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## Scales, Abernathy

# Communism In Chapel Hill: Did It Pose A Real Threat?

(This is the first of a series of articles on the history of communism in Chapel Hill.)

By VIRGINIA CARNES

"Everybody in North Carolina knows that Communists at Chapel Hill present no more threat to Democracy than the American Indians." There were the words of the Raleigh News and Observer on April 20, 1940.

In the same year the president of the university Frank P. Graham was charged by critics of permitting the University of North Carolina to become a "citadel of radicalism." The accusations built up until he was in league with communists, permitted his professors to lead students into radical convictions, and encouraged students to go to Moscow to study communism in operation. The talk became so "noisy" that the Dies Committee in Congress had taken notice and announced plans for an investigation.

Graham declared before the state that "Communism is not taught at UNC except in the sense that it is part of the appropriate subject matter of some courses at all universities in the world. I know of no communists on the faculty."

The word "communism" was by no means new to Chapel Hill. Since the 1930s it was known that Communist organizers were busy in the state. At that time there was no law against Communist Party membership, no Smith Act. On the other hand, the FBI, in all likelihood, knew quite a bit about North Carolina communist leaders and their activities.

Possibly they knew about the operation of a Communist underground printing press in the dingy back-room of a bookstore opposite UNC during the 1930s. It was described in 1953 in the testimony of North Carolina-born ex-communist,

Paul Crouch to the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee. The printing press was set up in the rear of the Intimate Book Store, owned and operated at the time by Milton A. and Minna A. Abernathy.

Crouch told the Senate subcommittee that the Abernathys "Worked for the Communist Party" and "accepted party discipline." He said, "They, first of all, met with me and other representatives of the Communist Party to discuss left-wing books that the party was anxious to circulate on campus and prominently displayed these books in the store. They also gave up until he was in league with communists, permitted his professors to lead students into radical convictions, and encouraged students to go to Moscow to study communism in operation. The talk became so "noisy" that the Dies Committee in Congress had taken notice and announced plans for an investigation.

When called to testify before the committee, both Mr. and Mrs. Abernathy refused to answer questions concerning their alleged Communist affiliation.

Abernathy stated in a letter which appeared in the Chapel Hill Weekly on Sept. 25, 1953: "Neither my wife nor I have ever done anything against the interests of our country."

Yet it had been common talk in Chapel Hill that from 1932-1950, Abernathy had been left-wing, if not an out and out communist. The

printing press was no secret. Most people, however, felt Abernathy to be quite harmless. After all that was the '30s. In 1956 The Chapel Hill Weekly told of Ab's selling his bookstore and heading for New York where he acquired a deep affection for capitalism as seen by a stock brokerage firm on Wall Street called, "Morton, Morton and Abernathy."

Paul Crouch, however told about communism at UNC during the '30s. "We had a very large organization on the campus at that time," he said. "We had a small group at Duke. The leaders of the party at UNC from 1934-1937 were the English professor, Dr. Irving E. Erickson, head of the Carolina Communists and later Dr. Arnold Williams, member of the Communist District Bureau."

Crouch stated to the committee, "I was a representative of the Communist Party in the US to the Communist International in Moscow, an honorary colonel of the Red Army, lecturer at the military academy in the Soviet Union. I was a member of the editorial staff of the Daily Worker, editor of the communist youth paper, The Young Worker and later editor of the New South, the official communist publication for the Southern states."

Some people laughed at communism in 1940, others shouted for its total abolition and cried for "witch hunts". But Communism wasn't new to Chapel Hill, nor was it to be forgotten when in the '50s new events, new controversies, and new names would make people know that the "red on the hill was by no means fading".

Red leaflets would litter the brick walks of UNC—"The Lowdown on High Prices—" "Race Hatred Rides Again—" "Be a Fighter for Peace..." "Peace will Conquer the World", and at the bottom of each page read: Communist Party of Chapel Hill Junius Scales, Chairman P. O. Box 62, Chapel Hill, N. C.

## Students To Eye Reform Measures For Court System

UNC students will take part in a state-wide campaign to help pass the court improvements amendments in North Carolina, it was announced yesterday by Dwight Wheless and Lee Rainey, co-chairmen of the newly-formed Student Committee for Court Improvements.

The committee will have an organizational meeting Tuesday night, October 23, at 7:30 in Gerard Hall, Wheless said.

The purpose of the committee, said Wheless, is to promote the passage of the upcoming amendments to the state constitution dealing with the revision of the inferior court system in the state.

Wheless said that he feels there are many students on this campus and on campuses around the state who are concerned with this issue but have not had the means to express themselves.

"The Student Committee for Court Improvement will provide those means," he said.

