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Go To Y's Polls Today, And Vote Against LBJ

How would you like to be able to throw something at Lyndon B. Johnson—without being arrested for it?

Well, today's your chance: The Y's holding a mock presidential primary, the ballot of which lists eight other candidates besides Lyndon B. Johnson.

And the thing you can throw is your vote—to let the President know that quite a few people don't like him anymore because of:

A. THE WAY he is handling the Vietnam War.

B. THE WAY he is ignoring this nation's growing racial tension—by declining to comment on the Civil Disorders Commission's report last week, as an example.

President Johnson, perhaps, doesn't know this, isn't aware that—as far as most students are concerned—he's an unwelcome guest in the world.

But how could he still think he appeals to youth, even after all those thousands of persons are always parading around outside the White House with picket signs against Vietnam.

It's very simple, really: President Johnson can convince himself that these people are merely the radical fringe, and that because they sometimes have beards and smell unclear, they do not represent student sentiment.

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TODAY, HOWEVER, there is a chance to show President Johnson that there are a lot more people who don't like him—a lot of people who shave, bathe and carry just plain text books instead of picket signs.

And this will perhaps make an impact on a man who, no matter what else he is, is not politically suicidal.

Should President Johnson become convinced that there is a large segment of the American electorate who is unhappy with his administration, then he might quite conceivably reassess his Administration's appeal to the youthful voter.

Or, perhaps he'll just keep on running the country the way he is now—and lose in November.

One thing, however, is for sure: if students don't vote today, don't register and vote in their home state primaries and general election, then Lyndon B. Johnson will have just that much more tacit support for what he is doing as President of the United States.

So, what are you going to do about it?

Welcome Back, Greek

The Carolina Greek, in all of its tabloid glory, is back with us again.

And this time, thankfully, it's about 300 per cent or so better than when the Interfraternity Council newspaper made its debut in the fall.

Monday's issue of the Greek was not, of course, any great journalistic shakes. A lot of it could be classed as a rankly amateurish. Compared to The Daily Tar Heel—we think, anyway—it probably wasn't much.

It wasn't all bad, though. Some of the copy was, in fact, quite interesting—such as the front page discussion of whether fraternities are about to become a thing of the past.

At the very least, The Carolina Greek provided a Monday morning niche for Peanuts and the crossword puzzle—which even the editors of the DTH miss considerably during Monday classes.

Further, and more important, The Carolina Greek offers The Daily Tar Heel at least token competition, which is healthy for any newspaper.

We're convinced that we're Number 1 around here, of course, but it is still a good thing to have a Number 2 which we have to keep in its place by being even better than normal.

As we said, The Greek has its problems now—but so does The Daily Tar Heel, and we're 75 years old.

Anyway, welcome aboard.

The Carolina Greek Are Fraternities Dying At UNC



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Thoughts Run Wild

It At Once Failed

... but tried again Monday

Bryan Cumming

Riot Study Results Pose Challenge

Riots are the most severe and violent expression of the frustration that grows in the country's most serious domestic problem—the ghetto. Until now the only attitudes toward riots were subjective speculation and historical hindsight, neither of which have much practical value.

At present however, an objective and thorough evaluation of racial riots has been conducted and reported, under the name of the President's National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders.

Among the most unsettling of the Commission's findings were the following statistics:

—NEGROES HAVING equal education and jobs as whites receive less pay.

—INHABITING the same size residence as a white, the average Negro pays 10 per cent more in rent.

—OVER 2.3 MILLION Negroes under age 15 are being raised in sub-standard homes (less than \$3,335 annually in a family of four.)

—OF THE ADULT Negro population, only 63 per cent can read and write.

—THE LIFE expectancy of a Negro, at 64 years, is seven less than that of a white.

—THE CAUSES for remaining in the ghetto are partly economic, but more deeply rooted in discrimination in labor unions and housing.

—THERE ARE few chain stores or automobile owners in the ghetto, so

residents are forced to buy lower quality at a general higher price.

The ideal that hard work and good luck will bring success does not apply to all Americans. It is difficult for the white community to visualize the misery and terror that pervade the Negro slums. To say that employment is unstable and the future uncertain would be to glamorize the problem.

