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### Must UNC Be A Political Football?

DESPITE the calls of powerful opponents, University of North Carolina trustees marched grimly into battle Monday. Without a dissenting vote, they endorsed recommendations that would strip the State Board of Higher Education of its control over UNC affairs.

Then, in a curious backside foreman maneuver, trustees resolved "to implement, through conferences or other appropriate means, its proposals without necessarily being bound by the specific statutory changes proposed." This meant, quite simply, that trustees are now prepared to negotiate on their differences with the Higher Board.

Catalysts to the contrary notwithstanding, University trustees have wholly honorable reasons for objecting to some dimensions of the Higher Board's power. But it must be noted that they damaged their case more than a little by the haste with which they sought to discredit and rebuke the Higher Board.

The time to negotiate was before, not after, adopting their stern recommendations.

It is not too late to explore the issue

thoroughly, however, and make a scrupulous effort to resolve many of the differences. The leeway trustees gave their executive committee in negotiating with the Higher Board will theoretically permit some enlightened give and take. Whether the opportunity will be seized and whether the two groups will be successful in ironing out their difficulties will depend upon the conscientiousness of the individuals involved.

But one thing must be kept in mind during this controversy. The issue is not solely one of money. Vastly more important is the status and prestige of one of America's greatest universities.

The University of North Carolina means too much to the state, the South and the nation to be placed in the careless custody of an elaborately many bureaucracy. Whatever happens during future negotiations, it should be remembered that a university needs a reasonable amount of freedom of action to perform its job properly. Without it, the institution does not deserve the name "university."

But fully as bad as bureaucratic suffocation is political knavery. Above all, the University of North Carolina must not be allowed to become a political football. Unfortunately, that is always the danger when rival groups view it as a prize to be won rather than a cause to be protected.

### The Fourth Republic: Decline And Fall

"I can perhaps be useful, because I am a man of honor."—DE GAULLE.

THE second coming of Gen. de Gaulle is fraught with peril for France and for the Western alliance.

The general himself has insisted that he has no desire to turn dictator or to violate the liberties of the republic. His record leaves little doubt as to his sincerity.

But there is every indication today that Gen. de Gaulle is the prisoner of forces and events which he can neither avert nor control.

The men who have created the circumstances which brought de Gaulle to the brink of power again are not a pretty lot. They include military and ultra-rightist elements who simply cannot be trusted to guard French liberty and honor its obligations to the West. After all, it was only when the French Assembly refused to fall in with the demands of the insurrectionists in Algiers that the lesser generals and the "committee of public safety" advanced de Gaulle as "arbiter."

The danger of an authoritarian regime is real. Frenchmen are turning to de Gaulle in desperation and despair

after years of shaky and constantly changing coalition governments. In so doing, they are risking the very thing that they have worked so hard to prevent—dictatorship.

The danger is all the greater because Gen. de Gaulle cannot bring himself to admit what is probably true—that party government has faithfully mirrored the divisions and stubborn feelings of the French people. He cannot admit this because, as a British newspaper editorialized last week, "to him France is not a political organism; it is a mystic entity. Nor is there to him much doubt who embodies it."

De Gaulle's task is great. He has encouraged those who seek to dictate to France a government of their own choosing. He will find that the solution to the problem of Algeria will require methods somewhat more arduous than insurance and the organization of "committees of public safety." He will also find, as his beloved Joan of Arc did, that the savior is in need of a good bit of saving himself.

The free world will watch this human drama with sadness, sympathy and concern. For the wellbeing of the free world is dependent in no small way upon a strong, free and independent France.

### Politicians Say The Funniest Things

THE political penchant for campaigning against unlikely targets is threaded with color and comedy throughout American history.

Florida Gov. LeRoy Collins, as we noted the other day, compares a man in his state who is running for the office of tax collector on a platform of segregation. But maybe he got the idea from New Yorkers who run for the Senate on an anti-Eastland platform, Eastland being Sen. James Eastland of Mississippi, or from southerners who proclaim their aptitude for office by running against Walther Reuther, a resident of Michigan.

The trick is to pick a target of topical interest. There was a mayor of Chicago who was always threatening to punch English King George in the nose when

that worthy's empire was unpopular among Chicagoans. But the most topical of targets and the most perennial perhaps has been the newspapers. In Georgia it is something of a tradition for at least one gubernatorial candidate to run against "them lying newspapers," by which he means generally the ones opposed to his candidacy.

