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## Take UNC Trustees Off Auction Block

THE somber spectacle of seats on the University of North Carolina's board of trustees being placed on the political auction block is the shame of every General Assembly.

It is that season once again. Inappropriately, this year's scramble for places on the board is taking place at a time when all Tarheelers are eyeing the Consolidated University with fresh interest and admiration. Inauguration ceremonies for the institution's new president, 36-year-old William Clyde Friday, will be held in Raleigh tomorrow.

While Mr. Friday is being honored in the quiet dignity of North Carolina State College's Reynolds College, an old-fashioned political free-for-all will be underway backstage in the legislature which may affect higher education's fortunes fully as much as the new president.

A few good men and women invariably survive the melee and become able and useful trustees. But the manner in which membership on the board is left to the haphazard outcome of political trading offers no guarantee of excellence. Too often, personal times are secondary when political devices and political pay-offs become guiding factors in selection.

The politicking is getting worse with each session of the General Assembly. A reform of the system of naming trustees should not be delayed any longer.

The Consolidated University is a great institution of higher learning. Its development must not be hampered by some bungling, incompetent board in the future when wisdom, courage and enlightenment are desperately needed.

It has often been suggested that members of the General Assembly themselves be barred from membership on the board. But this would be going too far. There is no good reason for disqualifying an able legislator from serving higher education merely because he serves the people of his county or district as a lawmaker.

Anyway, the problem is not whether a trustee is a legislator or not. It is simply whether or not he is qualified for board membership by reason of his personal integrity, his ability and his enlightened interest in education. The General Assembly has demonstrated in recent years that it lacks the impartiality to select an individual on its own. A new procedure is clearly needed. Any new plan should certainly include some participation by the governor, a representative of all the people of the state and one who is less subject to the political pressures of the rough-and-tumble legislative scene. We would suggest that new trustees be appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the General Assembly.

## Foster Is Funnier Than He Thinks

THEY laughed in the House when Mr. Dulles sat down to plead for increased entertainment allowances for U. S. foreign service officers.

When the laughter subsided, the House disallowed the increase and cut the current allowance level by 25 per cent.

"This is, I submit, no laughing matter," Mr. Dulles later told a presumed audience of sober-faced Senators. In a way, he is right.

The fact that underpaid U. S. diplomats have to dig into their own thin purses for the entertainment of foreign officials—and of congressmen junketing on secret expense accounts—can't particularly hurt them. Nor is Congress' traditional position that the richest nation in the world cannot afford to pay for the upkeep of its embassies in such nations as Britain and France.

But perhaps the solemnity of men must expect laughter when he wears cap and bells. As Mr. Dulles pleaded with one Senate committee to treat his money bill with due seriousness, another committee was considering denominations of his for important overseas posts.

Charles E. Bohlen, State's top expert on Russian affairs, to be ambassador to the Philippines. Bohlen, according to the New York Times, "confessed a general ignorance of the Orient and said that his only experience in the Philippines was a week's stopover there in 1928, when he was a seaman on a merchant ship."

Scott McLeod, State Department security chief, to be ambassador to Ireland. McLeod testified that Dulles almost fired him for a breach of security. Mr. Dulles apparently was moved to send

McLeod to Dublin in order to get him out of Washington. Henry J. Taylor, writer and broadcaster, to be ambassador to Switzerland. Mr. Taylor is widely known for his belief in flying saucers. He has no previous diplomatic experience.

To make matters even more hilarious in a melancholy sort of way—the Senate Foreign Relations Committee approved all three of these gentlemen for the suggested posts.

There is no excuse for Congress' pitifully shortightedness of the needs of an efficient, alert and experienced foreign service. But judging by the appropriateness of some of his appointments, one must wonder if Mr. Dulles himself hasn't contributed to that view.

## Name Change

THERE'S plenty of political magic in a name. And when Charlotte's Mayor-Elect Jim Smith, the possessor of a particularly handy handle, decided to be known henceforth as James Saxon

Smith, it appeared he was tossing away a stable natural resource. "Jim" beats "James Saxon" all hollow in crowd appeal. Closer study, however, suggests Mr. Smith may have picked up as many as 24 votes by his name change. There are the many other Jim Smiths in the phone book and to a man, we'll wager, they are delighted to be freed of the possibility of being called away from dinner to listen to complaints about traffic, stray dogs and annexation.

