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Getting Tired Of It All?

How strange it is. Everybody knows America is the freest country in the world — the guardian of liberty. And North Carolina, at least until recently, has been calling itself the most progressive state in the South — a place where the rights of any man are respected.

Then why is this University today in the position of defending itself against restrictions of its freedom? The paradox of the situation makes it even more frustrating, and harder to understand.

The UNC board of trustees will meet tomorrow. It will pass regulations governing invitations to and appearances of speakers on the campuses of state-supported schools.

Why? Ask a trustee. The answer is easy: The law says the board must adopt such regulations.

The UNC administration will suggest that those rules give the final say-so about speakers to administrators but it is more than possible that the trustees will require further, more stringent restrictions.

Hopefully, they will. The more restrictive the better because the trustees, the governor and the state legislators may be assured the students of the University will take this mockery of common sense to the courts. The tighter the restrictions, the more apparent their illegality becomes, and the stronger our case is.

For more than two and a half years the University has been trying to reason with unreasonable men.

The court is the most important safeguard of freedom in this country. It has been used before when reasoning with unreasonable men failed and it should be used now that all else has not succeeded.

There can never be an understanding between those who support the speaker ban, in any form, and those who despise it.

We cannot convert the friends of the ban and we must not let them convert us.

Are you tired of the whole mess? Sick of the controversy? Not quite as dedicated to opposing the ban as you were six months or six weeks or even six days ago?

The "friends" of the University — those who want to take care of us because they think we are not fit to take care of ourselves — will be glad to hear it.

We cannot falter now if we expect to survive as a first-rate institution of higher learning. If we have any integrity, we cannot accept these regulations.

We must stop for a moment in the midst of all this confusion and hopeless frustration to make sure we know where we are and where we are going.

We are in hell — a hell created by political interference with the University. Barring miracles, we are going to court.

A Real Winner

The DTH Award of the Week, all categories, goes to the following letter which appeared in the Raleigh News and Observer Friday morning:

To the Editor: Regarding Sen. Robert Morgan's address to the Association of University Professors, I say, "More power to him."

So glad there is one who isn't a "Red." Such a pity there aren't more legislators of his caliber. He knows, as does any sensible person, that any Communist is more dangerous than a pack of wolves or rabid dogs, and should be treated as such.

G. E. LEWELLYN

New Bern.

