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Garrison Vs. Carson: The State Of The Ship

Remember the second Liston-Paterson title fight? Poor little Floyd hit the deck in the first round of the first fight, and had come back for more punishment from the Bear a year later.

Remember how practically everyone wanted to see Patterson avenge himself? But again Liston prevailed, and again in the first round. Though few were honestly surprised, most felt justice had not been done.

Wednesday night another title fight was fought and justice has finally been done.

The televised bout was held rather late, to a rather limited audience, but the results were still fairly conclusive.

The crowned "Prince" of mass media went down in the 11:30 round before a modern Man Without a Country.

Johnny Carson, who at 42-years-old remains a assumed the Socratic dialectic and lost a brilliantly one-sided battle with New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison.

When the smoke cleared and the blood was clotting, it was clear to everyone, including the usually foppish studio audience, that the decision would be carried home by Garrison.

Now, there were two significant details which grew out of the great debate. The first concerned the personality Carson, who has set himself up as the demigod of the late night T.V. world, is in a position where he cannot afford to drop the ball. It is paramount that the public believe in the infallibility of the Carson wit.

Until Wednesday night Johnny was undisputedly the "Prince" and he appeared to really enjoy his little digs at the succession of wierdie band leaders he has had and the stooge-turned-numero-two, Ed McMahon.

The High Cost Of High Costs To Education

From The Raleigh Times

The action of the University at Chapel Hill in raising dormitory room rents for next year is understandable but regrettable. The legislature raised salaries of those who operate and maintain the dorms, but didn't raise appropriations to pay them, and that means the additional money must come from the parents of students living in the dormitories.

Education at Chapel Hill still will be the biggest bargain in North Carolina, even with the higher room rents. For what they pay, the students get a wonderful education, and the costs are still very low when compared with charges at comparable private universities across the nation.

Unfortunately, many students at Chapel Hill are there on real financial shoestrings. Additional costs, even relatively slight ones, could well break some of those shoestrings, and needy students would have to drop out of school. For that reason, it is vital that costs at State-supported institutions be kept to the very lowest possible level.

Higher education is expensive. It does take a large share of the State's budget. But, nothing is more important to the future of all North Carolina than a fine system of higher education at the lowest possible set of fees to the students.



District Attorney Garrison ... won't let U.S. forget

But Johnny, who has been described as the "only male burlesque artist on television" finally lost a Pasty.

THE OTHER POINT which sticks out—and the more important one—is the fact that Jim Garrison has challenged the United States government.

Garrison claims that President Kennedy was shot by the CIA. He discredits the Warren Report as a "fairy tale" expect for the portion alleging that Ruby shot Oswald.

And Garrison made some pretty good points Wednesday night.

Granted, it seemed as if it was child's play to outmaneuver the provincial political thinking of Carson, but anyone who watched the show realizes that Garrison really pulled no punches and at the same time leveled many thought-provoking charges.

He was also legally limited as to what he could say—and smart enough to say only what he should say.

If Garrison ever is able to get in case to trial, and there is some doubt that this will happen, there should be a bag-full of goodies unlike anything mother ever used to bake.

SUPPOSED HE IS wrong? If so, why has a man in such an eminent position chosen to jeopardize his career by accusing the U. S. government of committing, and then covering up, a political assassination?

It would seem that both the FBI and CIA would see little humor in the nature of such accusations, and would treat men accordingly it would further seem that a distinguished attorney such as Garrison would have enough horse sense to pick on someone his own size, or would at least be sure he had enough ammunition to fight the government smear campaign which ensued.

But supposed he is right. This might indicate that the refusal by the Johnson Administration to reveal certain documents to the public might be more than respect for the dead.

And by what right can facts of so public a person's murder be held so privately, for the eyes only of the Kennedy family? And why until the year 2039, the earliest time at which the facts will be released?

Why were the coroner's autopsy notes burned?

These are questions which neither the official silence of the Administration, nor the late night sophistry of Johnny Carson have been able to erase from the American conscience.

And they probably never will—as long as Jim Garrison stays around, anyway.

Bill Amlong

'Everything's Gonna Be On Fire'

Chester, whose understanding of world economics comes mainly from being at the bottom of it, was analysing the world situation.

"Men," he said, "you just can't fight three wars. You can't fight one war in Viet Nam, another one in Korea and a racial war at home, too."

That was Chester's summary — plain, simple, straight-forward and cynical, which is also pretty much like Chester is in general since he has never had the money necessary to acquire sophistication, subtlety and optimism.

