

# The Daily Tar Heel

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## Congress' Racist Stand On The Civil Rights Bill

What causes riots? White racism, a presidential commission's report stated recently.

And who causes white racism? White racists, of course.

And who are the white racists? Some of them are in the Klu Klux Klan.

Are all of them in the Klan? No, some of them are in Congress.

Who, for example? The members of the Rules Committee of the House of Representatives who voted against bringing the Senate's Civil Rights bill to the floor next week—and perhaps at all,—for example.

Are they all klansman types? No, they aren't. A lot of them are simply very slimy politicians who prefer to put their own political fortunes ahead of this nation's welfare when they consider controversial matters such as Civil Rights and open housing.

AND HOW IS the Rules Committee vote going to help the congressmen politically while hurting the nation?

Well, to begin with, it will keep many of the congressmen from having to say anything for or against the Civil Rights package—if it can be kept off the floor of the House. They won't have to make any stand that could offend any of their constituents.

Also, there are more white voters than there are Negro voters in most Congressional districts, and the white voters could become very disenchanted with any congressman who did not stand foursquare in defense of what white racists like to call their "rights of property."

Further, most of the congressmen who were elected in 1968 rode into office on a wave of conservatism—which often translates into white racism, when the language changes from that of the campaign speech to that of the nitty-gritty. And these Congressmen, along with their constituents who will have to vote on them again in a few months, want no part of open housing.

BUT HOW COULD that hurt the nation, especially if the congress is protecting peoples' rights? It is going to hurt the nation because Congress isn't protecting peoples' rights. What they are doing, instead, is buttressing the concept that racial discrimination is an inherent right of the white people of this country, and that this "right" justifies telling Negroes that there are some neighborhoods and apartment buildings in which they simply aren't allowed to live.

Further, Negroes aren't buying this bit anymore. They have decided they are equal—after going through 400 years or so of identity crisis—and now they figure they have a right to live anywhere they want.

Basically, Negroes finally have gotten "soul," and the "soul-brothers" of the ghettos—and of the colleges, too—are no longer going to sit quietly around and listen to a bunch of white racists and racist-supported politicians tell them about the rights of property.

This summer, this "soul" is going to come to a head in perhaps every major city in the nation, and

the Blacks who have decided they are getting the short end of a very muddy stick are going to riot.

That is how it will hurt the nation.

**BUT WHY WON'T** the Negroes be nice and work through the legitimate channels of government, such as Congress and the courts, to earn the equality they say they want?

Lots of reasons: First, equality isn't something that you earn by being a "good nigger;" equality is something you have by being a man.

Further, after 400 years of being "good niggers," the Black people of this nation haven't yet climbed out of the ghetto. Now they are beginning to try different tactics.

But doesn't this undermine the entire system of government in the United States? Don't the Negroes care about that?

Why should they care. What is the federal government doing for them now?

But the Senate just passed the Civil Rights Bill, even the part about open housing. Doesn't that satisfy them?

No, it doesn't. It doesn't satisfy them because it isn't law yet, and won't become law until the House passes it, and now the House is vacillating and may reject it.

**WHAT WILL** happen then?

A lot of Negroes will get even more frustrated than they are now, and they'll probably riot.

Who'll start the riots? Stokely Carmichael, Rap Brown, Howard Fuller—people like them?

No. People like the Congressmen who won't recognize that Negroes are equal and begin passing laws to insure that they're treated as such.

But isn't that absurd to say that Congressmen cause riots?

Read the presidential report. See what it says causes riots.

What causes them?

White racism, baby. And that includes Congressional white racism, too.

## Watch Out For Those Frisbees

Shirt-sleeves and daydreams.

Those are the orders of the day at this time of year.

And if you don't believe it, just take a longing glance out the classroom window and into Polk Place.

Here and there you'll see a couple with their backs popped up against an oak tree, thumbing lazily through a textbook as their minds skip through green fields and along beaches.

Then there are the dogs—whom roam, romp and dogs—who roam, romp and occasionally even stray into a classroom.

So why not join them? Bust out. Cut a class. Get a tan. Just simply waste some time.

There's only one thing to be careful of, though: just watch out for loose frisbees.

Scott Goodfellow

# Dow Demonstrations Misguided

It was the biggest clamor the campus police had seen since Herbert Aptheker's command performance.