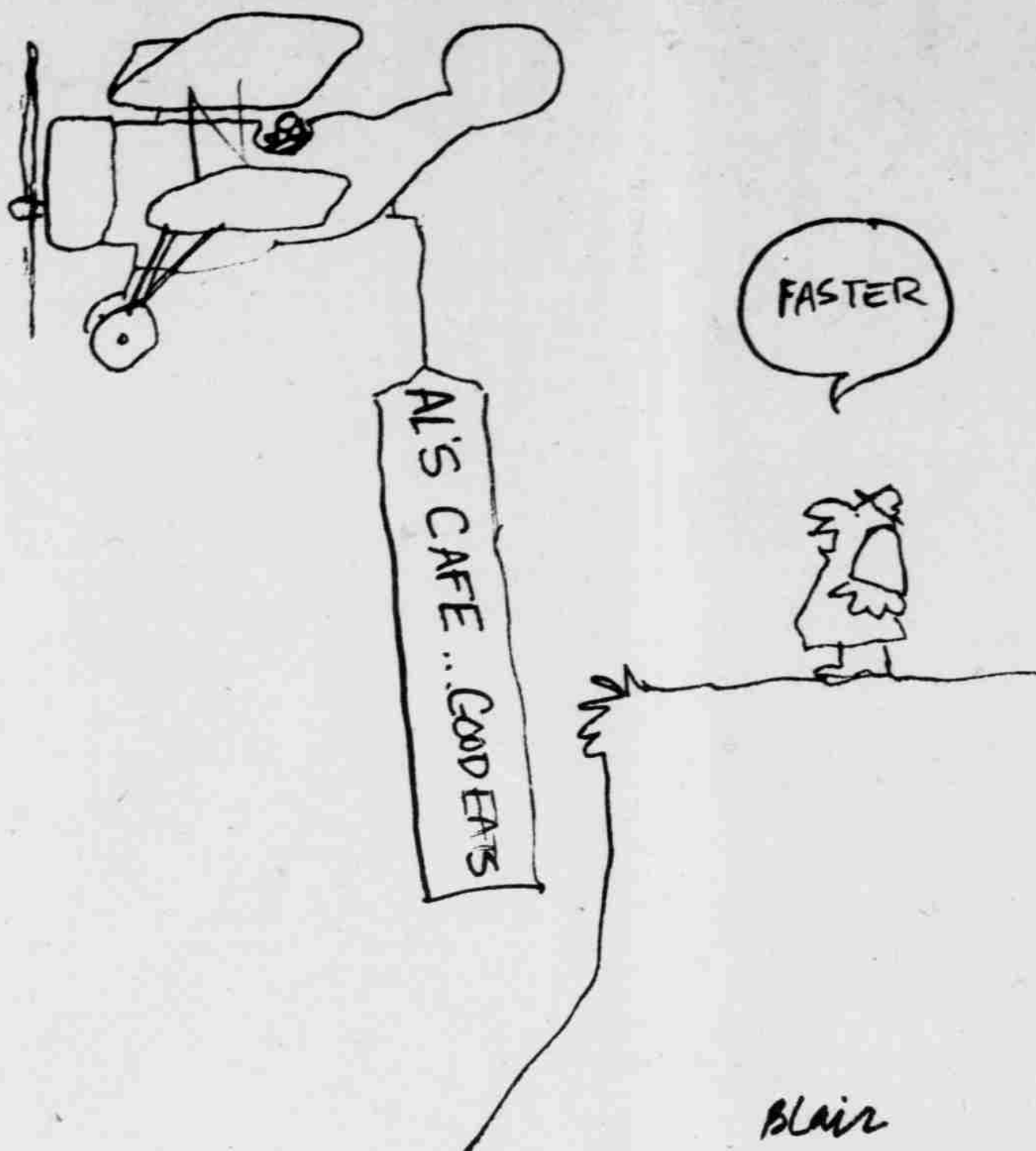
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David Rothman

Would Smoking Help Grades?

Officials at a Louisville, Ky., preparatory school recently began letting seniors smoke on campus—supposedly because this will put the smokers at ease, so they can perhaps get better grades.

I recently visited one school whose principal has similar feelings about smoking and marks. Well, maybe not. But, anyway, here's how things have turned out:

After the new smoking rules went into effect, many students complained of their severity. "It's unfair," they told the principal. "Cigarette smoking may improve our grades, but it's absolutely cruel to make us smoke 20 packs a day."

"I'm sorry," the principal replied. "The school's academic rating has declined, regardless of what everybody says about 'smoking more but enjoying it less.'"

Determined to get his point across, the principal threw the nonsmokers into detention hall.

And if the trouble-makers remained stubborn they were expelled from school until they caught up on their back assignments by studying enough to earn Raleigh coupons.

The students, tired of this treatment, held a free speech rally at which they read copies of the Surgeon General's report.

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cause they didn't know how to hold a cigarette properly.

The dishonest ones hung around the smokers' lounge, unscrupulously collecting others' odors.

The careless ones forgot to bring their lighters with them to school every day.

The poorer ones received matches from the Federal government under the anti-poverty program.

The nonconformists smoked pipes. The incorrigibles chewed tobacco.

Romantically inclined students collaborated with each other on their homework by borrowing lighters from their lovers' cigarettes.

Students began their day by pledging allegiance to the American Tobacco Company.

In civics classes, they learned how to be good citizens by listening to Lucky Strike commercials.

And the English teachers taught them good grammar by using such sentences as: "Winston tastes good like a cigarette should."

Of course, not everybody approved of the school's methods of instruction. The P.T.A., for instance, was almost subverted by the Health Department.

But school officials clung to their beliefs, saying, "We'd rather fight than switch."

Despite his enthusiasm for smoking, however, the principal couldn't improve his students' showing on national exams.

There was just too much competition from states like Virginia and North Carolina.

