

# The Daily Tar Heel

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## Amlong's First Epistle To Those Of Tarheelia

### I

It came to pass in the nation of Tarheelia that it was once again the season for selecting a new ruler, since the old king was withering on his throne with the passing of winter.

And so there came together for that purpose the princes, great and small, of the several tribes of the nation. Some came with noble purpose in their hearts, but others came bearing low and dastardly schemes.

Chief among the princes was one known as Jedd, who had come to Tarheelia from a distant Northern land and had made his abode with the tribe of the Chipseys.

This alien prince had risen to his stature among the Tarheelians, some say, because of his espousing the words of a former great ruler, known as Robert of Power, who was also of the Chipsey tribe and to whom many likened the prince known as Jedd.

Robert had served on the throne recently, but he had also withered with the passing of his winter and had passed on to a land called Princeton to recuperate from the strain of reign.

But Robert was remembered as a great and noble king, and there were many who hoped that the alien prince Jedd would rule in his manner. And these rallied around Jedd and hoisted his banner as theirs, dubbing him their candidate.

### II

NOW THERE were those, however, who opposed Jedd's ascendancy to the throne. Among their number stood the withering king, whose surname was also Robert, but who came from a different tribe entirely than did the Robert after whom Jedd styled himself.

Now this king Robert, as he withered, attempted to choose as his successor one who would perpetuate his style of reigning, rather than that of the elder Robert. As his champion, he chose George of The Three-Piece Suit.

George faltered in a joust with Jedd, however, and was toppled from the hierarchy of the princes. And the withering king and George wept, for power was no longer theirs.

### III

AND THERE were also other princes and lesser ones, too, who came to the gathering carrying much dark hate for Jedd in their hearts. Primarily these dark persons were of the tribes that resided on the periphery of Tarheelia, in the outlands known as Big and Little Fraternity Courts.

One of these princes was known as Larry of Rich, and carried upon his shield the emblem of a great flame, signifying that his words were as fire and that every time he opened his mouth he scorched those to whom he spoke.

Shortly after the banner of Jedd had been hoisted, this Larry of Rich loosed his flames at the chosen prince of the Chipseys, and declared that Jedd should never be king because he was as alien from

the North and espoused doctrines of revolution and turmoil.  
"Pshaw," quoth Prince Jedd in reply.

### IV

THERE WERE others, though, who posed greater threats to the chosen prince than did Larry of Rich. Chief among these was Noel The Done-In, whom Jedd had toppled in an earlier contest for power during the previous spring.

Now this Noel did not seek the throne for himself, as did George of the Three-Piece Suit, for he realized that it was beyond his grasp. He, however, did seek a champion to represent the dissident princes from the Outlands, and found him in the region known as Obscurity.

"Now is the Spring of our discontent transformed into glorious summer by the dawning of this new Day," quoth Noel The Done-In as he extolled the virtues of the champion he had found.

This champion was Kenneth The Meek, who was reluctant to heed the battle cries of the rebellious princes, and was therefore threatened with the epithet of Draft Dodger.

He did allow, though, that he would consider the proposal that he do battle with Jedd, and later make known his decision to the Council of the Outland Princes, known in the vernacular as the University Party.

### V

MEANWHILE, THERE arose on the horizon two other warriors who also announced that they were seeking the throne.

One of these was Strauch The Bruce, who carried in his quiver not arrows, but poison-tipped pens, and who declared that the nation of Tarheelia was in such dire shape that it could be saved only by his ascendancy to the throne, since he was an outsider from the lineage of kings, and as such possessed the seeds for its cure.

The other was Michael of The Holly Bush, whose blossoms carried a vile nectar which many likened to the juice of the hemlock. This Michael also said that Tarheelia was in dire shape, but proposed that it not be reformed—but destroyed.

He asked that he be chosen as the new king, since he was an elder of the nation and would soon be leaving it, thereby abandoning the throne and doing away with the principle of monarchy in the land.

### VI

AND AS THE gray clouds gathered above in the sky, as the phalanx of the monsoon which annually deluges the land of the Tarheelians and makes the red clay muddy, the ground was already growing mushy because of a dung-like substance, known as politics, was beginning to accumulate to the depth of one's knees.

And the entire land was threatened with its becoming so deep that an apocalypse would occur, and both the throne and the people would be covered by it and drown.

# USSR Can't Call Tunes Anymore

By Linda Gwen Davis  
Special to The Daily Tar Heel

The USSR is having a hard time keeping the Soviet bloc in step with the tunes that it calls. Most of the bloc have taken to making up their own tunes.