According to Rainey, the shell of the committee has already been set up with four district chairmen representing about twenty-five counties each. Rainey also said that the UNC committee is trying to get other campuses in the state to start their own court improvement committees and that thirteen colleges have already begun to do so.

The amendments which will go before the electorate of North Carolina on November 6, provide for a complete revision of the state courts below the jurisdiction of the Superior Courts. The present recorder-type and justice of the peace courts would be abolished and a state district court system instituted to replace them.

The districts courts, which would be established by 1971, would be uniform in costs, fees, and procedure with magistrates appointed by the Superior Court. Under the new system, salaries of judges would not be affected by their decision on a case of the collection of fees.

# Kennedy OKs Dropping Disclaimer Affidavit

## Crowds Dig PP&M At Kemp's

Students crowded into Kemp's yesterday to get a closer look at Peter, Paul and Mary who appeared there at 4:30 p.m.

"This is our first time touring in the South," said Peter. "My feelings previous to this visit were gleamed only from my literary knowledge and the people I met from the South in the North, who are comparable to American tourists in Europe. I think Chapel Hill is beautiful, such a very dynamic group of people here—very 'hep.'"

The three are Peter Tarrow, Paul Stukee and Mary Travers, but they prefer just Peter, Paul and Mary.

I like Chapel Hill very much, said Mary. I'd like to come back some time when I really have time. I hear there are really beautiful things to see. I've had a great day—went horse back riding—took a jump."

When asked about their background, Peter said, "Paul went to Michigan State, Mary to Art School in New York and I went to Cornell, but we were all professional performers before we went to school."

"I was born in Louisville, said Mary. My mother in Mississippi, and my father in Boston, he was a Yankee and that was like terrible. I was raised in New York."

"We've been together in performance for one year," said Mary. "We started in the 'Bitter End' in the 'Village' . . ."

Peter described their album to come out in January as "far superior" to the first. "The title is 'Peter Paul and Mary (Moving)'," he said, "and it is new in terms of development and increasing of scope—'moving' in the sense of the basic folk music we sing. We have incorporated magical feeling into folk music we never initially conceived of."

When asked if she were married or engaged Mary smiled over her peach ice cream cone and said, "No, most people think Paul and I are married, but we aren't. Paul's engaged to a very beautiful girl."

Paul was asked where he conducted his impressions of automobiles, etc. and he replied, "I was working for a high school radio station, and they couldn't afford sound effect records."

Peter remarked to a Tar Heel reporter, "I've never seen such a controversial sheet as the newspaper here. It's incredible—so outspoken. At Cornell everything was watered down. There's directness here."

On an exclusively college tour now, their next performance is at Carleton College in Minneapolis.



MARY—Surrounded by fans, Mary of Peter, Paul and Mary pauses while signing autographs at Kemp's yesterday afternoon. —Photo by Jim Wallace

## Campus Briefs

### UP INTERVIEWS

The University Party will hold interviews for the Legislature vacancies Thursday and Friday in the Grail Room in Graham Memorial from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. There are vacancies in Y-Court, Women's I, Dorm Women's I, II and IV, Dorm Men's II and IV, and Craige.

### INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

The International Affairs Committee of the YM-YWCA will meet at 7 p.m. in Y-Court, Edwin Okoro will speak on Nigeria.

### ASTRONOMY LECTURES

From Oct. 15-20 Dr. L. L. Rice will give illustrated lectures on popular astronomy at the Morehead Planetarium at 7 p.m. Admission is 50 cents.

### YACK PICTURES

Yack pictures will be made of sophomores and pharmacy students this week. Late pictures will also be made of juniors, nurses, general nursing students, and physical therapy students. A fee of \$1 will be charged for late pictures.

### FLU SHOTS

Flu shots are being given in the Infirmary from 9-11:30 a.m. and from 2-5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

### YACK BEAUTY CONTEST

The deadline for entries in the Yack Beauty Contest has been extended until Friday. All organizations must submit their entries by then or make arrangements with either of the Yack editors to submit names later.

### YAF MEETING

The Young Americans for Freedom, a campus group of political conservatives, will hold a membership meeting at 7:30 in the Law School courtroom in Manning Hall. All freshmen are urged to attend. There will be recordings of the YAF rally held last March in New York City, featuring Barry Goldwater and other conservative leaders.

### CATHOLIC ORPHANAGE COMMITTEE

A meeting for all girls interested in participating on the Catholic Orphanage Committee of the YWCA will be held at 5 p.m. in the Y office.

### YACK CONTRACTS

The following organizations have not signed contracts: The Cosmopolitan Club, International Student's Board, Lutheran Student As-

sociation, Canterbury Club, and Christian Science. If they wish to appear in the Yack the contracts must be signed by Friday.