Trustees Don't Deserve Harassment By Students

By WILLIAM OTIS

Opposition to the trustee decision to bar Herbert Aptheker has grown so wide that important distinctions among its various strains have blurred. The specific student complaints have begun by virtue of their sheer mass to shroud one another in benevolent obscurity. I suspect that a little analysis of the hodge-podge of vituperation currently being hurled against the trustees will show that its range of actual merit is rather limited—from the inconsistent to the absurd.

Student complaint number one is the plaintive whine that the trustees (or the Governor or the Legislature, etc.) "don't trust us." This complaint is usually followed by some indignant assertion that they should, because we're not really a Red nest, festering sore, etc., at all.

Granted. But we need demonstrate far more than that there is no blood on the Old Well, and that Communists indeed do not lurk behind every Chapel Hill shrub, in order to earn their trust. This demonstration we have not made. To the contrary, we have invited their distrust.

How so? Paul Dickson admits that he, in consultation with the other Consolidated University student body presidents, last year planned invitations to two Communist speakers. He took this action independent of the knowledge or consent of the administration and in direct defiance of state law. Do we expect this under-the-table conspiracy to warrant trust, particularly the trust of those against whom it was in part directed?

Five months ago one of the catchphrases on this campus was "trustee-control." Our student representatives before the General Assembly were emphatic in arguing that regulation of University speaking policy should reside with the Board of Trustees. So the Speaker Ban amendment passed, and trustee-control became a reality. Now we demand that speaker policy be wrenched from the trustees and parcelled out like so many fried fish among 'certified campus organizations.'

Indeed, not even the chancellor is to be notified of speaker invitations! One can only conclude that either the student body knowingly and deliberately misrepresented its position to the state legislature in order to bring about alternation of what it considered an undesirable law, or that the students urged trustee-control all the while with the idea in mind, but never revealed to the legislature, that this control would not be used and would thus dwindle to functional non-existence. Each of these positions is intellectually dishonest and deceitful. Is this how we expect to merit trust?

In spite of such dubious behavior, I am convinced that the student body should have the confidence of the trustees, and that it indeed does. I agree that Aptheker's appearance on campus would convert not a single student to communism; as a matter of fact, I think any contrary contention is laughable — but not for the usual reason

given: that the students' critical reflection and incisive analysis would fetter out the yawning, gaping flaws in Marxist philosophy. Nonsense. The reasons Aptheker would find no converts are:

1) The massive, block-busting indifference with which students greet almost all political topics, amply demonstrated by the pitiable attendance political speakers usually draw here;

2) The "complete and total opposition to the Communist Party and all that it embodies" that is so strongly a part of almost all students' latent political attitudes; and

3) The fact that Aptheker is one of the most boring and pedantic speakers to be found anywhere, a real remedy for insomniacs.

Another strain of thought holds that we need not concern ourselves with the confidence of the trustees. After all, ours is the monopoly on Righteous Indignation; they are the transgressors on our Freedoms. They should be summoned before us to account for their wrongdoing as best they can.

Such is the essence of the "invitation" issued to Governor Moore and the trustee executive committee. It is obviously tailored to embarrass (if not insult) the administration, disclaimers to the contrary notwithstanding. I dismiss it with only the comment that it is an incredible display of pompous arrogance.

The second sort of complaint against the trustee decision is that it debases "the nature of a university." A most appealing argument, but on which rests on one small but very slippery word: "a." Are we talking about the nature of this university, or of private universities? Or of the Great Ideal University unencumbered by the sometimes heavy burdens of the real world?

Clearly we must restrict our consideration to the nature of a state-owned university, despite alluring temptations to do otherwise. The nature of the state-owned university is such that it is subject to the regulation of the state. Moreover, a responsible state has the right, nay, the obligation, to supervise those institutions for which it appropriates its revenue.

Aptheker's appearance, we are told, would do much for the intellectual climate here. For one thing, it would assert his freedom of speech and our own freedom of inquiry. I attempted to show in last Thursday's paper that these arguments fail to stand up to criticisms. I shall now consider two other reasons give in, favor of his proposed address: One, that it will be of educational value, and, two, that it would create the opportunity for students to rip him to "verbal shreds" with their penetrating questions.