On Jan. 5, 1968, Czechoslovakia's President Antonin Novotny, considered by far the most durable of East Europe's Communist leaders, was ousted from office by the party Presidium, and replaced by his arch-rival, Dubcek. All this was done despite the extended efforts of First Secretary Brezhnev of the USSR.

There were several main reasons for the Czechoslovakian ouster. The Arab-Israeli conflict was one. Many Czechs wanted to support the Jews but they were forced into an official condemnation of them by Novotny and their Soviet superiors. There was, also, the severe censorship of writers, artists and intellectuals and the cutback on economic reform leading to excessive

equality.

But perhaps the match that set off the blast was Novotny's failure to recognize West Germany. Bonn recently launched Ost Politik—a new courtship of East Europe. Czechoslovakia's people would like to reciprocate this friendliness because it would provide a good market with hard currency to stimulate their lagging economy and provide a good consumer source for Czechoslovakia's farm machinery production.

Rumania had already recognized West Germany and Yugoslavia, Bulgaria, and Hungary had shown eagerness to do the same. What is interesting to note is that Moscow probably would not have interfered if Ulbricht, leader of East Germany, had not pressured Moscow into

doing so. Ulbricht wanted Moscow to support Novotny because East Germany wanted Novotny's support against West Germany, their chief competitor.

Just how much can the USSR count on other Communist countries? China and the USSR are, of course, involved in the Sino-Soviet split and, therefore, China almost always offers direct confrontation. Albania is little willing to listen to Moscow; rather, she follows obediently the lead of Peking.

Cuba is somewhat economically dependent on the USSR, but it has too independent a leader in Castro to be considered within Moscow's ranks. North Vietnam is militarily dependent on the USSR and North Korea is economically dependent on her, but both steer relatively independent courses due to their com-

mand of world attention.

East Germany is largely subject to what Moscow says because it wants a tougher line against West Germany and the best way to do this, it seems, is cooperation with Moscow. This still allows for much pressing by Germans though. Mongolia, the USSR almost completely dominates.

Then there are Poland, Hungary, Bulgaria and Czechoslovakia who will usually vote with the USSR because they are most like it domestically. Rumania is not domestically a reformist regime and, therefore, defies Moscow on many issues. Yugoslavia is considered extremely radical and almost out of the bloc completely. Therefore, there are few who could comprise an effective Communist bloc led by the Soviets.

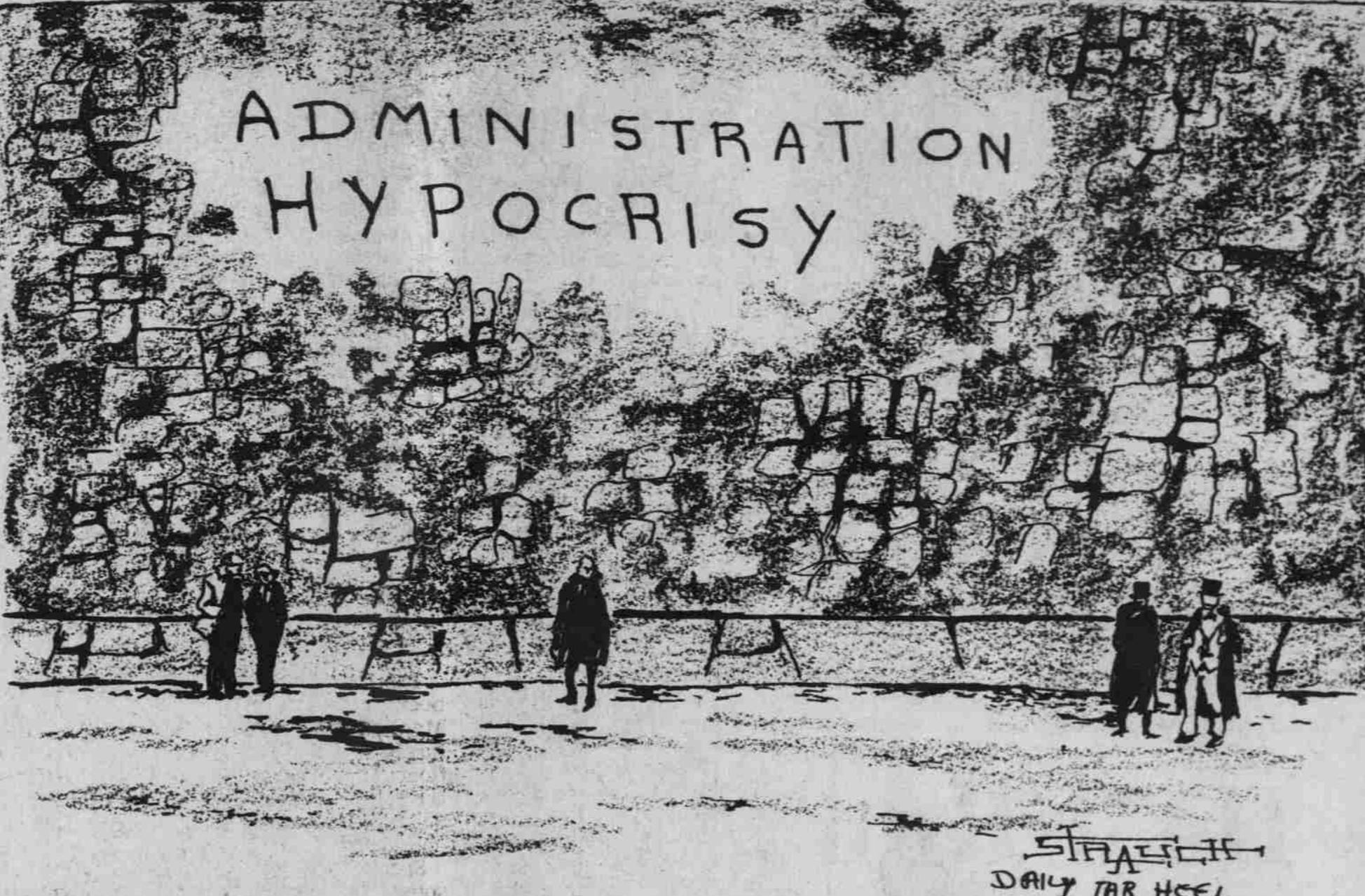
Perhaps the whole disintegration of the bloc began in 1948 when Tito mapped out his separate course. Then in 1956, both Poland and Hungary cost Moscow prestige when they made it clear that their leaders were not puppets. Also, the attempted deposition of Mao Tse Tung in 1968 ended in failure. Albania's Hoah defied Moscow's intervention in 1960 and in 1963, there have been both the attempt to save Novotny which failed and the arrest of Communists in Cuba—an attempt by Castro to emphasize that he is in command there.