It was after midnight when Chester was talking, and he maybe wasn't at his best as a political economist since he was beginning to get very tired from having worked that day's share of his 100-hour

week. But Chester knows enough about his kind of economics that it really doesn't matter that he was tired, because there are some things you just don't forget—even when you are very tired.

And Chester, who wears green coveralls during his impromptu lectures on economics, unlike most of the political scientists and economists in this town, who are always impeccable in their cats and tie — does not forget late at night about the meals he has made of 19-cent neck bone stew, or about the times he has gotten evil drunk off a bottle of very cheap whisky.

He does not forget these things, even when he is very worn down by his 100-hour work week, because being poor is something that one always remembers.

Chester is no home-grown poor boy, either. He has been around and studied poverty, first hand, by being poor in both Chicago and New York City, as well as in Chapel Hill.

"My brother, he still lives in New York," Chester was saying, "and he's always calling down here, telling what it like up there. Man, those folks up there are in bad shape.

"That's why you have them riots up there, because those folks are so poor," Chester said.

The folks up in New York City wouldn't be so poor — and there wouldn't be so many riots, — Chester said, if the government would start spending money there instead of in Viet Nam.

"Why should we be spending money

over there — the money you and I pay in for taxes — when there so many poor folks right here? And why should we be fighting a war over there when those people won't even fight it themselves?"

Those are the questions which Chester thinks are central to the whole of the United States' involvement in Southeast Asia. They, like Chester and the rest of his thinking, are simple, plain, straightforward and cynical.

Chester thinks he has the answers, too:

"That whole thing over there is spending your money and my money so a few people up in Washington can get rich."

Plain, simple, straightforward and cynical. "This whole country's being run just for the benefit of a few people," Chester said.

Then somebody said something about how Chester was right, and that there's a big computer up in Washington that has all the information about almost everything in the world and is supposed to help the leaders make decisions, but that only about 20 persons are allowed anywhere near the computer, and that is what is wrong with this country, that nobody below Cabinet level knows what is going on.

Chester said he didn't know anything about any computer, but he did know that some people up in Washington were getting rich off all the poor people paying for the war, and fighting the war, and not getting anything out of it.

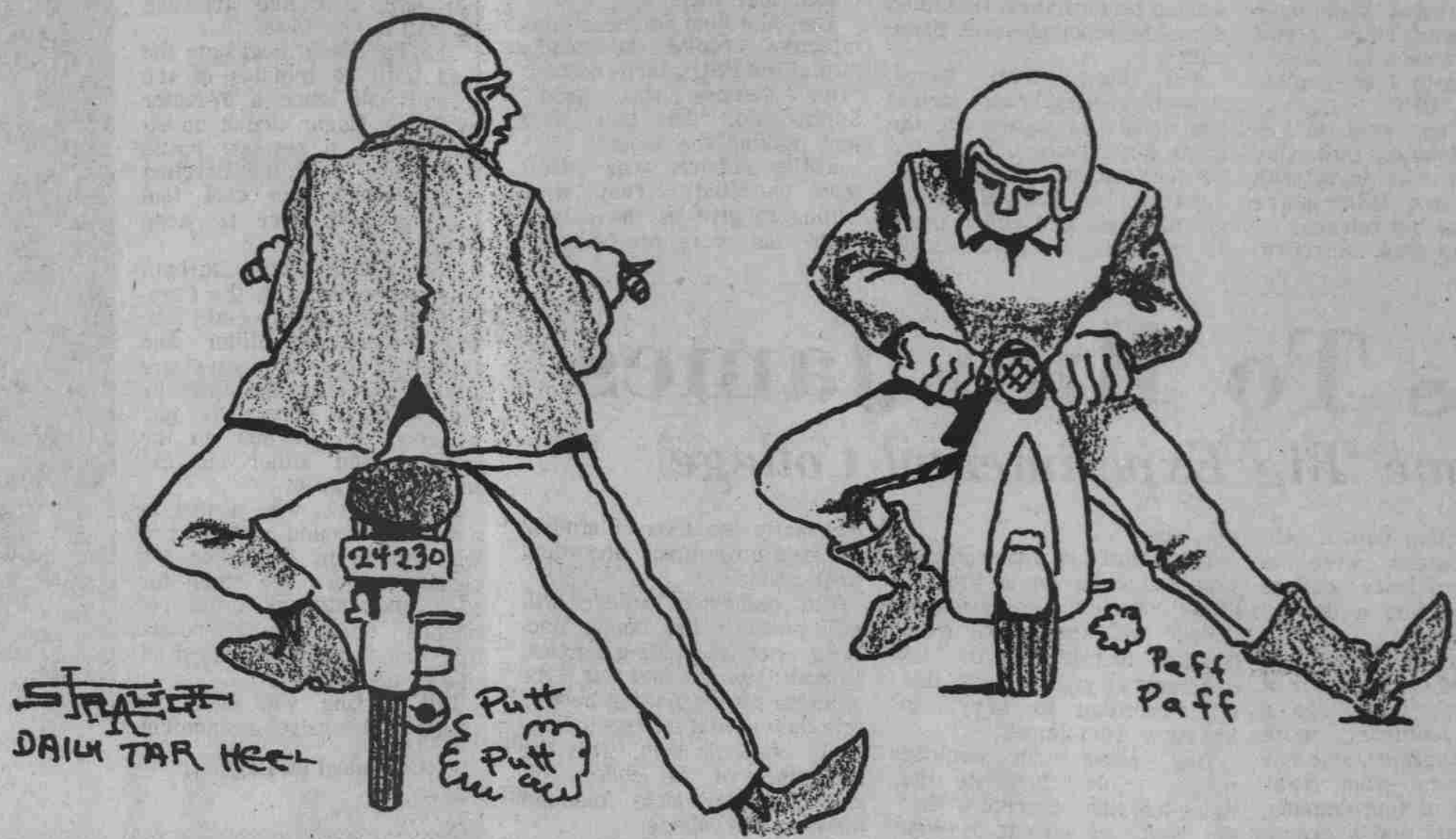
"But if things don't get better," Chester said, "then everything's gonna go. The whole sky will be on fire. Your house will be on fire, my house will be on fire, my little girl's house will be on fire. The whole country's gonna be on fire."

