

# 'About Time LBJ Resigned'

## Insight Into Sorbonne Students' Reaction To LBJ's Decision

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Carrig, a former Carolina student, is now enrolled in the Cours de Civilisation Francaise at the Sorbonne in Paris. He finds his classmates "a rather lively bunch," and here reports the reaction of French (and Americans in France) students on recent occurrences in the American political scene.

At first, of course, it was quite a shock to hear that Johnson had publicly announced that he would not seek re-election.

We received word this morning at about 7 a.m. via Radio America. After about fifteen minutes, during which all his major points were covered, the taped speech ended with a noticeable lack of comment by the VOA.

It took the students here only until the noon break to establish their set opinions about Johnson's announcement. Views seemed to fall along two lines: sigh of relief by most Americans and a rather cynical leer by the

European students. We Americans are considered over here a rather naive people. This view when given a bit of close scrutiny, is shown to have some truth to it.

Student reaction is rather rapid in Paris. By noon, a "forum" was announced to be held after classes to discuss the Johnson broadcast. The meeting was held in the Place de la Sorbonne just off Blvd. St. Michelle. As do most French student meetings, this one sparked considerable debate. In the current fashion, it began in a completely unbiased (for the French) manner. After twenty minutes of Viet Cong flag waving and general merriment over napalm, the horrors thereof, and the standard verbal abuse of United States policy the world over — they got down to "business".

Curious about how such noise could begin any logical discussion, we asked a French fellow standing next to us what all the fanfare was about. He was hefting, intermittently, a

balloon filled with calves' blood (for the fountain) and a liter of vin rouge. As we understood him, the French are a lively people and need a bit of exercise before "discussion". Besides, he said, with a laugh, "What difference does it make what we say anyway?" (If there is one thing that the French are not, it is moderate.)

The general tone of the meeting was that it was about time that Johnson publicly admitted his failures and "resigned". The French students (living under DeGaulle) are somehow blithely unaware of the democratic processes that we have in the States. Just as a great number are not satisfied with a total and immediate United States withdrawal from Vietnam (let alone an honorable peace settlement) and demand a Viet Cong victory, so are they unaware that LBJ has yet another nine months in office. For the most part the mood was one of general condemnation of Johnson and the

United States for assorted "agressions". The Americans here seem to believe that somehow the worst is over and that oft-lauded end "is in sight". They jokingly refer to the "Old Days" — the days of the "Light at the end of the tunnel." Nine months yet of Johnson Pax Americana seem to slip away just as easily for them as it did for the French.

We just can't seem to believe that Johnson's Presidential ambitions are complete. It couldn't help but be noticed that while Johnson called for the end of bombing over North Vietnam and a wholesale peace effort by the combatants (with Russian and British aid) that he also called for a partial mobilization and plans to send some 13,500 additional "support" troops to Viet Nam.

In effect, what Johnson has succeeded in doing is: —allaying the fears of the hawks of a U.S. withdrawal by giving a series of "get tough in Vietnam" speeches as well as sending more troops;

—taking the wind out of the sails of McCarthy and Kennedy. (If you'll remember a major part of the opposition's campaign was based on the Vietnam war.)

Recently President Johnson announced the reassignment of General William C. Westmoreland, author of the unpopular search-and-destroy missions. Now, he has "done all that's possible" to end the war, by asking for negotiations and the cessation of bombing. Surely within a few short weeks we will see a new ghetto-relief program proposed by the President.

With the touchy Vietnam war effectively sidestepped (by

using the proposals of his major rivals), Johnson can now either be the "President who won the War", or the prophet who knew all along that such foolishness would not work.

In either case, LBJ, with his humble apple-pie Americanism has won the hearts of God's people. He is now the official underdog of America doing his best to help out two nations in We believe that by the time of the democratic convention in August there will be a strong possibility of a draft Johnson move. He would be drafted to carp the war through to conclusion in his own inimitable manner (if talks and bombing pauses fail or elected on a war-winner ticket.

