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Reds At UNC?

The American Legion, brave defender of civil liberties-for-everybody-who-agrees-with-us, has now turned its patriotic attention to the peaceful Carolina campus. And what do they see?

Commies.
Everywhere . . . commies.

Such apparitions are often seen by Legionnaires and this time appears to be little different. The Legion's Americanism committee (under the leadership of that most intemperate of Chapel Hill Red-hunters Col. Royall) apparently convinced the local post to recommend an investigation of communism at the University.

The excuse for such a recommendation is the emergence of "leftist" groups here recently. We assume the Legion has in mind the Progressive Labor Club.

But this is a very lame, very puny

reason for an "investigation," since the Labor group is comparatively very lame and very puny.

Several times in the late 1940s and early '50s the University has been threatened with investigation—in times when there was a Communist Party cell in Chapel Hill and when there was an open Party group operating under Junius Scales. Always the Board of Trustees intelligently has left the decision as to "what to do" in the hands of the chancellor and faculty—who, in turn, wisely have preserved freedom of speech and assembly on campus, by doing nothing.

We hope the University will ignore this irresponsible demand, as it has others in the past, and devote its full attention to the business of education. (JC)

(More on communism at UNC—see "Dear Sir" below.)

Dear Sir...

An open Letter:

John R. Barry

Editor

The Durham Sun

Dear Sir:

Several weeks ago your newspaper ran a short editorial which claimed the existence of a Communist "telephone campaign," recruiting members in Chapel Hill.

Always interested in such bits of information, we wrote the Herald-Sun, asking for details on this Red infiltration. We assumed, perhaps presumptuously, that such an editorial charge would have some facts to back it up.

Apparently our assumption was false. In your reply of last week, you note that, "The clipping on 'vague rumors' of a Red 'telephone

campaign' did appear in the Sun, in its editorial column 'Passing Parade.'

"I have no additional information."

This doesn't seem to be playing fair. You say, there is a Red recruiting campaign on campus (which no one else in the state seems to be too worried about), but you refuse to tell how you know this—or even if you really do know it.

If your original editorial was written just to fill space, we certainly understand. But may we humbly suggest you pick a less serious subject for your next editorial filler.

Sincerely,

Jim Clotfelter
DTH Co-Editor

Fraternities

There will be more hands shaken, more smiles exchanged, and more shoes shined within the next six days than there will be during the remainder of the year.

The cause of all this social activity will be fraternity rush. "Rush," it's an aptly named trial of endurance, out of which will come some of the most important personal decisions of numerous college careers. Decisions which will involve necessary commitments; a commitment of time to hours of pledge duties, a commitment of

loyalty to collectively shared viewpoints, a commitment to degrees of conformity that are not by definition bad but that may by definition be necessary.

We cannot, indeed we refuse to restate the trite and hollow criticisms of fraternity life. The faults of the system are numerous, but on the other hand so are the merits.

And, needless to say, the decisions to become involved must be singularly personal ones.

And that is enough said. (CW)

... Rush

Some fraternities on this campus arbitrarily restrict their membership to persons of particular religions or races. Several, in fact, have specific clauses in their constitutions prohibiting Negro or Jewish members. Others have deleted their explicit ("full Aryan blood") discriminatory clauses and have adopted instead a "socially acceptable" provision which operates with the same relentless certainty.

Before you select a fraternity you should know whether or not that fraternity has already selected "brothers" for you through these artificial impositions. When you pledge a fraternity you are pledging more than time and money. You are pledging fidelity to its ideals. You are pledging your honor. Will your pledge to brotherhood be an empty phrase?

—Henry Mayer

Some Of You Have Perhaps — Hmph — Heard Of These Tribes?



Letters To The Editors

Barnett Attacked, DTH Attacked, Ehringhaus

Human Decency & History Books

To the Editors:

Undoubtedly, Ross Barnett will go down in Mississippi history as the greatest governor of them all. He stood up for what he wanted to get most—an insured ten more terms as governor of Mississippi. He met his dilemma like a true Southern gentleman by choosing the side of the mob. Leaders, not followers, however, make their decisions on what is both morally and legally right.

How glorious would the U.S. be if all our governors were like Ross Barnett! There would be no Negroes, Jews and Catholics. Wouldn't it be great to have our children protected by the Ku Klux Klan instead of "them feds." It is a shame that an unpatriotic nitwit called Thomas Jefferson ever wrote a paper called the Declaration of Independence which states that mankind was equal in his search for life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

Ross Barnett can't help from being famous. His name will be in all history books until there is no more history to write. Isn't the fact "going down into history" worth more than anything—even human decency?

—Raymond Burwell

Paying To Vote In Ehringhaus

To the Editors:

In the October 4 edition of the DTH a letter from Messrs. Bulkeley, Hume and Mittendorf was printed concerning the farcical elections at Ehringhaus Dormitory and I for one would like to add my concurrence with this.

