Soviet cosmonaut Gherman Titov to the United States revealed one thing with telling clarity. Titov and U. S. astronaut John Glenn share perhaps the most tragic characteristic of modern times — they both have been brainwashed by their respective governments.

Titov is a Russian, and Glenn is an American. And the press conferences demonstrated that neither one is much of a human being.

It was the same old dogma all over again. Titov and Glenn had little to say except to repeat the standard disarmament lines of Russia and the United States. And everyone who listened to them had heard it all before, a million times. One might have expected to head a disembodied voice announce, as each of them spoke, "this statement is pre-recorded from Washington (or Moscow)." Titov and Glenn stood not as symbols of humanity, but as straw men of geography and bureaucracy.

What sleep machines of our Brave New World destroyed their minds through such careful "education." Who drew the ineradicable boundaries of maps so deeply in their brains?

These men have been closer to the stars than any other creatures that ever lived on earth. They have begun the exploration of infinity. The earth is full, and so man moves beyond it. Or does he?

Glenn and Titov lied to us. Neither of them ever left the earth. Neither of them ever saw the stars.

—MICHIGAN DAILY

the law will show its ominous character."

—THE GUS HALL-BENJAMIN J. DAVIS DEFENSE COMMITTEE

Pollution By Merchants

To the Editors:

A polluted creek runs beneath the town of Chapel Hill. Few people know of its existence.

Above this section of the earth's crust life goes on very busily. (So much so, in fact, that it is a bother to the downtown stores to even cash a check, to say nothing of giving conscientious service.) In the Chapel Hill sunlight — for as many know, the sun rises and sets on this town — all seems prosperous as never before.

Old Wells are everywhere; Carolina Rams are abundant; sweat-shirts, beer mugs, and London Fog all display the emblem of the institution. City auto tags advertise in a milky shade of Carolina blue, "Chapel Hill, Home of UNC."

For charlatans exploit every miracle.

The University supports the little town, the little people, and their little jobs. And the merchants hold college students in disregard, or pretended indifference. Students are a commodity, little more than tourist trade. They deserve nothing from the town or its people, for they are just passing through.

When they have passed through they will remember an egocentric, provincial, pseudo-sophisticated little town basking in banal traditions and poor glories that grow with time.

They will remember the people who loved to think of themselves as "a friendly folk" in "the Southern part of Heaven." But really after being rescued from insignificance by a growing university, they showed themselves as neither very cultured nor very intellectual — snobs. And now their paltry motives bloom in every corner of their garden spot.

The recent voting dispute was representative.

Salaries here are not high and a student population is eternally needy. Yet the Franklin Street bloc keeps prices high, for the big University seems to be over a barrel.

And the student mass is inert. (It accepts atrocities within the University as well.) But is every one content to blend in the mass?

Meanwhile an underground stream flows beneath us in the dark. Its stagnant waters dissolve the stone foundations of our oldest buildings, poison the roots of blossoming trees, and one by one they fall . . .

To change its course will take a little dynamite.

—WASHINGTON POST

—HUBERT HAWKINS

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