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Tear Gas Doesn't Stem Soulful, Angry Mood

RALEIGH—The "soul" and the anger of Negro students at Shaw University hangs as heavy in the air here as does the tear gas which National Guardsmen used to disperse them Friday afternoon.

And the main thing anybody heard from the youths, as a platoon of gas-masked Guardsmen drove them from the intersection of Wilmington and South Streets was "We're going to be back."

For the students at Shaw University are angry, very angry, and determined.

They are probably more so than they have ever been before, because the assassination of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King has ignited the fuse on a "soul bomb" which had already begun to explode.

You could hear in their voices as they marched down the center of Fayetteville Street to Raleigh Memorial Auditorium, 25 to 30 abreast, and singing:

"We are soldiers in the army
"We've got to fight
"Although we must die."

'You'll Have To Kill Us All...'

YOU COULD TELL it in their gait: they were strutting down that street like they owned it, and just daring some white cop to try to take it away from them.

And you could tell it when they linked arms and sat down, even as a flying-wedge phalanx of National Guardsmen advanced on them, bayonets fixed, to drive them from the intersection which they were blocking.

"If you're going to get any of us, you're going to have to kill us all," they shouted, sitting down to wait for the advancing guardsmen to explode the burning tear gas in their midst.

The students were driven out of the intersection, and back to the Shaw campus, but there was nobody here who actually believed they were going to stay behind the wrought iron fence which surrounds the small, all-Negro school.

For the students at Shaw have been caught up in the movement that has swept the Negro communities of this nation, and has turned Negroes into Blacks.

They Call It

'Soul'

THEY CALL it "soul." Soul means that somebody who is Black is no longer at all ashamed to be Black.

In fact, he's damn proud of it. And he's mad, angry, too, at what white men have done to Negroes: what any white man, anywhere, has done to any Negro.

And especially what some unidentified white man in Mem-

phis, Tenn., did Thursday night to Dr. King.

It doesn't matter now that many of the Blacks disagreed with Dr. King over the best strategy to achieve equal status for the Negro, or even that some of them thought he was an Uncle Tom: all that matters now is that Dr. King—"our Black president," as one Shaw youth called him—has been murdered.

"There's no more middle of the road," said one Shaw student following the demonstration in the intersection. "You can be Black and mean, and you'll get shot, or you can be Black and nice, and you'll still get shot."

And that is how the Negro youths feel, the way they size the whole thing up: it's war.

'Only Solution: Revolution'

ONE OF THE MAIN slogans chanted during the demonstration Friday was, "The only solution if Black Revolution," and the students will tell a white man, in very uncertain terms, just what they mean by this.

"You go tell your white brethren that they'd better stick together, because this is a Black revolution and we're going to run over them," said one Shaw student.

There's no telling just how much this Black Revolution is going to boil over.

Surely it will be contained, finally, by police and guardsmen, who very simply have a tremendous fire power advantage over the Black revolution.

But how many persons—Black and white—will die before it subsides?

Federal troops have already been mobilized in Washington and Detroit. Students at Shaw University are even angrier now after the tear gas incident of Friday afternoon, and are threatening to riot.

And the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, perhaps the only man who could stem the tide of soul and anger, has been murdered in Memphis, Tenn.

—Bill Amlong, Editor

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Violence No Longer Hidden

By DICK LEVY

Special to The Daily Tar Heel

A week ago this column described the violence hidden beneath the surface of American life.

Today, it is no longer hidden. As if symbolically, an assassin picked as his victim the Rev. Martin Luther King.

Critics and cynics will perhaps say that Dr. King had no business in Memphis. To many, he was courting death or violence by scheduling another march so close to the riotous first one a week ago.

Such objection of course misses the point. But it illustrates a greater concern, latent since James Meredith was shot: that one nation is so torn with hatred that parliamentary redress seems increasingly impossible.

What have we come to when an unarmed apostle of non-violence is callously gunned down by night-riders?

Where are we when a citizen can no longer be sure of living when he steps out on the balcony?

One is tempted to go further and ask in despair: Who will be next?

The same things were said when President Kennedy was shot. "It was hatred that killed him." The message was obscure because the cancer was only beginning to show.

It was not so much hatred of the President as a seething, lingering hatred of America's direction. It was a manifestation of millions of frustrations and

fears. The fears, the insecurity, the history of American racism: the effects are now everywhere apparent.

Yet the Riot Commission Report, hailed universally as a milestone for facing up to the depth of white racism, is already past history, doubtless filed away in anonymity.

One wonders how much more grace the nation will be allowed. When a Nobel Peace Prize winner is callously picked-off, how much longer will militants continue even to pay lip service to democratic institutions.