## Charlotte Needs Educational TV Study

CHARLOTTE should put its best foot forward—swiftly and firmly—to become one of 15 U. S. cities to be selected by the Fund for the Advancement of Education for experimental programs in educational television.

Charlotte has the interest, the civic energy, the local leadership and the promised cooperation of commercial television. It has a modern, well-organized school plant and a faculty of enterprising teachers.

Furthermore, the city has already been actively studying television's promise as an educational tool.

Whether or not Charlotte wins the Fund's favor, this interest must continue. But an experimental program under the direction of trained experts would undoubtedly translate our tentative gropings into genuine progress.

Teacher and building shortages make the need for educational television more urgent by the day. There are not only more people to be educated than ever before but there is more to be learned. Television can help—and as an integral part of the regular instructional program. The real challenge in the use of television in education lies in raising the quality of the content of education as well as the level of the learning process. There will be educational television in Charlotte's future. The time to plan for it is now.

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Now word comes that the Army has chosen one rifle, the T-44, to replace these three shoulder arms. There may or may not be nostalgia over the going of the M-1 carbine and M-3. But we can plainly hear the same Regular Army man, when he begins selling the T-44 to recruits in 1960, saying suddenly with a far-off look in his eye. "But if you really want to hit something get yourself an ole Springfield '03."

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## People's Platform

Editors, The News: My first reaction to the news of Joe McCarthy's death was to write a bitter letter about the gleam with which this event will be greeted by some people and the more hypocritical eulogies and condolences which may come from other sources.

This would serve no purpose. However it is of some value to consider how the events involving him contributed to America's political education. Most experienced experts on Communism failed him as one whose exposure of Communists in government was a service to this country.

Of equal importance was the glaring light focused on the duplicity of his so-called liberal opponents. He and others like him caused to be laid bare the utter lack of principles and consistency which has characterized the behavior of professional liberals. To their passion to destroy him and other effective anti-Communists they thrust their chests over the right to freely speak treason, but there was no such right of free speech for an anti-Communist to criticize a general. No individuals were to be drawn from a Fifth Amendment plea by a Communist but not have back a soundly. The use of informants is deplorable unless they are hired by liberals to get a job with the Communists and furnish dirt on McCarthy. The Senate is a continuing body to consider matters against McCarthy during a previous session, but for civil rights questions it is not a continuing body.

These are but samples of the double standard behavior that have not gone unrecognized. He had the courage to stand almost alone on important questions. During a recent L. H. Army-McCarthy hearings, at a time when our vice president and secretary of state told us we faced war in Indochina, he alone exposed the facts that our allies were shipping strategic materials to Red China which could be used against America. He was criticized for mentioning that we had abandoned over 400 American servicemen to the Chinese Communists. Army records support this.

He was condemned for exposing situation of the Greek shipping to the Communists while Bob Kennedy was called one of America's 10 outstanding young men for working on that same project. There is much more but only time will prove its value.

To those who opposed him in good faith there is the satisfaction of having followed honest convictions based on available information. To those who fought him blindly on every issue, even when they knew he was right, because they could not stand the reflection on their kind whose hope and nerve he brought to public notice, I hope that some day there will be a calm pause and reappraisal. In my opinion, Sen. Joe McCarthy was a true American who loved and fought for his country. May God rest his soul. —GEORGE A. FITZSIMMONS

Senator Had Many Admirers Supporters Editors, The News: I've just read your lead editorial, "The Tragedy of Joseph R. McCarthy." The tone of your self-righteousness and pity is utterly nauseating!

Shed no unattractive tears for this man, Mr. Editor. He was a too formidable an American to be grieved over in false pity by the liberal press. Neither McCarthy or his friends would let the practice anything but—as I said—strictly nauseating. The fact is the dead man and you know it! Consistently you labeled him demagogue and a unscrupulous hunter. Therefore, it would have been far more charitable and honest to have simply said, "The bogey man is dead and good riddance!"