### ELECTIONS BOARD

Elections Board will meet Thursday at 4 p.m. in Woodhouse. If cannot attend, call 968-9096.

### RELIGIOUS EMPHASIS COMMITTEE

The Religious Emphasis Committee of the YM-YWCA will meet Friday, October 19 at 4:00 in the Woodhouse Room.

### CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

Meeting tonight at 7:00 second floor, Graham Memorial in the Woodhouse Room. All cordially invited.

### SOCIALIST LABOR PARTY

All interested in Socialist Labor Party contact Dave Burge in 305 Mangum.

### ENGLISH CLUB

Granville Hicks will speak Friday at 8:00 p.m. in Gerrard Hall. He is a distinguished critic of American Literature and is the contributing editor of the "Saturday Review."

### UP LEGISLATORS

Causus of all UP legislators tonight at 6:30 in Grail RRoom. This includes all those who have moved out of district.

### MONOGRAM CLUB

Monogram Club meets Thursday night at 7:30 in the gym. New members to be initiated. Members bring their football pass cards, dates and date tickets.

### MODELS NEEDED

Ackland Art Center needs male and female models for life drawing classes on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8-10 a.m. The salary is one dollar an hour. Either call 9657-084 or report to room 106 Ackland.

### DANCE COMMITTEE

Howard Homesley, Secretary of the Dance Committee, announced yesterday the selection of eleven new members to fill vacancies on the committee.

The new members, who were chosen on the basis of interviews, are Bob Faucett, Frank Freeman, Fred Hicks, Roger Howard, Harold Levinson, Larry Paul, Kent Pepper, David Robins, Win Sargent, Jim Stonestreet, and Hayes Willingham.

## UNC Is One Protesting Oath, Henderson Says

President Kennedy yesterday signed a bill which drops the NDEA scholarship requirement that a candidate for student aid must sign an oath disclaiming membership in subversive organizations.

Kennedy said he was "glad to approve the legislation, since it is highly unlikely that the affidavit kept any Communist out of the programs."

"It did, however, keep out those who considered the disclaimer affidavit a bridge upon freedom of thought," the President said.

The amendment applies to forms used in NDEA and National Science Foundation grants which have required notarized statements of allegiance and deny support of organizations such as the Communist Party.

The Subversive Activities Control Act of 1950 defines "membership" in subversive groups as being "the giving, loaning, or promising of support or money or any other thing of value" to organizations "substantially directed, dominated, or controlled" by subversive agents.

The amendment now makes it a criminal offense for any member of a subversive group to apply for federal funds. It requires applicants to list all criminal convictions since age sixteen, and empowers the NDEA Commissioner to suspend funds if he feels the award is "not in the best interest of the United States."

Around 30 universities in the nation, including Harvard and Yale, have refused funds under the National Defense Education Act because of the former requirement of disclaimer oaths.

UNC has not refused the funds but did make official protest of the oaths, according to Charles Henderson, Dean of Student Affairs here.

Dr. Julian Mason of the UNC Student Aid Office said yesterday that he will continue to require the affidavits as before, until he is officially notified otherwise.

"I have not heard what dates, if any, were specified on which the amendment is to take effect," Mason said. "Sometimes governmental machinery is very slow."

## Infirmary

The following people were in the infirmary today: Martha McRae, Susan Matuszak, Elizabeth Whitfield, Mary Pitt, Roy Lowry, Andrew Augustine, Joseph Hahn, Fred Summers, Brian McSweeney, John Welch, Donald Drapalik, Larry Dudley, Evander Simson, Ray George, Walter Brown, Christopher Jonas, Donaldson King, John Clifton, Dave Baugess, John Shaw, Allen Jones, George Taylor, Mary Calloway, Clarence Page, David Wilder, Jeff Ruder, Bobby Christman, Jeffrey Feday, Michael Hauser, and James Ray.

## APO Rush Set Tonight

Alpha Phi Omega, National Service Fraternity, will begin its Fall rush tonight at 7 p.m. in Di-Phi Hall, third floor New West.

Coats and ties are required.

Other meetings will be Monday and Tuesday nights at 7:30 in the T.V. room of Graham Memorial.

APO carries on many campus-wide projects each year. The Campus Tour service, ushering at Concerts and Playmaker productions, and operating a Book Exchange between semesters are a few of these.

Raising money for charity is another prime interest.

The upcoming Ugliest Man On Campus contest will provide funds for the medical ship Hope.

All men who feel that they would like an opportunity to serve UNC and have had previous experience in scouting are urged to come to this first meeting.

## Faculty Art Show Still At Ackland

By DONA FAGG

"Faculty Artists U.S.A.," an American Federation of Artists collection now on exhibit in Ackland Art Center is the first of twelve exhibits planned for this year. This exhibit will remain three more days.

