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Scroggs charges board with 'prying', secrecy

by William March
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Chapel Hill Alderman Ross Scroggs had accused the other members of the Board of Aldermen of meddling in the activities and duties of former Town Manager Robert Peck, and claims that he was left out of the decision-making process which resulted in Peck's dismissal. "This move was simply announced at the Monday night meeting by Mayor Lee, and I was completely surprised, as was Mr. Peck," Scroggs said Thursday. "And I feel that the board's interference with Peck's performance of his duties caused much of the conflict which led to his dismissal."

These statements brought contradictory replies from Alderman Joseph Nassif, a member of the committee appointed last February by Mayor Howard Lee to work with Peck.

"What Mr. Scroggs calls 'meddling' was, from our point of view, simply the exercise of an alderman's right and duty to know what is going on in his town. I think the difference in point of view, and the charges, are the result of the fact that Scroggs was not in favor of firing Peck."

At an executive session of the board last February, the aldermen offered Peck the choice of becoming head of Public Works, resigning, or staying on to work out difficulties with the board. Peck stayed on.

"Since then, I have heard no mention of the question of discharging Peck," said Scroggs. "The action was simply announced Monday night. Peck was surprised, and so was I. My vote was not taken."

Nassif replied that Peck's discharge came as a surprise to no one except Scroggs, and that other members of the board had expected the action momentarily. "Ever since the ultimatum was issued, we knew the issue was in the air."

"During an executive session toward the end of the month of November, Alderman Coxhead told Peck that he had not lived up to the terms of the February ultimatum."

"I was not specifically prepared for the announcement Monday, but when we call an executive session, it is either about personnel or land acquisition, and we are not acquiring any land."

Scroggs said that he would have voted against the dismissal no matter how it was done, but that he felt the board should have given notice to Peck. Nassif said that the February ultimatum, other meetings concerning Peck, and the board's "frequently expressed dissatisfaction" constituted notice of nearly a year.

During the meeting at which Lee announced Peck's dismissal, Scroggs charged the board with holding secret meetings and proclaimed that he was "ashamed to be a member of this board."

He said that the Board had not allowed Peck to do his job efficiently and had created the disagreements by interfering with Peck's work.

He said that Lee had been "more than typically active for a mayor of a town governed by the council-manager system of government," and agreed with former mayor Sandy McClamrock that the board had shifted the form of government to that of a mayor-council system.

"Peck was frequently caught in the middle between the board and a job which he had to get done. As a result of the board's reversal of his decisions, which were usually made 'by the book,' Peck became gun shy, and came to the board with inconsequential matters."



Alderman Ross Scroggs makes a point during the Wednesday afternoon meeting of the Chapel Hill Board of Aldermen at which Town Manager Bob Peck was dismissed. Scroggs protested the move strongly.

(Staff photo by Scott Stewart)

Peace near?

Kissinger, Tho to work on agreement next week

United Press International

KEY BISCAYNE—Presidential Adviser Henry A. Kissinger will resume meetings in Paris Tuesday with Hanoi's two chief negotiators to complete work on a Vietnam peace agreement, the Florida White House announced Thursday.

The development heightened already soaring hopes that an end to the fighting through Indochina was imminent.

Although it provided for the possibility of another breakdown in the talks, the carefully worded announcement, made jointly here and in Hanoi, carried with it the strong implication that the coming negotiating session would be the final one.

It was made by Press Secretary Ronald L. Ziegler as President Nixon would up a six-day stay at his vacation home here to head back to Washington for the beginning of his inaugural for a second term.

"Dr. Kissinger will resume private meetings with special adviser Le Duc Tho and minister Xuan Thuy on Jan. 23, 1973, for the purpose of completing the text of an agreement," Ziegler said.

He said Kissinger would be leaving for Paris Monday but declined to speculate on how long it would take him to complete the work.

He also refused to comment on the widespread belief that, except for minor changes, both sides already have agreed

on a ceasefire text and the main purpose of the meeting is to initial it.