Yes, Joe McCarthy, American conservative, patriot and individualist, is dead. The outstanding

## Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON JOE MCCARTHY telephoned me some days before he died. He and I had not conversed since I found myself looking into his face, arms pinned to side, in the men's cloakroom of the Senate. He and I were separated by the vice president of the United States.

Seven years had passed. Suddenly I picked up the telephone to hear a cheery voice as if nothing had ever happened.

Surprise Favor "Drew," said the voice, "this is Joe McCarthy. Are you sitting?" "Yes," I replied, also as if nothing had ever happened. "I wanted to make sure you were sitting down because if you were standing up you would faint," continued Joe. "I've just put your column in the Congressional Record."

Advance Warning "I haven't always agreed with your column," he said, "but in this case I'm sure it's completely accurate, and I wanted to tell you in advance what I do so you wouldn't faint." "You're kidding," I replied to the double-cross given Israel regarding her withdrawal from the Gaza Strip and the Gulf of Aqaba. Just a short time before, Joe had picked up the telephone to keep a flimsy TV report of mine on Israel from being shown in the Senate caucus room. That

# Liberals Made 'Whipping Boy' Of McCarthy



McCarthy In His Heyday As The Senate's Chief Inquisitor

tragedy involved in the life and death of this man is that superficial thinkers like you and the entire non-Communist liberal world nobly tagged him "Political Enemy No. 1"—and did knowingly join ranks with the treacherous Communist world who despised him with a passion no more fervent than the former.

Did McCarthy, as you say, "bruse and distort the moral image of America"? If he did, then I submit that the patriotic fathers of this republic did likewise. If fervent love of country is immoral, then Joe McCarthy is guilty. If it is immoral for a man to stand up to militantly alert his countrymen to the chaos and slavery of communism, then McCarthy is guilty on a second count. If it is immoral for a

man to rise up in wrath against traitors, companions of traitors, and go to his looks holding public trust—and hang them out on the line for his countrymen to see and beware of—then McCarthy is guilty on a third count. If it is immoral for a man to stand up to an aggressively firm in the face of the greatest campaign of vilification ever leveled by the liberal and Communist press against an elected American representative, then McCarthy is guilty on a fourth count.

Would The News enlighten its readers on the manifestly "fuzzy" sources from whence stem its notions on morals and ethics? "Your depiction of McCarthy at death is sheer deception, my friend. I challenge you to show

him doing the acting and the lack of Communist and liberal press luddled in the gallery—gleefully licking their chops as would a snake about to tear into a box of hot buttered popcorn."

Joe's colleague and friend, the disenchanted and astute Sen. Minetti of South Dakota, perhaps said best what many think of his life: passing takes out of the American political arena a courageous fighter against communism and a stalwart advocate of our traditional political concepts.

Farewell Joe McCarthy! Accept the eternal tribulation of those of us who understood your great work. You did not live in vain; for indeed you alerted an anesthetic nation to international conspiracy and treason to a degree that none of your colleagues or predecessors were fortunate enough to achieve. With millions of your friends and constituents your name will always be synonymous with "The Fight For America," and there is no greater nobler field. Would that I was but half the man you were. —J. R. CHERRY JR.

## Voice Of America Is A 'Boondoggle'

Editors, The News: THE Voice of America is State Department hushaw.

The House Appropriations Committee has cut the money for the \$12 million from the appropriations to USA, which operates the Voice of America. But if they had done their plain duty, they would have cut the entire appropriation for this useless, unnecessary and detrimental agency which is doing the United States no good whatever in its blatant misrepresentation of the outside world of what it calls American democracy.

Time and again it has been exposed as a boondoggle project of the worst order, something along the line of Roosevelt's last-minute venture that set a new low in extraneous activities which the New Deal President initiated, and which have now increased to an alarming degree.

If we are going to have such extraneous agencies as USA, whose supposed objective is to promote Americanism and fight communism, why not keep them here in the United States to do this job where the need is greater and the expense is least?