I must admit that some of those running for office have good intent and purposes, but too many are basing their platforms on unobtainable goals—from sunken bathtubs to a complete revamping of the cafeteria system. These ridiculous campaign promises certainly parallel the nominating procedure.

The epitome of this entire salmagundi was realized today, election day, when everyone who took the time to exercise his voting right, found that it was necessary to own an "Ehringhaus Social Card."

If one did not own this card, he had to pay one dollar in order to cast his ballot, which is in itself not a favorable inducement for procuring votes. This card entitles the holder to participate in Unit Ehringhaus activities, such as intramural sports, beer parties, and other functions. I will be the first to agree to the idea of such a card, but when one is obliged to pay for the card as a prerequisite to the privilege of voting, I would both the validity and the value of

the entire election, especially for such a position as I.D.C. representative. It is quite evident that someone is using this election as a means to an end.

I think that in the future, the I.D.C. should supervise more closely the manner of elections, even though their strength is evidently not now prevalent.

Soon we will vote on the candidates which did not have clear majorities, and all students with their social cards will be allowed to vote. Others have been denied this "privilege" at Carolina.

—Jimmie Little

SG, DTH Don't Reflect Opinion

To the Editors:

This letter is referring to the telegrams sent by Inman Allen and Co. and the headlines of the DTH Tuesday, October 2, 1962. This article in the DTH began, "A majority of the 28 Carolina students interviewed yesterday in Y-court condemned Gov. Ross Barnett's refusal to admit Negro James Meredith to the University of Mississippi." This "extensive" (I use this word sarcastically) survey led to the headline "Most UNC Students Condemn Barnett Action."

As for the telegrams sent to Ole Miss, I thought that the Student Government officers were elected to represent the students in the student government. I did not know they had the responsibility to make

statements as to the political opinion and personal feeling of the students.

Since when does the opinion of 28 students represent the opinion of 9,604 students. It seems that before the DTH or the student leaders make a statement about the student opinion they should first get a true representation of that opinion.

—Michael M. Bradley

Minister Decries Barnett Action

To the Editors:

I am a Southerner, born and bred in North Carolina, and duly proud of my Anglo-Saxon ancestry.

Gov. Ross Barnett's brazen blocking of justice in the Meredith case provides for Mississippi a martyr, for the Deep South a hero, for the nation a disgrace, for the world a villain, for the human race a tragic failure—and for the Creator, surely, a grievous sorrow.

With slums to be eradicated, diseases to be conquered, the world's hungry to be fed, lasting peace to be established, and a universe to be explored, how can we let ourselves squander precious time and spiritual power in petty bickering, hatred, and animal violence over racial issues which should have been solved a century ago.

What part of Gov. Barnett's purpose was political opportunism and what part honest conviction, only he and the Creator can say. But if the University of Mississippi can rightly and graciously enroll a dozen

Think Twice About

Frat Discrimination

(Ed. Note: Reprinted below are excerpts from the opening statement made by senior Mickey Simmons during the orientation week fraternity debate.)

My first objection concerns itself with an issue that extends beyond the limits of the Carolina fraternity system—that is, the issue of discrimination. This discrimination takes two forms, that which is exercised against minority groups and that which is brought to bear on the individual rusher in determining his qualifications for membership. In the past, many fraternities have placed written articles of racial or religious restriction in their constitutions. Although recently there have been many hasty and red-faced attempts to bring the constitutions of fraternities into line with the Constitution of the United States, many of these restrictive clauses still exist. No one can seriously doubt that intolerance and bigotry is still practiced by many fraternities. You must remember that when you pledge a fraternity that practices such discrimination, either overtly or covertly, you are pledging your money, your time, and your support and your honor to an institution which asserts that human worth may be judged on the basis of race, religious creed, or color, and attempts to achieve brotherhood by denying the fundamental brotherhood of man.

The second area of discrimination, that which is exercised in the process of rushing, is equally difficult to justify. The standards of acceptance for fraternities are vague and established by the members. The goal of each fraternity is usually to get as its members the "best" students enrolled in this institution. By "best" is not necessarily meant the most intelligent or those with the

greatest integrity, but "best" as is construed by the fraternity members themselves. To some, this means rich, handsome, and white protestants, a definition which in its witlessness, almost achieves innocence. To others, "best" means those possessed of the prevailing code of social behavior, or the best available after the better fraternities have taken their pick. Those of you who judge other on such superficial grounds may find satisfaction in being selected by such means, but those of you who look for deeper values in judging human worth would be sadly disillusioned by your first rush meeting.