Joseph Curtis Sloane, professor of art and director of the art center, commented that the present selections "indicate that the personal styles of these faculty artists are the same as those of the present art world as a whole." He pointed out that the wide range of styles were representative of the trends and were widely divergent—from the sweeping strokes of the action painting to the finer lines of abstract realism.

The temporary collections are booked as packages from the American Federation of Artists, the Smithsonian Institute and the Museum of Modern Art. From time to time the art center borrows col-

lections from private sources. Two such exhibits are planned for the year.

Ackland Art Center, dedicated September 1958, houses a growing permanent collection. Dr. Sloane hesitantly estimated the worth of the present permanent collection to be \$350,000. The most famous of the paintings in the center owns is Delacroix's "Cleopatra." The painting has been on loan to the Masterpiece Exhibition at the Seattle World's Fair.

Dr. Sloane is quick to emphasize that the permanent collection is not just a campus showplace but that its main function is to provide examples for teaching purposes. He feels that there is a certain value gained by actually touching a piece of sculpture or seeing the actual painting that would be lost with the showing of slides.

Though the galleries are primarily used for instruction purposes, there were over 14,000 visitors last year, not including the art students or the classes of visiting school children.

There are definite plans for expansion of the collection, Dr. Sloane reports. New acquisitions will be shown for the first time in December. At that time a brochure describing the permanent collection will also be made available.

Demonstrating that the art center is not a stuffy museum is on-the-move spirit of the art students themselves. Duane Lowder, UNC graduate student, has a one-man show that opened recently in New York. Another of the prize products of the department is Bob Shannon, recent graduate and now an instructor at Duke University. Shannon is the artist that left his mark on campus as painter of the Ehringhaus murals.

Besides maintaining the galleries and offering instruction the department plans another service to the university. Student art work is going to be made available on loan to decorate other department offices in the university.

Another of the department-sponsored activities is the Wednesday evening sketch class. Dr. Sloane stressed that the non-credit class is open to all interested persons and that no previous training in art is necessary.

## Vote Registration Booth Set Up Here

A Voter Registration Booth will be open on campus Friday for the purpose of encouraging UNC students to take an active part in state politics.

The booths will be open on many other North Carolina college and university campuses in a concerted drive to encourage active participation by the students in the political life of the communities and the state.

Sponsored by the National Federation of College Young Democrats, the booths will distribute voter and registration information from all the states and take applications for absentee ballots.

In addition, mailing lists will be compiled of the students by congressional districts.

Fred Ricci of Raleigh, North Carolina Campaign Chairman for the FCYD, announced that the following colleges and universities will take part in the registration drive on Friday:

Other colleges having booths include Duke, North Carolina State College, Wake Forest, Louisburg College, East Carolina, Western Carolina, Asheville-Biltmore, Mars Hill, Queens, Pfeiffer, Davidson, Appalachian, Catawba, Gaston Tech, Mitchell, and Woman's College.

Ricci emphasized that other colleges and universities interested in sponsoring similar registration booths could do so by contacting him through State Democratic Headquarters in Raleigh.

## US Dogs, 'Copters Join Vietnamese

SAIGON (UPI) — American-trained hunter dogs and heavily-armed U. S. helicopters joined the South Vietnamese government's massive "Morning Star" operation against Communist guerrillas on a broad arc around Saigon Wednesday.

But there were few reports of enemy casualties and military observers said the elusive Viet Cong guerrillas were hiding out by day and moving only at night to evade 6,000 government troops.

Since the huge anti-Communist operation began last Thursday only 37 Communist guerrillas have been killed and 9 captured. The government has reported 13 of its soldiers wounded. There was no word on how many Viet Cong were killed by fire from the American helicopters.

The air strikes have taken several American lives. The latest came when a U. S. Air Force observation plane was shot down Tuesday with the loss of three lives. A fighter bomber flying over the charred wreckage also was shot down but the pilot escaped with injuries.

The three fatalities brought to 45 the number of deaths of Amer-

ican servicemen in South Viet Nam this month. The figure includes those killed in combat and in accidents, and those who died of natural causes.

### LONG ISSUES WARNING

The sale of chain letters on campus is prohibited by University regulations according to Dean of Men William Long.

According to Long, the letters are being circulated through both dormitories and fraternities. He also said that it is a common occurrence which comes up almost every year.

"I want to see this stopped before it gets going," said Long. "A lot of people will lose money on this if it's not stopped right away, and I want students to know that it is definitely against university regulations."

After speaking to an attorney in Chapel Hill, Long said yesterday that it is probably not against the law to sell the letters unless they are sent through the mails.

**RADIO CLUB**  
Amateur Radio Club will hold meeting today at 7:30 p.m. at the Radio Shack in Caldwell Y.