

Watergate and press

UNC hears Roberts

by David Ennis
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Chalmers Roberts

The Watergate affair demonstrates the tremendous influence that the '60s demonstrations had on Nixon, according to Chalmers Roberts, *Washington Post* columnist.

Roberts told a group of about 150 students and faculty in Hamilton Hall that the government noticed, but misinterpreted the activism of the 1960s.

"All that Watergate represents sprang from Nixon's failure to understand that Americans could disagree with the government because of principle," Roberts said, "and not because they were being paid by North Vietnam."

He believes that the Watergate affair illustrates the effects of the isolation of the president. Roberts said that the lack of press conferences leads to the development of a "coterie of flaks and yes-men" around the president.

Roberts discussed presidential press conferences, referring to the first of Nixon's two recent ones:

"The press corps was uptight and frustrated," he said. "If he (Nixon) had had press conferences on some kind of regular basis, he probably wouldn't have gotten that treatment," Roberts continued.

In his Tuesday night speech, Roberts emphasized his belief that the press should have an adversary relationship with the government.

"An adversary relationship threatens to break down when adversaries turn into enemies, break communication, and wage

war," Roberts said. "But it hasn't reached that point and it isn't likely to," he said.

Roberts, who wrote the *Washington Post* stories based on the Pentagon Papers and was a defendant in the resulting trial discussed the President's use of "national security" to restrict the press.

"Nixon thinks that the government can do almost anything for whatever he conceives to be national security," Roberts said. "But the burden ought to be on the government to prove that things should be on the national security list—not on the press and citizens to get it off the list," he concluded.

In a question-answer period that followed the speech, Roberts praised the determination of the *Washington Post* in their early efforts about Watergate.

"It was a lonely position until McCord blew the whistle," said Roberts. "The pressure was intense during that period." He believed the rest of the country's press were "namby-pamby" because of their failure to "dig" along with the *Washington Post*.

When asked if he had ever been harassed by the government, Roberts said, "I always operated on the assumption that the better part of discretion was to be discreet."

Military-industrial complex

King criticizes defense budget

by David Klinger
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More than 100 participants in the Action Conference on Corporate Militarism in the South heard Edward King, a self-styled "product of the military-industrial complex" denounce the United States military budget on Friday.

Keynoting the two-day conference held at the Carolina Friends School in Durham, King offered suggestions on ways to combat increased military spending to the members of the peace action conference.

King, currently executive secretary of the Coalition for National Priorities in Washington, D.C., entered the U.S. Army in

1936 and rose to the position of Joint Chiefs of Staff representative before resigning in 1969 as a protest over the conduct of the Vietnam War. He was active in the presidential campaign of Sen. George McGovern and now heads a coalition of political and religious groups lobbying for budget reductions in military spending and increases for social welfare programs.

The military-industrial complex, a term made popular by President Dwight D. Eisenhower, was described by King as "existing throughout the system. Both sides, the military and industry, are working for their own profit."

"What you have in the military is a steadily-increasing machinery cost for

killings, and a steadily-increasing cost of manpower. The trend is now away from high spending in Congress. But we want to get it down, not just level the spending off," King stated.

King criticized Congress as being the advocate, rather than the watchdog, of high military spending. He listed two factors as contributing to the support which many congressmen give to a large military budget: a home state constituency basically in support of a high military budget and the location of military bases in home districts.

In what King described as the "Pentagon revenge file," military officials often use the pressure of threats to close or reduce the number of military installations in a congressman's home district as a lever to obtain support for certain defense appropriations.

"You have to understand, however, the military are not bad guys. They do that to get their requirements. They've got to conform

the Union lobby schedule for room number.

Drs. H.A. Landsberger, F.G. Gill and J. Prothro of UNC and Dr. A. Valenzuela of Duke will participate in a panel discussion, "Chile: End of a Socialist Experiment?" at 3:30 p.m. today in Day Hall Faculty Lounge, fourth floor.

A worship service will be held at the Battle House today at 6:15 p.m. "Is There a Need for Verbal Evangelism—i.e. Billy Graham?" will be the topic of discussion.

The preparatory lecture on Transcendental Meditation will be held at 7:30 p.m. tonight in room 202 of the Union.

Coming Events

Professor James P. Collman of Stanford University will speak on "Synthetic Models for Biological Oxygen Carriers—The First Characterized, Synthetic Iron (II) Porphyrin Dioxygen Complex" at 2:15 p.m., Friday, Sept. 28 in 207 Venable.

Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship presents Dr. John Hercul, from Australia to speak on "Good and Evil" at 9 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 30 on the fourth floor of Day Hall.

The Black Ink staff will meet Sunday night, Sept. 30 in room 206 of the Student Union. The purpose of the meeting is to assign articles for the October edition.

Bill hikes

GI school

enrollments

GI Bill school enrollments increased 14 per cent in fiscal year 1973, enrolling the largest number of veterans since post-World War II, reported H.W. Johnson, director of the Winston-Salem Veterans Administration Regional Office.

Included among the 2.1 million veterans who trained under the GI Bill in this fiscal year were 1.2 million in college, 756,000 in other schools and 189,000 who took apprenticeship or other on-job training.

Increased enrollments "reflect, in part, efforts of many veterans discharged prior to enactment of current benefits to make use of them before the eight-year May 31, 1974 expiration date," Johnson commented.

Johnson also reported 130,000 vets were trained and used "free entitlement" during the year, or before. Under the free entitlement program, VA pays monthly training allowances, but time spent training is not charged against the total GI Bill time to which the trainee is entitled.

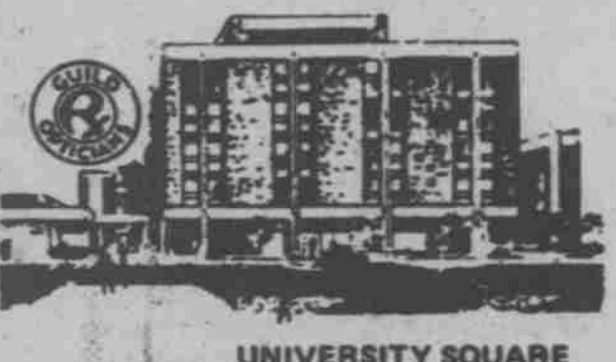
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