The ghetto dwellers have much less in life than middle class Americans. Consequently, they put smaller value on their own lives or their country. Rioting hurts them less than it does "the system" because the poor have nearly nothing to lose and much to gain.

Still, the report says of the ghetto: "White institutions created it, white institutions maintain it, and white society condones it. . . . White racism is essentially responsible for the explosive mixture which has been accumulating in our cities since the end of World War II."

In every riot under study, the final provocation that touched the violence was "routine arrests of Negroes for minor offenses by white police." The Commission found none of the riots to have been organized by some "outside force." The report further states that "the amount of sniping attributed to rioters, by law enforcement officers as well as the press, was highly exaggerated."

The facts are there. The Riot Commission has shaken down many of the comfortable assumptions of the white community. The basic cause of riots is not poverty, but white racism. The provocation that touched off riots was not conspiracy from Black militants, but from mistreatment, or at least misunderstanding, on the part of police. Many whites will resent the report, since it blames their prejudice. Maybe they would like to wait for a report that conforms to their opinions.

To doubt the findings of the Riot Commission because of personal prejudice is negligent irresponsibility. Acceptance of the facts is difficult; still, it is essential, and passive acceptance is inadequate. A citizen who claims even the slightest concern for the well-being of his country must show not only a rational acceptance, but a constructive response as well.

The Riot Commission includes the following recommendations: creation of two million more jobs, development of a guaranteed income system on a national scale, a sharp increase in desegregation efforts, an expansion of urban renewal programs, and the enactment of an unrestricted open housing law.

The Commission makes it plain that not enough is being done, and that even these "extreme" measures cannot insure a peaceful summer. More violence will help no one; hopefully, past violence has at least shown the need for action. The responsibility lies with the white community.

More than a responsibility—it is a challenge. The problem is deeper, the solution more difficult than had been presumed. Whites don't mind the status quo, since they're on top. But the situation is a disgrace to the American ideal, if there is one. How many times can a man turn his head and pretend that he just doesn't see?

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Letters To The Editor

UNC Should Honor State Flag

To The Editor:

In 1967, the North Carolina State Legislature passed a resolution calling for the flag of the State of North Carolina to be displayed immediately beneath the American flag at all State-supported colleges and universities as well as public education institutions. The decision of the State legislators was to take immediate effect upon passage of the resolution.

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill does not display the North Carolina flag with the American flag at the central South Building flag pole. It seems strange that the University, which represents the culmination of state education in North Carolina, should not comply with the State regulation directed toward such institutions. While it is indeed true that the State flag hangs over the south entrance to the University's administrative building, it is equally true that the State legislature decided that the flag should be flown elsewhere.

Why is it that the University does not abide by the State statute? Perhaps the powers-that-be feel that the North Carolina flag over the South Building door adequately complies with the Legislative decision. Perhaps no one could be bothered by making the slight

change required in moving the North Carolina flag, or by purchasing an additional one. Whatever the reason, the University employee, whose morning task includes the hanging of the flag near South Building, has never been instructed to hang the North Carolina flag with the American flag.

Would it not seem reasonable that the University, which has the State to thank for its being, should honor the State by properly displaying its flag?

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Imprecise Art

To The Editor:

Miss Judith Weinberg's article in the DTH (February 23), "The University's Relevance to War" is a masterpiece in the art of using imprecise terms and labels in making black and white judgments on gray issues. Here is a sampling of the blithe balderdash she puts out: "this style and ideology lacks (sic) enlightenment, humanity et al." — "the university qua university qua the administrators who are the university or

its face" (was a line left out?), "the university has become a mere reflection of the most mundane and materialistic." (was a word left out?), "failure of imagination and morality," "manpower structure of the university," (does she mean enrollment?), "extreme moral bankruptcy," (as opposed, perhaps, to less extreme bankruptcy), "lots of serious evidence" (not to mention mountains of less serious evidence?), "(the university's) very mode of institutional being."

Add to the above such moralistic hyperbolies (Miss Weinberg should love that) as "quite unabashedly stated," "ever entertained the possibility," "totally lack the insight and objectivity," and "perfectly apparent" and you have a preachy, sanctimonious article which says absolutely nothing.