Instead of shooting them across the ocean to plead with the Slovaks for instance, to resist indoctrination by Communists, why not turn them loose in our churches, universities and government agencies here at home to do a little missionary work in those far more strategic areas where the results, if any, might reasonably be expected to be to the benefit of the people of the United States?

The poor taxladen underlings of this country have about as much valid need for the United States Information Agency and for the Voice of America as an Eskimo has for a swimming cap.

Anyway it is not the Voice of America that is the voice of the lie in the State Department. And one of its few accomplishments to date is to convince the people of the areas where it operates that for only music Americans care for or know anything about is rock 'n' roll played in minor jazz bands. —PARKS A. YANDLE

## Just How Patriotic Are The 'Patriots'?

Editors, The News: JUST who are the "Patriots of North Carolina Inc.?" How patriotic can a prejudiced, uninformed organization be that wishes to sway the vote of the people against a minority group?

The advertisement which appeared in Friday's paper against the bond issue for Memorial Hospital was very un-American. The Charlotte News has ceased being a real newspaper when it allows such a ridiculous, one-sided ad to be published. The article which appeared for the bond issue was even better to find. —JOAN PARROTT

## Haunted By Memories

Perhaps he was haunted by the Annie Lee Moses, the Val Lewin, the John Service, the John G. Vincent, the times he saw them as he lay on his hospital bed crying out in the night. They had been here, he had seen them, he had come to haunt him. I know something of the ridicule, the abuse, the anonymous letters, the scathing phone calls, the falling away of someone that can come when a senator takes the privileged floor of the United States Senate to call you a Communist.

But I for one am sorry Joe died when he did. Toward the end he had been moved to the McCarthey. He was given the first come to Washington. Toward the end he wrote me a letter regretting that I was ever pro-Communist.

Welcomed Death Most important of all, he had begun to make peace with his Maker. For Alfred Joe wanted to die. He would not have stuck to his diet of whisky had he wanted to live. Had he lived, had he forgotten the heavy sin of headlines, had he been content to be just another senator, he might have survived. But he did not become a senator who truly deserved fame.

# Lonely Joe McCarthy Wanted To Die

was how perverse he could be. I suppose no one newspaperman suffered more emotionally than I did from Joe McCarthy. But I felt sorry for Joe in these latter years. He had been so famous once. He was so lonely lately.

He used to walk through the halls of Congress, a sheet of handouts under his arm, offering them to newspapermen. But his press handouts hit the waste-paper baskets and his face didn't appear on TV any more.

Strange Contrast "Once the cameramen had lined up outside his office clamoring for 'one more shot,' these associations dignified his footsteps, worked in shifts, never let him walk down a corridor alone. But now he walked alone.

Fame is a cruel thing. It can lift you to the mountain tops. It can forget you at the bottom. It can exhilarate you with sweet youth moments in heaven. It can leave you crushed and wondering why you are all alone.

Forgotten By Friends In Joe's case he was forgotten by the alleged friends who saw the political importance of pinning the Communist label on a Democratic administration. "Suppose he finds only one Communist

in the State Department," said Bob Tait, who never lifted a finger to stop Joe's witch-hunting.

Joe never did find that one Communist in the State Department. He found some in other walks of life. But the one alleged Communist in the State Department, Val Lewin, indicted for denying he was a Communist, was excused by one other than Attorney General Brownell with an apology from the court.

Fatal Error Joe could have enjoyed fame much longer if he had not made the mistake of turning on the man he helped put in the White House. When he did that, he lost newspaper support. The big publishers who once gave him headlines suddenly gave their help no more headlines. He was attacking Joe, he's army, he's foreign policy, like and Dulles, he said, were soft on communism.

So Joe was the silent treatment, and that was what really killed him.

## Ruined By Alcohol

The exhilarating stimulus of the exposure of the Klu Klux Klan's rights ruined Joe's effectiveness in his earlier days. The exhilarating stimulus of alcohol ruined his effectiveness in recent days.

These last three weeks, he had been on a literal whiskey binge. He had been on it before and gone to the hospital—three