

Graham Says Speaker Ban Works Against Americanism

Former University President Frank Porter Graham told an audience in Manteo Friday that the speaker ban law is against Americanism.

The open forum "is the American way," the United Nations mediator said at the opening of the current season of the outdoor drama "The Lost Colony."

Graham said the issue was not one of communism versus Americanism but rather one of the gag law against Americanism.

"The issue is the right of a responsible faculty and student committee to invite speakers to open forums for hearing all points of view, all subject to cross examination and reply. Such open forums are a part of the educational process for equipping students for understanding our own democracy and for informed grappling with the problems of the present age."

Graham said the gag law expresses a lack of faith in the ruggedness of our democracy.

"As in the past, when basic liberties and far-visioned state undertakings were in issue, so again there will be a movement of the people, rolling on in gathering power from the mountains to the sea, to redeem and refurbish North Carolina's great name and bring to an end this misrepresenta-

tive reaction against our American heritage."

Girls Hit Gag

The speaker ban law made other headlines last week. The Tar Heel Girls State, meeting in Greensboro, called for repeal of the law.

Before the vote, Rep. Charles W. Phillips of Guilford told the group to "keep in mind that it is a controversial thing, have unanimous action."

A small group voted in opposition to the resolution condemning the law.

Teachers Gather For NSF Institute

The ninth consecutive National Science Foundation Summer Institute for high school teachers of science and mathematics is now underway on campus.

Some 100 teachers from 17 states and Italy are participating in the program which runs through the first summer session.

An NSF grant provides financial allowances for the teachers.

Each member usually takes two courses. Work done at the institute may be applied toward a master's degree.

(Continued from Page 1) were selected because they are "outstanding citizens of North Carolina and because they have shown attention to the welfare of North Carolina, and who will continue to show that attention."

Moore said he did not determine his selections by political alignment. Myers supported Richardson Preyer during last year's gubernatorial primaries. Hanes was also a Preyer supporter.

Moore said he was unaware of the attitudes of his appointees toward the speaker ban.

The commission was created by the General Assembly at a late hour of the recent session. Moore requested that legislators set up the study group during the raging gag law controversy this spring.

The request came soon after the Southern Association of Schools and Colleges notified Moore that the law threatened accreditation of state-supported schools.

The association had told the University earlier that the law endangered accreditation because it restricted "academic freedom."

The law, passed by the 1963 General Assembly, prohibits Communists and Fifth Amendment pleaders from speaking on state-supported campuses.

The commission is charged with making a "careful, full and detailed study" of the speaker ban law. It will report its findings to the Governor.

The resolution creating the commission instructed it to inquire into the law "with respect particularly to the enforcement of the statutes; the relationship, if any, between these statutes and the accreditation of state-supported institutions by accreditation organizations and associations; the effect on the relationship of these institutions with other institutions of higher learning; and the impact of the statutes as to the status, administration, reputation, functioning and future development of state-supported institutions."

Some observers have specu-

lated that the commission will attempt to arrive at a compromise on the ban. This was sparked by an address delivered to members of Boy's State by Taylor.

The House Speaker said the debate over the law cannot be allowed to continue, and a compromise must be effected.

Moore has said the commission should confer with "people in all walks of life, includ-

ing members of the General Assembly, trustees of the University and other colleges, with presidents and faculties of these institutions, with officials of the Southern Association" and others.

The commission is expected to hold public hearings.

Britt said yesterday that the commission will hold sessions in the Legislative Building in Raleigh.

Panel Members

Who Are They?

The blue-ribbon speaker ban study commission is composed of five lawyers, one newswoman, one minister and two industrialists.

This is briefly who they are. **DAVID BRITT** — Britt, named by Gov. Dan K. Moore to head the commission, is a member of the House and will probably be speaker of that body in the next session. The Fairmont lawyer is considered a potential candidate for governor in 1968. He has had tough assignments before, such as helping the administration push the court reform bill through the General Assembly last spring. Britt was a supporter of Moore in the 1964 gubernatorial race. He also worked for Clifton Blue, unsuccessful candidate for lieutenant governor.

GORDON HANES — The Forsyth County Senator is the owner of Hanes Hosiery Mills. He worked closely with Moore during the 1963 legislative session to provide a solution to the wildlife program.

RUSSELL KIRBY — Kirby, a Senator, is a lawyer from Wilson County.

LACY THORNBURG — The Sylva lawyer represented Jackson County in the House. He was considered one of the leaders of the bloc of Democrats from Western North Carolina.

A. A. ZOLICOFFER — The Representative from Henderson was chairman of the House Appropriations Committee during the last session. Zollicoffer, a lawyer, is a close friend and former college roommate of Speaker Pat Taylor. Zollicoffer worked last spring with Sen. Tom White of Lenoir to pass a bill to give the Advisory Budget Commission control over any money going to state agencies from out-of-state sources. The measure was passed, but in a watered-down version which requires agencies only to notify the commission of money received

from sources outside the state.

COL. W. T. JOYNER — The Raleigh corporation lawyer is one of the most respected members of the Wake County bar. Joyner wrote the legal language of the Pearsall committee plan for North Carolina school desegregation after the Supreme Court's 1954 decision. He served briefly as chairman of the State Highway Commission under former Gov. Luther Hodges.

CHARLES MYERS — The Greensboro civic and industrial leader is president of Burlington Industries Inc. He was a supporter of Greensboro's Richardson Preyer during last year's gubernatorial primaries. Myers was out of the country on a business trip during most of the gag law debate this spring. He has taken no position on the speaker ban.

REV. BEN C. FISHER — Fisher, from Wake Forest, is chairman of the Baptist State Convention's Commission on Higher Education.

MRS. ELIZABETH SWINDELL — The Wilson Daily Times editor and publisher is the immediate past president of the North Carolina Press Association. She is the only woman ever elected to that position.

Foreign Policy

A student-sponsored discussion of United States policy in Asia will be held next Thursday afternoon on the lawn in front of Alumni Building.

The discussion will be open to the public. Plans call for several members of the Department of Political Science to participate.

Dr. Lewis Lipsitz, Dr. George Yu and Norman Gustavson have indicated that they will participate in the meeting.

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