"Dr. Kissinger is going to Paris for substantive discussions," Ziegler said.

"President Nixon's objectives are to end the fighting and restore peace in Vietnam as soon as possible by means of a negotiated settlement."

Ziegler declined to respond when asked if a ceasefire might come before the formal signing of an agreement, but it was not believed likely.

To the contrary, some U.S. officials have expressed the view that the days before a ceasefire would be ones of intensified fighting as both sides seek to expand their territorial holdings before the in-place ceasefire takes effect.

Ziegler, as he has done for the past several days, turned aside all questions about the negotiations.

"I can only state to you this morning what we have agreed with the other side to say."

Kissinger's visit to Paris will be his 24th in a quest for peace. His first secret negotiating session with Thuy was held Aug. 4, 1969. After several such sessions, Thuy, a member of Hanoi's Politburo, became his chief counterpart.

Ziegler said the President was continuing to receive reports from Gen. Alexander M. Haig, Jr., his special emissary who arrived in Southeast Asia last Tuesday to explain the proposed accord to South Vietnamese President Nguyen Van Thieu.

Joins seven others

Johnson seeks No. 1 post

Another hat in the presidential ring is that of Wingo Johnson, a junior majoring in psychology and RTVMP and a resident of Jacksonville, Fla.

"I consider my political inexperience as an asset for the job of student body president," Johnson said with regard to his political qualifications.

"The basic element of my campaign will be to increase student input into Student Government. Most of SG is currently unresponsive to student wishes, because the type of people in SG don't reflect the typical student."

Johnson said he felt that the advent of the Blue Sky Party, and its "Abolish Student Government" platform, reflected this. "I am not necessarily in favor of abolishing student government, because I think it can be made responsive to student desires."

"I would like to increase student representation in SG. The new idea of a Campus Governing Council should be efficient, but it is likely to be even less representative than the current Student

Legislature. I lived in a dorm for a year and a half, and never did my SL representative take the initiative to meet me, to knock on my door, or find out what I think.

"I would like to require representatives to hold open meetings with their constituents. And I would like to require SG and all receiving SG funds to use evaluation sheets to be sent to students."

"I also think the SG newsletter which came out my freshman year should be re-established."

Johnson said he thinks the student attorney concept is "the best idea to come out of student government in my time at UNC," and added, "We also need a consumer information service to benefit and protect students."

Johnson, a National Merit Scholar, said he intended to wait for student evaluation before making specific proposals for the destiny of Student Government.



Alice Rossi

by Diane Hollingsworth
Special to the DTH

The day of the satisfied stereotype is over. There is no longer a question of most women really wanting sexual equality, according to Dr. Alice S. Rossi. "Now it is a question of what women are doing about it," Dr. Rossi said Wednesday.

The attractive sociologist and founding member of the National Organization for Women (NOW) had spent two days on the UNC campus speaking and holding seminars.

Relaxing on the couch in the lounge of Hamilton Hall, the dark-haired wife and mother of three talked about the spreading consciousness of the movement.

"The January issue of 'Redbook' contained an interesting questionnaire which was answered by some 120,000 women, 75 per cent of whom were

married. Half were very aware of the existing discriminations against women. Three or four years ago only 10 per cent would have been aware of them. The mass media's efforts to distort the movement as a bunch of bra-burners have failed. The message has gotten through," Dr. Rossi said.

"You hear an increasing substitution of the term feminist movement for women's liberation," she continued. Feminist movement is an over-all umbrella. Many different groups comprise it. The increasing use is a sign of the public awareness of the movement as a serious political one," Dr. Rossi said in a somewhat clipped Northern accent.

"There are some women who don't want to rock the boat. They can't be forced. They are not about to experiment with the structure of the nuclear family, but they are aware of economic discrimination," she said.

Dr. Rossi noted that the feminist movement at UNC is not as strong as it could be. "There is certainly not an organized interest. Women have got to get themselves together. Then anything can happen," the professional-looking woman commented.

