

Civil War veteran Mundy an engaging hero

Jim Mundy describes himself as "a smart-mouthed young man too eager to pick a fight — I don't know how anybody stood me in those days." He is the engaging hero of a readable new novel about the Civil War, *Jim Mundy* (Harper and Row, 470 pp. \$9.95) by Robert H. Fowler, who is a native of Monroe, N.C., a former Greensboro newspaperman and now publisher of four magazines about the Civil War and a resident of Pennsylvania. He is a graduate of UNC-Chapel Hill.

Living in the fictional county of Oldham, N.C., Jim volunteered with the 10th North Carolina Volunteers at the age of 18, left his Methodist parsonage home and fought through the entire war, including such battles as Fredericksburg, Malvern Hill and Antietam; surrendered with Robert E. Lee at Appomattox Courthouse, and survived to build up a flourishing general store in Baltimore with the \$3,000 he took off the body of a dead Yankee. In 1917 he decided to write his account of the war, encouraged by his grandson and the boy's Harvard professor.

Jim Mundy is written from the point of view of a poor North Carolina farm boy whose family never owned any slaves and whose enthusiasm for fighting rather than dedication to a cause plunged him into the Army. "Sherman said war was hell," Jim wrote, "but he had a horse to ride. He would have said a lot worse if he had been a poor foot soldier." Jim's descriptions of battles are realistic and

spree on rotgut liquor. He discovered a pleasant whorehouse in Richmond with a pretty quadroon who knew how to give him a bath as well as other services. He didn't like his over-fat, plattitudinous commanding officer in Raleigh, but he did like the general's wife and gave her a son who resembled her husband not at all. And he met all sorts of interesting people along his picaresque way: a former slave who helped him escape to Canada, "a hateful little homosexual clerk" at Johnson Island Prison who stopped his letters to his girl back home, a shrewd Yankee trader who lent him six dollars and gave him a job after the war, two devoted black slaves who aided his romance with a Southern plantation owner's daughter, a white deserter who told him "This is a rich man's war and a poor man's fight," and a professor at Dickinson College who argued with him about the war.

Author Robert Fowler did not set out to write a literary masterpiece. The style is folksy and homespun and the point of view is definitely that of a poor boy from North Carolina.

books

By **WALTER SPEARMAN**
— Jim Mundy
by Robert H. Fowler

horrifying. He lost an eye at Gettysburg, suffered in the Yankee prison on Johnson's island, escaped in a coffin during a cyclone and happened to be present at many of the Confederates' greatest victories and defeats.

From all the battles Mundy fought in, one would think he had no time left over for other activities. But he was a lively young man, eager for all kinds of experience. He had his first drunken

Jailed terrorists kill selves Hijack victims safe in Germany

By United Press International

FRANKFURT, West Germany — Sobbing and drained, 82 men, women and children returned from the shadow of death Tuesday and told how they had given up hope of leaving their hijacked jetliner alive. Four of the 86 hostages freed in a daring seven-minute West German commando raid remained behind in Mogadishu, Somalia, suffering from shock.

A huge crowd applauded the returning hostages as they disembarked at Frankfurt airport after a five-day, 7,000-mile odyssey of terror in which they expected to die from moment to moment.

But there was no cheering because Juergen Schumann, the captain of the hijacked plane, was shot in cold blood in front of the hostages' eyes hours before the raid.

"This was the worst moment," one hostage said. "The captain was shot in the head in front of our eyes, after being forced by the gangster leader to kneel in the middle of the aisle."

"From that moment on we had no hope of being rescued."

Three of the hijackers were killed. A fourth was seriously wounded and hospitalized in Mogadishu.

In Stuttgart, Andreas Baader, leader of the West German urban guerrilla gang who staged the hijacking, and two of his jailed cohorts committed suicide in their prison cells after learning the failure of the mission to free them.

The hijackers had demanded freedom for 13 terrorists in German and Turkish jails along with \$15.5 million in ransom for the lives of the hostages.

Baader, cofounder of the Baader-Meinhof terrorist gang, shot himself to death in his cell. West German officials offered no explanation how he came by a pistol and ammunition.

Nuclear waste disposal

WASHINGTON — The government proposed Tuesday taking charge of used fuel from domestic and foreign nuclear reactors and holding it for perhaps 15 years while decisions are made about permanent radioactive waste disposal.