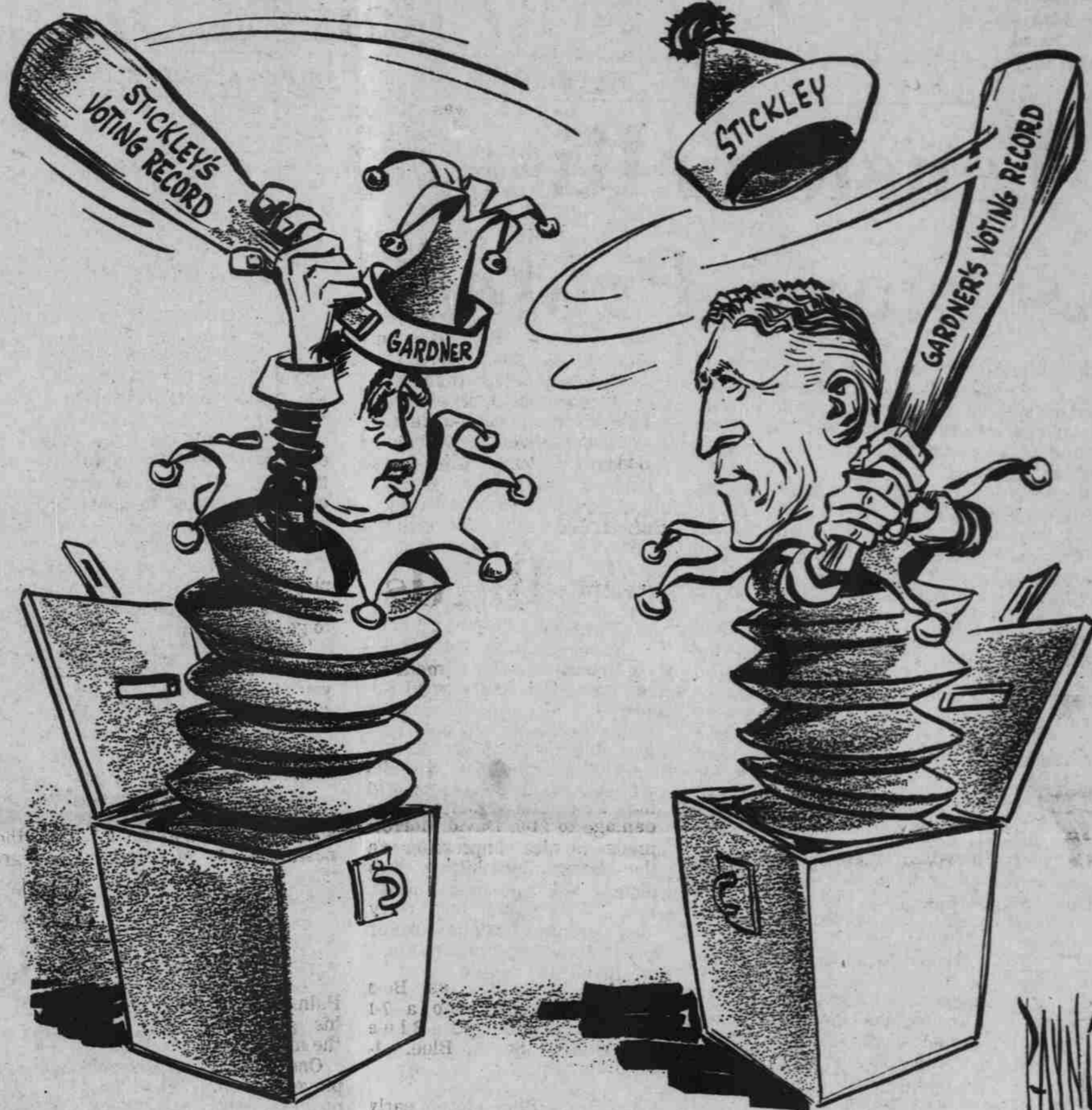
Passivity evidently doesn't pay. As a sad reminder, look at the massive programs instituted in riotorn cities and the sparse assistance to other cities.

One imagines Dr. King must have been saddened by his realization of the deteriorating stability of this nation. He is supposed to have returned to Memphis to prove that non-violence was still possible.

Dr. King's leadership of black America was becoming increasingly tenuous. Young militants were scornful of the effect of his non-violent programs.

Their hand is further strengthened. Holocaust becomes of more real possibility, not so much because of their militancy, but because of the underlying hatred that it caused them to reach.

One bites his nails as he wonders whether America will face its problems before the lid blows off.



From The Charlotte Observer

Letters To The Editor

Hell Has Already Started

To The Editor:
I don't want to hear the word WHITE any longer tonight our leader was killed by a WHITE person. If there was anything that held the moderate, middle-class blacks from joining in with the Black Power rally, it exists no longer. I speak to all whites when I say that you let this happen. My bitterness is not unaccountable and right now it's damn hard to keep from crying. It's not only going to be a long, hot summer; it's going to be Hell, and people let me warn you that hell has already started.
Isaac A. Battle Jr.

Humor Attempt

To The Editor:
It should be known that the Dirty Tar Heel of April first was an independent endeavor. It was not published with any cooperation from the real DTH, and included only those Greek staffers who volunteered to help.