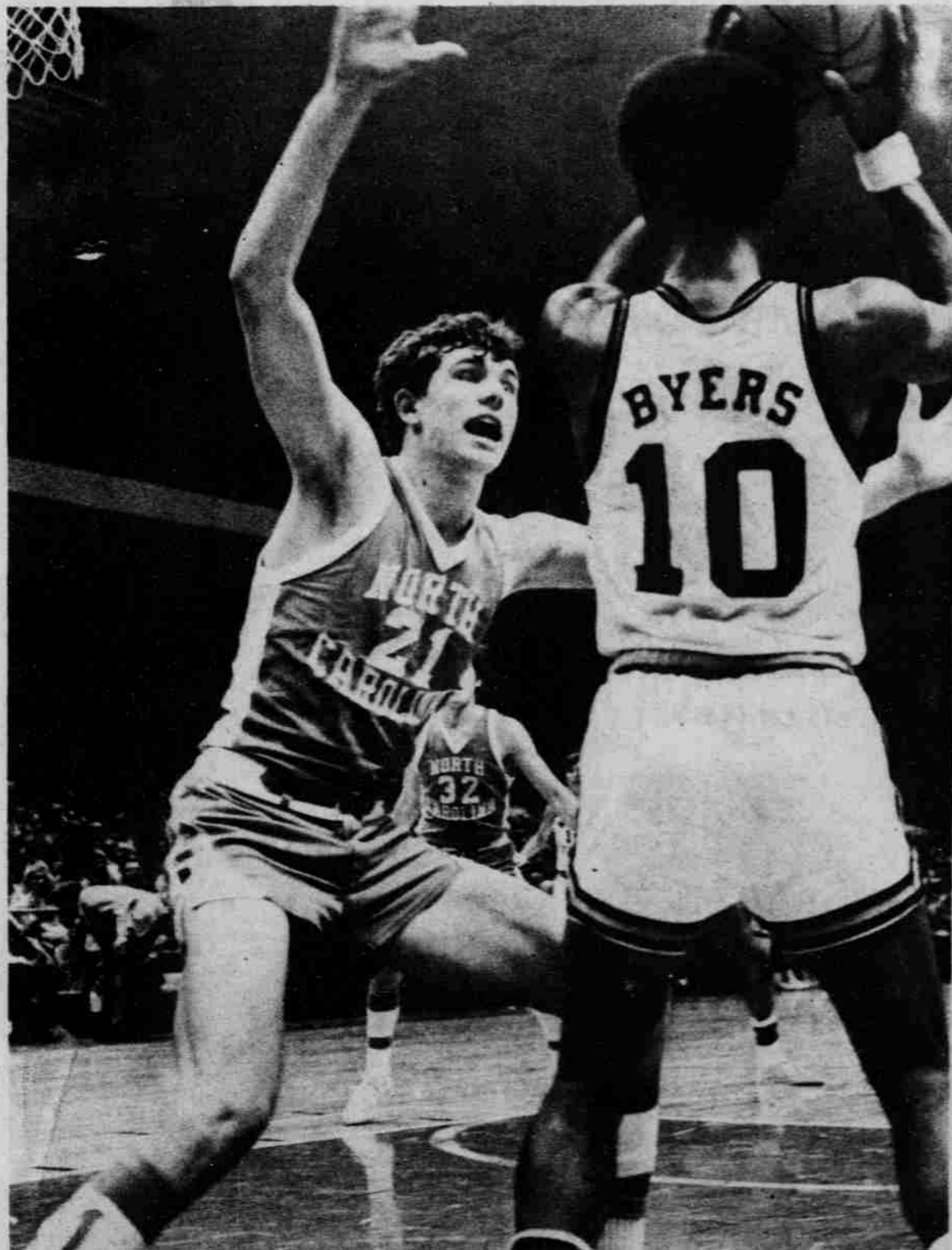
"The voices of women in the South are not heard," she said.