Here in Paris we see Johnson as no longer a loser. If a draft for Johnson's Presidency should be proposed and not accepted (seen as a wise choice here), LBJ will leave office the hero of the American people as the man who "done his damndest."

Let us not be misunderstood — we believe Johnson is a serious-minded dedicated individual. The Vietnam war and the American urban crises we don't believe to be taken lightly. Johnson is a man in a difficult position, but past experience has shown him not capable of satisfying the American public or world opinion. He did not attempt any drastic peace measures until they were proposed by the opposition and the Kennedy charm threatened his office. As we see it, it is extremely unfortunate that about all that Messers Kennedy and McCarthy have for ammunition at the moment is "why didn't he do this sooner?"

## Choice 68 Will Show College Political Views

If anyone makes a killing through CHOICE 68, the National Collegiate Presidential Primary, it could be the campus conservatives.

Although caricatured endlessly as dedicated young fascists obsessed with the mirage of exterminating insidious communism and related socialist end products, the fact remains that as a semi-professional political machine in the narrow, conventional sense of the word, the student right is unequalled.

This professionalism has developed, paradoxically enough, as a result of the incredible publicity that student leftists have received from the national press. Their large and usually garish demonstrations have rudely thrust the less flamboyant conservatives far into the background — where, in the leftist scenario, they vegetate in deserved obscurity.

Actually this guise of conservative anonymity is deceiving, for the vitality of the student right rests in its dedication to the democratic process. Student power for conservatives does not entail the leftist course of direct and militant social intervention regardless of law and order. It involves instead power gained and administered through accepted formulas and established structures — student government, for instance, and national student organizations such as the Young Americans for Freedom.

So while the leftists picket, agitate, and alienate, the student conservatives try to pack the polls and churn out the vote. It's a simple, direct process, almost mechanical in fact. But that, after all, is how elections are won — and campus conservatives are out to win CHOICE 68.

Their chances of doing so are not as minimal as some

liberals would like to believe. For the politics of the right today are more the politics of charisma than any other political wing on the American scene. In '64 it was Barry Goldwater who hypnotically swayed campus conservatives, and this year the prophet's mantle rests on the shoulders of Ronald Reagan. Any sizeable student mobilization behind Reagan mobilization liberal cause severe damage, and most campus conservatives know it.

A glance at the CHOICE 68 ballot would tend to justify optimism. Those liberals dissatisfied with Lyndon Johnson's performance as Chief Executive have several extremely attractive candidates from which to choose. Predictably enough, the liberal vote for president will probably be extensively fragmented with no overriding numerical superiority being enjoyed by any single individual.

Conservatives, however, can really win convincingly heavy numbers around Reagan. True, some extremists will back Wallace, and more moderate conservatives will support Nixon. But the bulk will vote for Reagan. The result could be a surprisingly authoritative conservative victory, one that would rock the leftists more than anything else.

If the liberals and moderates go their usual stumbling ways and fail to mobilize, then the conservatives will do handsomely in CHOICE 68 — for the conservatives, at least, care enough to vote. Do the liberals?

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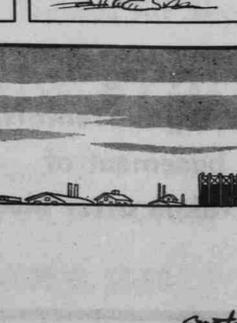
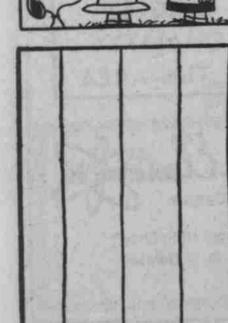
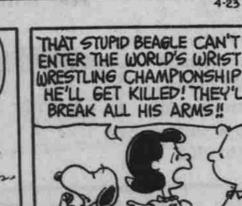
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- Pagoda
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- Printer's measure

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- ACROSS**
- Don't be ridiculous, Charlie Brown!
  - That stupid beagle can't enter the world's wrist wrestling championship! He'll get killed! They'll break all his arms!!
  - Besides, where's it going to be held?
  - "Petaluma"??