Moscow's diminishing influence can be attributed to some extent, to the discontinuance of several old tools like Russian troops, control of the secret police in satellite countries, economic exploitation, and single alternatives.

And then, too, there was no example of defiance until Tito came along.

Also, Moscow has increasingly lost its single leadership prestige with its destalinization program, its ouster of Khrushchev, and its policies of peaceful co-existence.

Therefore, in the context of contemporary politics, it makes one wonder just how subservient the members of the Soviet bloc really are. Perhaps Moscow is becoming somewhat a prisoner of, rather than the director of the Communist nations.



### Letters To The Editor

## Anger At Death Sentence

To The Editor:

I desire to take this opportunity to address myself to the student body concerning the recent death sentence pronounced on women's open dorms by Chancellor J. Carlyle Stitterson.

This is not a letter that attempts to develop elegantly worded arguments of indisputable rhetoric; rather, I fervently hope that it will mirror the kind of spontaneous anger and all-consuming indignation that I feel at this moment, having just read the obituary for women's rights in the Tar Heel.

Humiliation!—that is what I feel. Humiliated first of all to be connected with a University that deals in this kind of deceit that results in what can only be termed feminine bondage (that equals double-X chromosome slavery in case you didn't get it the first time!).

Yes, I am humiliated to find myself connected in any way with an institution where behind-closed-door power plays can result in this kind of torturing of human dignity (Oh, pardon me; make that "female dignity," not "human."), not to mention the universally obvious breach of the right to exercise adult responsibility for oneself!

I would assume that one of the reasons that parents send their feminine offspring to this University is that they desire that their daughters would receive the type of education that will better enable them to take responsibility for, and care of, themselves. I put the question.

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tion to you, has the University in any way started to fulfill this expectation?

Frankly, I don't know. I am not an effective politico; I look to those of you who are for your best leadership efforts.

But, the main purpose of this letter has been a selfish one; I felt the uncontrollable need to give voice to a blood-specked death rattle in my throat. For, fellow University students, what has died here today is a thing far greater than a single WRC proposal.

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### NC Not Leader In Education

To The Editor:

We like to think of North Carolina as a leader in many fields, but the truth is she is as often a follower. In the case of education, let us hope she does not follow Florida.

Florida is suffering from a teachers' strike—a strike which has affected 40% of the state's teachers, 1-3 of the public schools, and countless numbers of children.