Costs of the storage — designed in part to ease problems created by President Carter's indefinite ban on the recovery of plutonium from spent atomic fuel — could boost home electric bills by as much as 2.5 percent, Energy Department officials said.

news briefs

Koreagate hearings

WASHINGTON — Keeping his witness list a secret, special counsel Leon Jaworski said Tuesday the House Ethics Committee's hearings on covert Korean lobbying will produce "revealing" testimony on "what the project... really was."

But Jaworski said the hearings, scheduled to run from today through Friday, will not include any effort to name specific members of Congress who may be implicated, "because we're not at that point yet."

U.S. condemns Czechs

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia — The United States joined the French Communist party Tuesday in condemning Czechoslovakia for putting four dissidents on trial.

U.S. delegate Arthur Goldberg read a UPI dispatch on the trial in Prague to delegates at the 35-nation meeting, noting that Czech authorities even had banned a reporter for the French Communist party newspaper from the proceedings.

Concorde flies today

WASHINGTON — The House Judiciary Committee Tuesday approved legislation opening the way home by Christmas for at least some of nearly 600 Americans in Mexican jails.

The legislation would permit American prisoners in Mexican jails and Mexican prisoners in American jails to be transferred to facilities near their homes in their respective countries if they wish.

NEW YORK — The Concorde SST swoops into New York's sprawling Kennedy Airport for the first time today, with frustrated opponents biding their time but promising a court suit within a week.

The test landing climaxes 15 years of development and a two-year legal battle with the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey and with homeowners near the airport who claim the Concorde is excessively noisy.

drop

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and their educational reasons for choosing that length.

The first question, "Are you in favor of a long drop period or a short drop period?" is predated by the following statement:

"A long drop period lets students have more time to adjust to their work load, and a short drop period will not allow students to drop a class after their first test, thus changing the class's curve."

Tuesday, Moss asked the persons conducting the poll, CGC representatives Long and Lewis, to drop the first question from the survey because it was biased. But 50 students already polled had responded to the question.

"I think the first question is just going to have to be discounted," Moss said. "The survey is valid minus the first assumption."

Lewis said the question was not biased because it presented arguments for both sides of the issue. She also said that Elizabeth M. Fischer, associate director of the Social Sciences Data Library, helped her frame the survey questions.

Fischer said Tuesday that she helped Lewis and Long set up guidelines for the questions but she said she did not help them write the questions. "I hat (the first question) does sound a little biased," she said.

Moss said that although the proposal had not been written, it would recommend extension of the drop period to six weeks, from the current four weeks.

'Yack' portrait schedule announced

Students may have their portraits for the 1977-78 *Yacker* taken Oct. 24 through Nov. 4.

Sign-up for portraits is now going on at tables set up in the Carolina Union lobby and the Y-Court. No sitting fee is charged for the portraits.

Yack Editor Ted Kyle encouraged all students, particularly seniors and graduate and professional students who might need photos for job applications, to have their pictures taken.

Photographers will work from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and from 1 to 9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, with hour breaks at noon and 5 p.m.

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STAR WARS

Braswell

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His conditional acceptance to Richmond was his motivation for becoming so active in the student union, he said.

When he arrived at Richmond, "The university was in a tremendous period of transition," he said. A new athletic complex had just been built, and money had been given to the school to build a new student commons. However, the student union never had been able to create much campus interest, he said.

"We decided we needed a week of events, for good PR, to turn the campus on to the student union," Braswell said. As a result, the Special Events Committee was created and Braswell was appointed chairperson, an office to which he later was elected by the student body.

At that time, Richmond was a private school with a separate women's college. Women and men were segregated, Braswell said. "We needed a project to get people together. Women wouldn't go anywhere without a date." So Braswell came up with the "Dutch Chaos" project.

A \$5 ticket to "Dutch Chaos" bought admission to a lecture, a coffee house, all-night movies, a 40-foot mud slide and a

concert. The week ended with a 600-foot banana split in the gym. Braswell said about 500 people attended, and \$1 bought them all they could eat.

The Guinness Book of World Records wasn't interested in Richmond's banana split, Braswell said, because a longer one had been built the year before by an ice cream parlor in St. Paul, Minn.; it was one-mile long.

"Dutch Chaos" raised about \$1,000, Braswell said, and the union used the money to buy a sound system for its coffee house.

Braswell, who is against increasing student fees at UNC, said the student union here doesn't do enough fund raising to support its programs. At Richmond, he said, the Special Events Office was a pay phone booth.

"We did it with nothing," he said, which in part explains his hostility towards organizations at UNC which can function only when money is dished out to them.

"I guess I'm a country boy in a big town," said the Petersburg, Va. native, "but some of the ways they throw around money really bother me."

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