"We're going to have three wars," he said. "We're going to have those two wars over there, then we're going to have one over here, and everything's gonna be on fire." Chester looked up at one of the white guys he'd been talking to.

"I may even get a gun and shoot you then," he said, "because I'm not sure I can trust you."

"Oh," the white guy said, "I don't think it's coming to that."

"Yeah it is," Chester said, "if something don't happen it is. Everything's gonna be on fire."



Letters To The Editor

Palestine Refugees Wronged

To The Editor:

As a British graduate student who has lived in the Middle East for over four years, I must comment on recent letters which have appeared on this matter. I am not anti-Jewish, nor do I wish to drive anyone into the sea; I too would like to see the parties concerned solve their problems round the conference table. But because the Palestine refugees have been grievously wronged by the Western Powers, by the U.N., and above all by Israel, I am anti-Zionist. The Palestinians were largely peaceful landowners and farmers, craftsmen and tradesmen, who lived on excellent terms with their Jewish neighbors before the mass immigrations of the 1940s (evidence taped by writer with Palestinian students at Beirut, 1964).

I assert that the legend of the Palestine refugees leaving their homes on orders from the Arab League in 1948 is false. The British writer Erskine Childers wrote that while in Israel in 1958, he asked for, and was promised, documentary evidence of this tall story. He is still waiting. He wrote: "I next decided to test the undocumented charge that the Arab evacuation orders were broadcast by Arab radio, which could be done thoroughly, because the BBC monitored all Middle Eastern broadcasts throughout 1948. The records can be seen at the British Museum. There was not a single order or appeal or suggestion about evacuation from Palestine from any Arab radio station in 1948." (Spectator, May 12, 1961). Arab broadcasts in fact appealed to Arabs to remain in their homes.

No; the Palestinians fled for one reason and one reason alone; they fled for fear of their lives. Dier Yassin was no mere reprisal raid; it was the planned slaughter of a community, done to terrorize other Arab communities into fleeing. (The Nazis were the first to apply these techniques in modern war). The planner was Menachem Begin, leader of the Zionist terrorist army, the Irgun. He has described how tales of his massacre of women and children in Dier Yassin caused the exodus of 635,000 Arabs out of Palestine (Menachem Begin, "The Revolt", p 614). There were responsible Jews in Israel who condemned him, but he was elected to the Knesset, and his deeds were thus officially honored.

General Glubb has recorded that "...the majority of the refugees left in panic flight, to escape massacre... others were encouraged to move by blows or by indecent acts" ("A Soldier with the Arabs", p 251). In most cases the good relations between Arab and Jew in the town of Palestine were destroyed by Zionist outsiders (tape recording, of above). An original settler,

and a Jewish pioneer in Palestine, Nathan Chofshi wrote in the Jewish Newsletter (Feb. 9, 1959), "We old Jewish settlers in Palestine who witnessed the fight could tell how we, Jews, forced the Arabs to leave cities and villages. . . . In stead of being deeply ashamed of what we did, and of trying to undo some of the evil we committed by helping these unfortunate refugees, we justify our terrible acts and even attempt to glorify them".