The "it" was the demonstration Monday morning against the recruiter for Dow Chemical Company. It was big news, all right. A couple of conscientious protestors were even arrested.

But after I had marched defiantly across the picket line (out of curiosity) a couple of times and hadn't received a glance from the pickets (who carried the same old signs—one even quoted God, in English), I couldn't help but wonder why the fuss?

The answer was that Dow Chemical Company makes napalm, the jelly-like substance which is dropped from planes, flaming, onto people. If the person below lives, he is undoubtedly maimed for life.

But why the discrimination? We have many weapons designed to kill and mutilate (weapon: anything used in destroying, defeating or injuring an enemy—Webster's). Furthermore, some of these weapons (such as nuclear devices—witness Nagasaki today) not only maim, but cause great pain for the rest of the victim's life. And think of all the recruiting companies who make parts

for these military devices (G.E., Westinghouse, maybe Sears).

"War is Hell." Not a particularly refreshing quote, but why do we launch a demonstration such as this one at the unfortunate visitor from Dow? What was the desired result? Dow might stop making napalm, but someone else would step in (the price of Saran Wrap might go up—they make that also).

No, the purpose of the flap was to bring attention to the cruelties of war, this war. I would be instantly castigated for saying that doing this is droll (Webster—having a humorous, whimsical

or odd quality), but how droll. The initial request of the group was to debate with the Dow representative over the napalm question.

But somehow I don't think that the management hierarchy of Dow includes a morality debater. One might as well have debated with Henry Ford as to whether the automobile would contribute to pre-marital sex.

But more important, an emotional appeal in such a almost laughable manner will never be as effective as attempting to bring the unfortunate war to an end through political action or through proper use of the nation's media.

The nation today is more against the war than ever before. But this massive mistrust the result of screaming demonstrations in Oakland, Calif. or is it the result of serious questioning by university professors, businessmen, and politicians of the order of Fulbright and McCarthy?

It was pitiful to see a herd of anxious demonstrators converge upon the Chancellor as he walked down Polk Place on Monday morning. The Chancellor had about as much stake in the matter as the Dow recruiter who only hours earlier had left his home to go to work at his job. The lack of restraint by the demonstrators in conversing with the Chancellor was exceeded only by their lack of understanding of what good they might be able to accomplish.

Bringing the war to an end is imperative. But trying to do it by mobbing a company's recruiting agent on campus is a remote means of attack.

Meanwhile, while we harass Dow for its napalm, I can almost visualize a demonstration brewing in Hanoi against some company which makes lead pellets for anti-personnel devices. Right.



Lou Heckler

## What The Heck

**SIGNS WE'D LIKE TO SEE DEPARTMENT**—The Book Exchange has long been a place where they rack more students than they do books. You know this to be especially true if you've tried to re-sell your books there. They ought to hang a sign over the door: "We Depreciate Your Business."

**GET OUT THE VOTE DEPARTMENT**—As Senator Eugene McCarthy attempts to gain the Democratic Presidential nomination, things in his home state are going downhill. At Beaver Dam, Minnesota, a fella named James Takvam was elected justice of the peace from a field of thirteen with just two votes. The other twelve candidates each got one vote in an all-write-in election. Bet he's glad he's married.

**CROSSING THE BARS DEPARTMENT**—Prison reform in this country is a slow, unsteady process. Even here in North Carolina, money for prison improvements is scarce. I'd like to see someone institute a health-promoting medicine put in the ventilation systems of all prisons. Fresh air would be bound to promote better living conditions. We should have medical air for the caged.

**FOUR LEAF CLOVER DEPARTMENT**—So you think you're lucky? Percy Perry of London has you beat by a mile. Standing at point-blank range, George Stockdale fired four bullets at him from a revolver. One was blocked by a pocket book and just grazed him. The next hit a cigarette lighter and landed in his top pocket. The third grazed his stomach. The fourth scratched his wrist. Perry is recovered, but Stockdale is cooling his heels. Good thing that crack pot is no crack shot.

**THAT'S WRITE DEPARTMENT**—I got caught with my typewriter down last week in a letter to the editor. I guess I'll miss one here and there. Let's just hope you're sometimes amused by what you read here. Believe me, I'm not trying to write other people's wrongs.