Besides the sheer joy of it, there were two reasons the Dirty Tar Hole was published. First, the Tar Heel has not been lampooned in three years and the old girl has been getting a bit complacent.

And second, this school badly needs a humor magazine and this was a trial run for just that. I have been told that campus humor is dead, but the reception of the Dirty Tar Hole shows the reports of its demise have been grossly exaggerated. I only wish Lyndon hadn't scooped us the night before.

So now, in hopes of having a humor mag out by next fall, I am going to look for money, a room to use, and, most important, people—people who can (draw, write, or) sell ads, people who get strange ideas, and people who are still able to laugh at the world around them. If you are interested at all in helping, tell me. I'm in 307 Parker.
Again, I'd like to thank the Carolina Greek for being brave enough to risk

its new reputation in our hands. And I'd like to explain about that crossword puzzle in the Hole. The clue for 5 across (which turns out to be the word "fret") was omitted and the clue that was numbered 5 was really for 9 across. It can be solved, in fact it's too easy.
Tom Stair
Editor, The Carolina Greek

Where Deserters Find Peace

(Editor's Note: This article taken from the Colorado State University Collegian was written March 28 by a former CSU student Robert J. Rosenfold who is living in Sweden.)

Tonight, as I write this from the country many Americans call the "desertion capital of the world," the Swedish government announced it had given asylum to 8 more deserters from the U.S. Armed Forces, bringing the total to 28 with others still waiting for the Swedish government to officially grant them asylum. More will surely follow.

The relations between this small, neutral country and the U.S. have gone from bad to worse since last summer, culminating in the recall of the U.S. Ambassador William W. Heath on March 8th to Washington.

Last summer, the students here began demonstrating in large numbers, like their counterparts in the U.S. and elsewhere, against American policy in Vietnam. Naturally, the American Embassy was unhappy with such demonstrations and asked the Swedish Police to arrest the students. Few arrests were made.

Then in late fall began the influx of deserters and draft dodgers. They came singly, in twos, threes, and fours asking the Swedish its "considerable in-

fluence" on the Swedish government to refuse refuge to the deserters. nevertheless asylum was granted to the dismay of American officials.

In December of last year, Philip Trezise, U.S. Ambassador to the Organization of Economic Co-operation and Development, came to Sweden to discuss the U.S. balance of payments deficit with the Swedish government. He stated on TV that the Swedes had to help the U.S. balance of payments deficit as the economic consequences. Most Swedes, especially the students, saw no reason why Sweden should be asked to help finance the Vietnam war even in such a round-about manner, since a large portion of America's balance of payment deficit is the direct result of the Vietnam conflict. Shortly after this statement Mr. Trezise was pelted by eggs and snowballs and U.S.-Swedish relations deteriorated still further.

On February 20 an anti-Vietnam war rally was held in Stockholm in which the young and brilliant Swedish Minister of Education, Mr. Olof Palme marched call Mr. Palme, "our Bobby Kennedy," along with the protesters. The Swedes

Also in the demonstration was the North Vietnamese Ambassador to Moscow who had come to give a

speech.

At this juncture, American Ambassador Heath, one of LBJ's Texas neighbors who, during his sojourn in Sweden, did not attempt to learn the language, decided to return to the U.S. which he did on March 8 of this year.

He is not missed by the Swedes and it is noteworthy that no representative of the Swedish Foreign Ministry saw him off at the airport. John Kenneth Gbraith visiting in Lund in the past few days stated re: Heath, "I know him slightly." It would appear Heath was cast right out of the "Ugly American."

As many readers will remember, NEWSWEEK, March 18, had an article entitled "Sweden's 'Hate America' Campaign."

The Swedes do not hate the U.S. but rather are very concerned with the U.S. involvement in Southeast Asia. Those whom I have talked to do not like LBJ because they fear that his actions in Vietnam could precipitate WW III.

It is noteworthy in this respect that the Swedish newspapers announced Sen. Kennedy's decision to run for President with red headlines stating, "Bobby Kennedy: The world's hope."

UNC's Beauty Is Vanishing

To The Editor:
It is with a sense of deep regret that I view the "Architectural Modernization" of Carolina. In all fields, our school has continually been first for progress and development. But our campus had never lost, until now, that intrinsic beauty that simply "was" Carolina. Progressiveness and modernization of course have their own strength and beauty but, they cannot replace the peace and serenity that caresses anyone strolling through our campus. Though the world is troubled, let us not lose our perspective. Before we become a concrete jungle, look at the Old Well, look at South Building, look at, oh well. . . .
Edward Greenberg

Class Boycott Useless Idea

To The Editor:
So we are all to boycott classes on the 26th of April as a protest against the Vietnam War. Hopefully it will be a warm, spring day. To those of us who support the war, I propose a counter boycott which can be similarly taken as an accurate indication of the strength of our movement. Let those of us who support the war stay away from the classroom on Easter Sunday.
Ben Bartley
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