If anyone criticises me for harping on the past, I emphasize that the above events constitute the heart of present ill-feeling. What had they done to deserve losing their homes? Nothing. And why should they not have free exercise of the choice to return? News accounts during the recent war failed to focus on this issue. Big bad Egypt, too poor to absorb so many, was blamed for keeping the refugees bottled up in Gaza, rather than Israel, who drove them out in the first place, and has refused annual U.N. resolutions calling on her to allow them to return home.

A second myth is that of the humanitarian Israel. All Arabs in Israel have second-class citizenship, and are not proportionately represented in the Knesset. They can have, and have had their lands confiscated, even if they leave them temporarily, say for refuge during fighting, on the grounds of "absenteeism", and even if they later return to their land. This is one of many uncivilized acts of land seizure in Israel (Land Acquisition Law, 10th March, 1953). The authorities can declare any Arab town to be an "abandoned area", whether the area has been abandoned by its inhabitants or not, and it then becomes State Property (Abandoned Areas Ordinance, 1948). The Israeli writer Moshe Keren described these laws as "wholesale robbery with a legal coating" (Haaretz, Tel-Avia, 14 Jan. 1955).

Many notable Jews have opposed Zionism vehemently, because they resent being told that their political allegiance, as well as their spiritual allegiance is to Zion. Zionists outside Israel have had their duties clearly defined as "neither friendship nor sympathy, but the love of Israel, of the State of Israel. . . . It must be an unconditional love. There must be completed solidarity with the State and the people of Israel" (Ben-Gurion, April 25th, 1950).

Those who opposed this included Dr. Albert Einstein, Yehudi Menuhin, and Alfred E. Lilienthal, whose book "What Price Israel?" describes the blunders of American policy and dishonest lobbying to persuade the nations to partition Palestine. He attacks the political dangers in Zionism, and students of

political science as Sarver would do well to read his book and correct the unbalanced picture of the Middle East given in this country. Sarver should know better than to make sweeping statements without any references. Lilienthal's book has been suppressed in parts of the country, because it has been written by a Jew courageous enough to speak out against Zionism. He has written, "Israel must achieve complete national normalcy by ceasing to be the Jewish and becoming the Israeli state. . . . must solemnly withdraw all claims of fealty of anybody

but its own citizens" ("What Price Israel", p 240).

I would like to see the Palestine refugees return to their homes. To her efficiency, hard work, and success in economic development, Israel would add generosity which would earn the respect of the civilized world. As soon as any indication is made on her part to get this done, I feel sure that we may see a peace conference at last.

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In Defense Of Lipsitz

To The Editor:

I tried to make some sense of George A. Sheets' letter of Jan. 10, but the strains of the "Stars and Stripes Forever" and the blinding flashes of red-white-blue distracted me from accomplishing this. I did manage to glean some errors, however, such as his addressing a member of the faculty as "Mr." when, after all, he is a "Dr." or "Professor," or his misuse of the Latin term "cf." (confer), which does not mean "for example" but, as the dictionary will tell you, "compare" ("e.g." or exempli gratia).

If Professor Lipsitz's ideas were "clumsy and encumbered," Sheets were outdone only by Mr. Walsh (DTH, Jan. 5) by their hyperbole and rambling quality. One example will suffice. He calls Prof. Lipsitz a "disease," then proceed to characterize his dissent as, not the product of "misguided protest" but "overconcession to a sprawling and frightful malcontent." I presume he means by this assuming he meant anything at all, save a release of the "paranoia" of which Richard Hofstadter speaks) that the Federal Government has been too lenient with anti-war demonstrators and the like. Perhaps he has forgotten that the Constitution guarantees certain basic freedoms, including the freedom of expression and the right of peaceable assembly? Some miscellaneous candidate for Congress apparently could afford to review this document.

After expressing his prayerful hope for "healthy conclusion" to the "misery" in Vietnam, he goes on to affirm confidently that the natives of this land (or should I say, these lands?) were "after all, our original concern." Is this a latter-day proclamation of Manifest Destiny, Mr. Sheets? By what god-given right does the U.S. declare itself the big brother of every smaller country in the world?

Wasn't the slogan, "Keep the World Safe for (American-style) Democracy" proved somewhat in error, after 1945? May I say in closing, Mr. Sheets, that should a vacancy turn up in the House Un-American Activities Committee, you would make a most promising candidate. Your definition of that awe-inspiring term, "Americanism," would have a definite appeal for Rep. Joe Pool.

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