My purpose in writing this letter is not necessarily to squelch either Miss Weinberg or her views, but rather to point out that the use of self-righteous cant and jargon and labels is not a substitute for thought or expression. If you have something to say, please say it.

Ben Bartley
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The Administration Meets And Bluffs The Press

To The Editor:

The sun shone brightly into the briefing room as the representatives of the press gathered for the early-morning background briefing which was given by the Administration's Usually Reliable Source. As Mr. URS strode into the room, the drone of conversation came to a quick halt in the smoke-filled room and the reporters quickly beiseiged the Administration officer concerning the latest developments.

"Gentlemen, gentlemen!" he chided the press. "As you are aware, recent developments have necessitated a review of the situation, which some of your papers have, I'm afraid, badly distorted. As you know, this is a Background conference and not for direct attribution. I have no statement to make at this time, so let's proceed with your questions in an orderly manner."

"Mr. URS?"

"Yes, Harry?"

"In view of recent developments, there has been widespread speculation that the Administration's credibility has been severely damaged, inasmuch as a severe security breach has occurred. Would you care to comment?"

"Yes, Well, as you know, it is this Administration's position that the recent incidents—and they are nothing more, let me hasten to add—clearly demonstrate that this is an isolated thing, under no central direction, and that the recent advances are largely illusory. The second wave which has been so highly touted in

the papers was in fact much smaller in strength and intensity, not to mention seriousness, and we feel that with a slightly greater commitment of forces and deployment of same, the situation can easily be remedied."

"Mr. URS?"

"Yes, Sam?"

"I wonder if you could go into slightly greater detail on the matter of this so-called second wave?"

"I'd be glad to. You'll notice this chart here has marked on it the recent strikes, most of which are centered along the east central perimeter. We feel that the most recent incidents, occurring as they have in a relatively close area indicate that the deployment will probably come here (indicating on the map) rather than further to the north, here (pointing to the map), and we are confident that we will be ready for any renewed assaults when they come."

"Does that mean that the commitment previously made in the deployment of forces was made on the basis of poor strategy, then?"

"Not at all. Let me hasten to add that it is a very difficult thing, at best, to estimate where the next strike will come. Of course, we were expecting some developments to take place, and we are confident that the faith of the populace in the Administration is unshaken. After all, the advances were for the most part easily repelled, often by local forces."

"Mr. URS?"

"Yes, Joe?"

"Would you care to comment on the ability of the Chief Strategist in the conduct and deployment, as well as strategy, with regard to recent developments and some criticism of his ability?"

"I certainly do, and I'm glad you asked that one. The Administration has reiterated its absolute confidence in the commanding Officer with regard to these operations time and again, yet there still seems to be some doubt in the press of his abilities. Let me state categorically that this Administration will back him to the hilt. We have every confidence in his ability to pursue the matter to an honorable conclusion."

"Next question—you, Bill?"

"Mr. URS, there has been substantial concern in the press lately that the Administration has not been telling the truth, particularly regarding these most recent developments, and that the situation is much worse than the Administration would have us believe. Would you care to comment about this and recent tight-lipped policies on the part of some Administration personnel?"

"Definitely. First of all, let me note that the President is deeply concerned, as are all members of the Administration, lest you get the wrong impression. We are confident that on the basis of confidential reports this matter can be cleared up without seeking legislative action, and we intend to do so. It has not been the policy of this Administration to

censor the news at any time in the past, nor will it be in the future. Do I make myself clear on that matter?"

"Then there is no immediate cause for alarm?"

"Absolutely not, Bill. We feel that everything is still going well, and although we have had some recent setbacks, we remain confident, on the whole. Look at the successes of the pacification program in the South recently. There have been no reports of strikes against our southern area installations."

"Yes, you in the back? I don't believe I've met you. Would you care to state your name and affiliation along with your question?"

"Certainly. Harry Smith, from the Charlotte Times. I was wondering, sir. General Westmoreland has recently commented about VC activity in Khe Sanh that . . ."

"I'm sorry. You're in the wrong room. This briefing concerns the recent developments and incidence of prowlers in the women's dorms here on the UNC campus. The press conference you're talking about isn't scheduled for another hour yet. And now, if we can have the next question. . . ."

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