The narrowing effect of fraternity membership on the total educational experience offered each of you at Chapel Hill is another matter of deep concern to me. A fraternity tends to neatly compartment a student, and through its demands upon his time, and the living conditions which it establishes, deprives its members of the wide and rich range of associations and experiences which this college can offer. In this sense, the primary purpose of a college education is defeated, and herein lies the real irony of the fraternity: it does the most harm to its own members. In the past, much sympathy has been wasted on the plight of students who aren't asked to join a fraternity. In my opinion, these students are lucky. They may have momentarily hurt feelings and a few may even spend most of their college days feeling themselves outcasts, but they do not suffer the invisible injuries inflicted upon those who do become fraternity members. They do not have the stultifying experience of associating only with people of their own kind during their entire college career.

Hearts Bleeding For Ehringhaus

To the Editors:

O, citizenry of Chapel Hill and Carrboro! O, students of Carolina! How can your hearts not bleed for the hardy pioneers of Craig and Ehringhaus dormitories? As fellow humanists you must understand the suffering and tribulations that must face the pioneers in this NEW dorm where they are forced to use elevators, a new cafeteria, and their own snack bar! But how can we understand or truly appreciate their library problem since we have never yet conceived even in our most wild, impassioned dreams (o, fools we) a dormitory library or even for that matter a study room?

Being truly concerned with their lack of entertainment facilities, we have initiated a Craig-Ehringhaus Fund Raising Campaign in Carrboro, by which we hope to secure pool tables, horseshoe pits, and possibly an indoor, scented floral swimming pool (kidney-shaped), resplendent with rococo foundations, lotus blossoms, and a Slecto-Semi-Automatic filter system. O! the Spartan suffering, the stark, austere existence! Cry out, citizens and students! Gnash not your teeth, nor rend your garments, let not these residents despair. Strenth, Craig and Ehringhaus!

—Three Ruffin Fortunates:
Gerald Good
Kelly Eanes
Thomas Dinere

James Meredith Is Individual Too

To the Editors:

Now that Poe Exum has learned to honor individualism, I think he better quick learn another Carolina attribute—the ability to decipher right from wrong. Mr. Barnett indeed an individual, but let us not forget Mr. Meredith. Goliath was an amazing individual, but so was David.

—JOHN MADSEN

Kennedy Moved Too Fast In Mississippi

By DAVID LAWRENCE
In the Charlotte Observer

WASHINGTON — Was it worth it? Couldn't the loss of life and the wounding of scores of persons in the rioting at the University of Mississippi have been averted if President Kennedy and his brother, the attorney general, had permitted the state of Mississippi to exhaust its legal remedies in the normal way before any armed forces were ordered to the scene?

WHAT WAS the reason for haste in such a delicate situation? Wouldn't it have been better not to have smuggled James Meredith, a Negro student, on to the campus Sunday through a back entrance?

Wouldn't it have been easier to explain to the people the true basis of federal action if an opportunity had been afforded first to let the Supreme Court of the United States hear argument on legal questions of an unprecedented nature which were raised last Friday before the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans?

Lawyers with many decades of experience say they have never witnessed an exhibition such as occurred when the court of appeals was sitting as a trial court in civil contempt proceedings against Mississippi Gov. Ross Barnett.

THE MAIN facts as shown in the record are these:

A private suit was entered in behalf of Meredith to obtain his admission to the University of Mississippi.

The United States government, represented by the Department of Justice, asked permission to enter the case as a "friend of the court."

The court granted the request. Mississippi asked for a similar status, and its request also was granted.

Then, after the court found that the governor was not present at Friday's proceedings, the presiding judge indicated that the state of Mississippi would be denied its status as "amicus curiae"—or friend of the court.

The attorneys for the state of Mississippi asked for an opportunity to argue briefly why the state

was entitled to be represented. The court made no answer but took a 10-minute recess.

When the recess was over, the court declared that Mississippi could not intervene as a "friend of the court," even though the United States had been permitted to make pleadings in that matter.

THE CONSTITUTION of the United States says explicitly that in all legal cases in which the federal government and a state are in conflict, the Supreme Court must take over. The Supreme Court then sits as a court of "original jurisdiction."

What all this means is that Mississippi, as a sovereign state, has certain rights under the Constitution which cannot be ignored. President Kennedy told a radio and television audience Sunday night that the controversy was simply a matter of obeying laws, even though one might disagree with them.

But the court order to which he had referred was itself invalid, inasmuch as the full Supreme Court of the United States had not heard arguments either on last Friday's

conflict of view or on the petition submitted in mid-August by the state of Mississippi.

The latter was ruled on by only one justice, since the Supreme Court itself was not in formal session.

UNDER circumstances as vague and as legally complex as the foregoing, would it have hurt anybody's cause if the President and the attorney general had waited a while before trying to force the registration of Meredith?

Gov. Barnett could eventually be adjudged wrong in his legal procedures, but a staff of distinguished lawyers—among them John C. Satterfield, immediate past president of the American Bar Association—were not permitted to argue for him or for the state of Mississippi in Friday's hearing in the federal court.

The episodes of the weekend merely proved that unfortunately, too often "might makes right," and that when one party—a sovereign state—asked for its day in court, it was rebuffed.

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