The teachers object to an education budget passed by the Florida state legislature last year, one they call "totally inadequate." They say they'll stay out of school until something is done by someone.

The something they hope for is a special session of the Democratic state legislature to be called by the someone—Republican Governor Claude Kirk. The result is predictable.

Kirk says he has no intention of calling a special session "until we see where we stand." Where Kirk and the legislature stand unfortunately is on opposite sides of the political fence. The state assembly has stopped more than one of Kirk's pet bills, and now the governor seems to be getting his chance for retaliation.

So, while Kirk plays politics with the assembly, the teachers are off the job. And, more importantly, the children are the real losers in the deal, innocent victims in the battle of plitics vs economics.

The idea of a teachers' strike has caught on. Almost all of the 108 schools in New Mexico's largest school system in Albuquerque closed on Thursday. The Albuquerque closed on Thursday. The teachers are unhappy about the amount of school money approved by

the New Mexico state legislature. New Mexico Governor David Cargo has, like Governor Kirk in Florida, refused to call a special session of the state legislature to provide a substantial pay increase.

Still another state, Oklahoma, may soon find itself in the same mess. Republican Governor Dewey Bartless has indicated he will veto a tax package which would boost teacher salaries, as proposed by the Democratic state legislature. Should this come about, and with that state's previous history of Republican-Democratic difficulties, it seems likely it will—some 27,000 teachers will strike next fall.

How long will this pattern go on? It could happen for quite some time. Teachers have traditionally been poorly paid, even while this nation's demand for their services steadily increases. Any economics student will tell us that the law of supply and demand is about to take effect.

Robin Brewer

### Peace Vigil Meeting 36

- 5:32. MEETING called to order.
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- 5:35. MARTIAL law imposed.
- 5:42. READING of last meeting's minutes.
- 5:43. MEETING restored to order.
- 5:50. SUMMARY of past achievements.
- 5:50. MOVEMENT Chairman Mayo addressed the Peaces on ways to improve the influence of the movement.
- 5:59. PEACE Member Spielvogal suggested that a larger Post Office be built to add weight to the protest. Ways and Means Committee Chairman Legree reported that such a request had been denied by the Federal Government, and criticized the lack of U.S. involvement, calling for increased escalation by Washington in Chapel Hill, to aid the cause.
- 6:07. PEACE Member Freemantle raised a question on the jailing of Sister Inferior. Chairman Mayo indicated that the vagrancy charge against her arose when a policeman discovered she was carrying no money or identification on her person. It was resolved that nuns should acquire the habit of wearing dresses with pockets.
- 6:15. PUBLIC Relations Manager Renfro enjoined the participants of the movement not to "disperse willy-nilly" once they had assumed their position in line for the afternoon. Following a rebuttal by Mrs. Hinkle, Renfro advised that she "should think of that before getting into line."

The question persists whether North Carolina will be faced with the same situation next fall. The Tar Heel state ranks in the bottom fifth of all the states in teachers' salaries, still lower in per-pupil expenditures. Should the teachers strike, one would be hard-pressed to say they weren't justified.

The problem here will not be as complex as in some other states. Barring the unlikely event of a Republican governor being elected, the state's highest office and the state legislature will be of the same political persuasion. This should help.

But the fact remains that North Carolina's teachers are not well paid. They are, in fact, poorly paid. We suggest that the state legislature consider the old saying about an ounce of prevention when it next meets in session.

The future of our teachers—the education of our children—will be at stake.

Lou Heckler  
105 Chase Ave.

- 6:27. PEACE Member Oscar Ripple argued for more stringent measures against the U.S. Government, and advocated a boycott on the purchase of postage stamps. However the Peace Committee on Anti-Anti-American Activities (AAA) released heretofore closed testimony by crack philetalist Herman Watermark who said the mail system would not post letters not conforming to federal regulations. At this point Mrs. Selvy Grosbeck volunteered the use of her homing pigeons; discussion was terminated when it was learned the pigeons had a homing radius of two blocks.
- 7:02. IN RESPONSE to last meeting's request for ideas on recruitment within the family circle of active members, Professor Heidigger of the Classics Department came forth. He urged all members to follow the strategy employed in Sophocles' Lysistrada. Unfortunately no one present had any idea of what he was talking about. For purposes of group familiarization, Prof. Heidigger has politely agreed to put his private collection of Monarch Notes on call at the library.
- 7:16. THE FINAL item on the agenda was a report from the Grievances Committee. Mrs. Sunday asked that the rain be abolished. The motion was referred to the Theological Implications Committee for further study.
- 7:19. THE MEETING was adjourned, following a body count.