Rainy-afternoon Carolina is quieter, lonelier than sunny Carolina. The sunny-day benches sit alone and no one passes for minutes on end. In chance formation, the benches stand in silent conversation with themselves.

## Benches A DTH Record Review 'Bookends' Album Welcome Novelty

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**BOOKENDS**, Simon & Garfunkel. Columbia.

So much of recent electronics-oriented music has been disappointing in two ways:

—It is too often used for the same reason bad singers use reverberation chambers — to cover up inadequacies in either talent or skill;

—It too often is used without restraint, losing in a sea or satiety the individual effect of a single melody or note.

In the midst of an overflowing market of such amateurish stuff, the music of Simon & Garfunkel is a welcome novelty, equalled only by some of the work of the Beatles.

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S & G manage to blend both traditional folk and something that can only be called "psychological blues" with both orchestral (Remember the violins in "dangling conversation?") and electronic sound.

They can achieve, with electronics, the same effect as that of a preacher saying "damn" — maximum impact through minimum and well-timed use.

Their new album, *Bookends*, is their first since *Parsley, Sage, Rosemary & Thyme*, and has been long awaited by S & G fanatics.

Side one belongs to Paul Simon. It is composed of good poetry that gains little by being set to music. In the last half of the side, Simon concentrates on the misery of old age.

In one band Art Garfunkel has simply recorded, without music, the pathetic, senile voices of old people as they expound or cry with anguish and frustration. This sets the scene for probably the best song-poem of the album — "Old Friends": "Can you imagine us — Years from today, — Sharing a park bench quietly? How terribly strange — To be seventy."

On Side Two, "Fakin' It" for the first time really plunges into the subject of foreshadowed mediocrity, touched on slightly in earlier

works like "Homeward Bound" and "Dangling Conversation." The thoroughly delightful sarcasm of "Mrs. Robinson" (from the equally delightful movie, *The Graduate*) continues Paul Simon's Golden Crusade against the wickedness and evil of Hypocrisy, the Curse of the Middle Class.

"Hazy Shade of Winter" is of man's failure, real or projected, to overcome the disorientation faced at the start of adulthood, when he must choose the direction of his life.

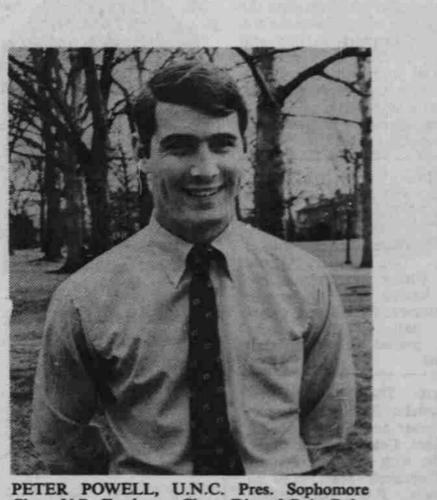
In the song one feels the tone of the emotion of the college senior who realizes on commencement day that he has chosen the wrong major: "Time, see what's become of me — While I looked around for my possibilities. — I was so hard to please."

And: "Hang on to your hopes, my friend. — That's an easy thing to say. But if your hopes should pass away — Simply pretend you can build them again."

Perhaps the only real shortcoming of the album is that Paul Simon occasionally fails to find the kind of catchy melody for his lyrics that was largely responsible for the success of "Sounds of Silence."

But this is only a small failing, more than made up for by Art Garfunkel's crystal voice and Mr. Simon's wonderful pen.

## Campus leaders like Peter Powell and Creighton Shirts are a tradition at the University of North Carolina



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