"Those that speak are only migrants to Southern universities. They will return to the North. The activists are in New York, Berkeley, and Chicago," Dr. Rossi explained.

"1973 is a good year to be a woman. It's exciting. Now you know there is support for the feminist movement. When we were unorganized, we had to go out on a limb and be willing to take the flack. In 1973 the flack is different. People are not going to get spat in the face. I was," she said.

Weather

TODAY: Thundershowers likely today, high in the low to mid 60's. Low tonight in the 30's; fair Saturday and high in the 60's. 60 per cent chance of precipitation today, 10 per cent chance tonight.



Boo!

Mitch Kupchak tries to scare Wake Forest guard Tony Byers to death in Carolina's 99-80 win over the Deacons Wednesday night. For a wrapup on the Wake game, see story on page five.

Washington hosts two inaugurals

by David Eskridge
Staff Writer

This weekend, Washington will experience the most expensive inaugural in history as President Nixon celebrates his second term of office during four days of festivities.

At the same time, anti-war groups across the country are joining forces in planning activities to coincide with the inaugural celebrations.

While 200,000 people are expected to throng Pennsylvania Avenue Saturday to catch a glimpse of the President's inaugural parade, a "counter-inaugural" protest march is planned for another part of town.

Sponsored by the Vietnam Veterans against the War and a coalition of other anti-war groups, it is described as a peaceful and legal demonstration against the American government's continuance of the war in Southeast Asia.

The route of the march will be from Arlington Cemetery to the Sylvan Theatre, near the Washington Monument. A permit has been obtained for the march.

Two local anti-war groups, Washington Witness and the N.C. Veterans Against the War, are obtaining buses for the trip to Washington. The cost will be \$13 per person.

The buses will leave at 4 a.m. Saturday from the

Morehead Planetarium parking lot, and will leave Washington Saturday evening at 7 p.m. Persons interested in purchasing tickets should call 933-7535 or stop by the Y Court.

Another mass march and rally has been called by the National Peace Action Coalition and the People's Coalition for Peace and Justice, scheduled to begin at 12 noon at the Lincoln Memorial.

Saturday night, an estimated 30,000 supporters of the administration are expected to crowd four inaugural balls and a youth ball in various hotels and governmental buildings around Washington.

Entertainers such as Art Linkletter, selected personally by the President to be the master of ceremonies, and Pat Boone, Frank Sinatra, Bob Hope, Sammy Davis, Jr., and Tommy Roe will perform.

Also, starting at 6 p.m. that night, the New American Movement (NAM), another anti-war group, will host a conference of all anti-war forces to plan continuing programs of activity and education on the war and American foreign policy.

According to NAM spokesman Tom Denyer, the place of the conference will be announced at the rally on Saturday afternoon.

For those students unable to go to Washington, several local activities have been planned for Saturday. There will be a gathering in the Pit at 12 noon, during



Wingo Johnson

which time a student leader, a Vietnamese student, a Veteran and a campus chaplain will briefly speak out against the war.

Following the ceremony, a vigil will be held in front of Woollen Gym to draw attention to the war among the people attending the Duke-UNC basketball game.

Other activities include a speech by Michael Allen, who recently returned from a trip to Hanoi with Joan Baez and Telford Taylor, at 8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 22 in Memorial Hall.

There will be a vigil Saturday at Five-Points in Durham in which contributions will be solicited for a fund drive to rebuild the Bach Mai Hospital which was recently damaged in the Hanoi bombings.

Former Attorney General Ramsey Clark is organizing the fund. Checks or money orders can be made out to Bach Mai Fund and mailed to: c/o Washington Witness, P.O. Box 124, Chapel Hill, N.C., 27514.

Locally, sixteen pastors from Chapel Hill's principle congregations have joined in a "Letter from the Pastors" appealing to the community to act to end the Vietnam War.

The pastors said they "deplore the silence and isolation of the President from the people and the Congress." They appealed to Congress "to exercise its constitutional responsibility for war and peace and to restore the balance of power in our republic."