**PLEASE PLEAD ME DEPARTMENT**—Everyone on campus seems to need money these days, from the Carolina Greek to the Experimental College. The student legislature has a mammoth problem of doling out thousands of dollars each session. If an organization can spread out its requests for funds, it has a better chance of getting them. Remember: don't put all your eggs in one ask it.

**FUND AND GAMES DEPARTMENT**—rarely endorse publicly any candidate for some office, but I will make an exception. If DTH staffer Wayne Hurder falls in his bid for DTH editor, I'd like to see him chair a fund-raising drive for the North Carolina Symphony Orchestra. Everyone knows a Hurder in the band is worth two in the push.

**HIT OR MYTH DEPARTMENT**—A lot has been said or written about the Carolina Coed. Is she typical? Is she just here to seek a hubby? We all realize deep down inside that the TCC is pretty much of a myth. A friend at a neighboring school reports it's no myth where he goes. He says all women there are gold-diggers. Sort of human gimme-pigs, I guess.

**RAM RAMSEY DEPARTMENT**—On-again-off-again Ramsey Clark has had so much doing in Washington that he hasn't been able to make it to Carolina as yet. Lots were disappointed, not the least of which were the sign-carrying protestors who have to store their placards for another day. Word has it that while some of the peace-niks were waiting in the rain, they contracted a rare disease which caused red blotches all over their faces. How about that? That's the first time our pickets have ever been pocked!

**TALLY-HO DEPARTMENT**—The word is out that Bob Travis was playing bridge the other night, but he went down two tricks when a finesse failed. It was one of the few times this year that someone has set a President.

**LOOKING UP DEPARTMENT**—As the little shoemaker said to the gnome who was helping him make a pair of shoes, these are the times when sigh men's trolls. Seriously, we do live in an age of rising pessimism about the war, the nation's cities and any number of things. I still maintain that things will get better if we all behave like teapots. It's able to sing even though it's up to its nose in hot water. So, what the heck?

The Daily Tar Heel accepts all letters for publication provided they are typed, double-spaced and signed. Letters should be no longer than 300 words in length. We reserve the right to edit for libelous statements.

### Letters To The Editor

## Poster Stealers, Please Wait

**To The Editor:** I would like very much to call to your attention a situation which, although it has its ironically humorous side, is nevertheless serious to those of us involved.

Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Music Fraternity is currently working on the production of a musical, We're Here, to be presented in Memorial Hall on March 29. In the way of publicity we had one hundred and forty posters printed for distribution in dormitories and on campus.

Last night (3-18-68) the first set of posters went up, and already forty percent of them have been stolen. The reason is simple: they are very attractive posters, depicting a schooner on the high seas. Many people seem to think that it is chic to "acquire" posters of this type for the interior decoration of otherwise drab dormitory rooms. But to those of us associated with Phi Mu Alpha and this musical, these posters are representative of the many, many thousands of accumulated man-hours which have been devoted to preparing this show.

We are flattered that people think enough of them to commit a theft, but we are also quite angry that people would be so selfish and thoughtless. If no one knows about the show, we can't expect to have an audience.

I extend a plea to those who have already taken one of these posters or who may be inclined to do so: please replace the poster where you found it, or leave it where it is if you have not yet taken it.

On the evening of March 29 you may steal it with our best wishes for a more attractive room.

H.A. Milliken  
Greg Barton  
Phi Mu Alpha

**To The Editor:** We were deeply saddened at the demonstrations directed against the Dow Chemical Corp. recruiters Monday. Saddened, because such a fine and well-intentioned effort had been so mis-directed. Yes, mis-directed! For it is not Dow which is the real culprit here. Nor is it Colt, which manufactures the devastating M-14. No, and again no!

The real perpetrators of such immoral conflagrations as we witness today are much more deeply entrenched and have too long been shrouded by myth, protected and sheltered by the very society they are now destroying. As it has been well stated by Robert Heinlein, "There are no dangerous weapons, only dangerous men". For without men, weapons could be of no conceivable harm and the world would be a very safe place in which to live.

Therefore, we appeal to every man, woman, and SDS member to redirect his

efforts towards the manufacturers of this, the most fundamental horror of war. Yes, friends, through united effort we must stamp out motherhood! For observe, gentle reader, that before mothers began their seditious activities, society was not plagued by the scourge of war.

There is no time to waste! Organize now and picket the mother of your choice!

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