First, not even the most exceptional mind could absorb more educational value from Aptheker's one or two hour lecture than from reading his 23 books available in Louis Round Wilson Library. Furthermore, I doubt that the dogmatic adherence to Communist theory and the pedantic approach which so permeate Aptheker's argumentation leave much of educational value in either his lectures or books in any quantity.

The second contention hardly constitutes a legitimate reason for inviting Aptheker. If we have invited him to provide us "with something to unite against . . . something that we can advance upon and strike down," in the words of one trustee critic, then we belie the argument we just finished making; that is, we cannot possibly absorb what educational value Aptheker might offer if our primary interest lies in spring upon him like an intellectual Attila the Hun.

More than this, to invite any speaker to the campus simply to use his viewpoint, no matter how unpopular, as a whipping boy for our preconceived ideas, is intellectually shabby and just a little short of malicious.

One extreme form of opposition to the trustee decision maintains that the trustees actually do not have the authority to forbid



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for the educational benefit to be had from his lecture (and precious little that would be anyway, for the reasons mentioned above). The invitation was issued as a calculated effort to intimidate the trustees and challenge their authority. Its design was to create turmoil and dissension within the University and without. The only response the trustees could reasonably make was the one they made.

LETTERS

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Barry Jacobs

Demo.-Labor Alliance Show

The alliance between organized labor and the Democratic party, a political constant since New Deal days, has become seriously strained in the past few months. A formal break may come over wage increases and minimums.

When Franklin D. Roosevelt's administration passed the Wagner Act in 1937 and put labor on an equal footing with management in disputes over working conditions, the power of labor became firmly attached to the Democratic cause. The traditional alliance of big business and the Republican party was offset by the labor-Democratic tieup.



The economic and political power of the workingmen were secured with support of the Democrats. Through the years that power has grown, and now organized labor apparently feels strong enough to take on even the mighty Johnson Administration. Several incidents have contributed to the deterioration in the good feelings that existed between Johnson and the labor bosses. In the first place, labor has never agreed to the President's anti-inflation guideline which declared 3.2 per cent as the maximum non-inflationary annual wage boost. AFL-CIO President George Meany reiterated labor's position Monday: labor will agree to limits on pay raises only if Johnson imposes ceilings on price and profit increases, too.

The transit strike in New York didn't improve relations between the Administration and the labor leaders. Both Johnson and Gardner Ackley, one of his top economic advisers, branded the settlement as inflationary.

Labor's call for a minimum hourly wage of \$2-a 60 per cent hike—has received a cold reception from the White House. A battle over raising the minimum standard may well be in the offing. It will be interesting to see what position the President takes. An increase is probable, but the size of the boost is the question.

But the most important cause of the rift

between Johnson and labor is the failure of the President to redeem his campaign pledge to repeal Section 14(b) of the Taft-Hartley Law. This section—now the most famous in the law—allows states to ban the union shop. Nineteen states have exercised this option. Big labor considers this provision to be a serious hindrance in its drive for power to use in the constant fight with management for higher wages and shorter hours.

In battling for repeal, however, labor lost a large portion of its most valuable ally—the people. Americans love the underdog; and as long as labor seemed to be the underdog in the battle with management, public sympathy was largely with the unions. In clamoring for the repeal of 14(b), however, big labor was never able to completely refute the charge that it was merely seeking power, at the expense of the ordinary working man.

The public was not behind the unions, and the fight to break Senate filibuster never had a chance. Meany and the other labor leaders, however, blamed Johnson and Senate Majority Leader Mike Mansfield for not doing more to secure passage of the repeal. The President reaped the political advantages of making the promise to abolish 14(b); now he must take the consequences of failing to keep it.

Who is holding the better cards in this struggle between Meany and Johnson? The union leader is talking loudly, but the President appears to have the ace in the hole. Labor has no place to go if it leaves the Democratic fold. The hypocrisy of suddenly jumping into the Republican camp would surely alienate much of labor's rank and file as well as a large part of public opinion. Moreover, the GOP is still the party of big business and the party that nominated Barry Goldwater.

One other alternative remains, of course. Labor could form a separate party. The chances of success, though, are virtually nil; and it's doubtful if the labor leaders are seriously considering such a course. Their blustering is probably little more than an attempt to get more concessions from Johnson. For the time being, at least, the tall Texan is still hard to beat.