The tradition is being furthered with some vigor this year by a candidate named William Bodenhamer. We ran across mention of this the other day in GAINESVILLE (GA.) DAILY TIMES which was making a rebuttal, namely this:

"Our main reaction to him is that for a man who so completely dums the lying newspapers, he seems mighty eager to get his name in them."

Generally speaking, that's no lie.

From The Richmond News Leader

### WHO'S A MEGALOPOLITAN?

AN interim report is at hand from the Twentieth Century Fund, full of doty charts and cross-hatched graphs, in which a number of census findings are assembled on the urban area running from Boston south to Hampton Roads. These reports have been coming in for quite some time, and every time one shows up we wince anew at the name our more visionary planners would fasten upon this region.

If they have their way, our grandchildren won't live in Richmond or Fredericksburg or Providence at all. We will all live in Megalopolis. It sounds like a disease.

The word has an honest Greek derivation, out of the megalos which means "large" or "great." Dictionaries for some years have listed megalopolis as a common noun. But the population experts of the Twentieth Century Fund are not content to describe this chain of urban areas simply as "a megalopolis." They have to name it, as if they were painting a city limits sign. Megalopolis. Welcome to Megalopolis. Have You Thought of Locating in Megalopolis? Water Supply Approved.

With a little imagination, assuming they had to have a proper name, the experts might have called their baby Atlantis, or Tidewater, or Seaboard City,

or Urbasuburbia or East Los Angeles, but who wants to live in a place called Megalopolis? Bug-eyed monsters? Little green men? Purple people? The name wouldn't fit into a one-column headline, with the result that pretty soon it would be whittled down to Megap, then to Mega, then to Meg.

Well, we don't want to live in Megap, Mega or Meg; we want to live in Richmond or in the Noble James Lee Avenue area, Twentieth Century Fund! You hear? Leave us alone!

Mrs. O. B. McGuire had just finished a firm lecture to the kids the other day. "I hope you're impressed," she said. "I'm sure you are." "What do you mean?" "What does it mean?" —DALLAS MORNING NEWS.

The little woman may not be able to sharpen a pencil with the kitchen knife, but they'll never catch her trying to unlock the front door with a fountain pen at 3 a.m.—CARLETON CURRENT ANGUS.

After all he has done to soothe the aching hearts of Earth's inhabitants, it must be hard for the Man in the Moon to understand why they should be so anxious to use him as a missile target.—LAUREL (MISS.) LEADER-CALL.

## People's Platform 'The Sound of Politics Is Heard In Our Land'

Charlotte  
The News: I HAVE been following faithfully the campaigns of all of the candidates for the legislature up in Raleigh and it certainly has been an enjoyable experience. They are all shaking a lot of hands and passing out a lot of chewing gum to the voters.

But only one of two of these gentlemen have given me any good reasons why I should vote to send him up to the State Capitol next year.

Sure, I hear what nice honest fellows they are and what chubs and organizations they bring to and what kind of records they have made in and out of politics in the past. But, with certain exceptions, I haven't heard much about what they stand for now and what they are going to do when they get in the legislature.

I want to know what a fellow's going to do when he gets to Raleigh. Is he just going to rest? I would be a lot more inclined to vote for a man if I knew he was going to go up there and fight for something—anything. Are these people scared to stake themselves out on anything—scared that somebody won't like it?

It appears to me that a candidate has to stand for something even if it strikes some people the wrong way. I think it would be nice to hear what people running for county offices are going to fight for too. I don't want anybody resting at the County Courthouse either.—WICK JACKSON.

### Mecklenburgers Urged To Ring Victory Bell

Charlotte  
The News: ON May 31, we the voters of Mecklenburg County and the City of Charlotte are going to the polls in support of the candidates of our choice. There is one candidate I am very much interested in and that candidate is Sen. Bell.

We the people of Mecklenburg County are interested in good clean government and we are going to support such. We have an opponent who is not.

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—MRS. MAYNE BARGER.

Does Eaton Have Right To Dissent?

Charlotte  
Editors' Note: YOUR defense of Cyrus Eaton and condemnation of Chairman Francis Walter of the Un-American Activities Committee, for calling on him to testify, is ridiculous. I refer to your editorial of May 24 captioned, "How Silly Can You Get Congressmen?"

Cyrus Eaton, a Cleveland financier, should be an intelligent and responsible citizen. However, did he so act when he charged that the U. S. has "scores of agencies investigating, snooping, informing and creeping up on people with the result that Adolf Hitler never had such spy organizations as we have?" Another Eaton statement was, "There are no Communists to speak of in the U. S. today except in the minds of those on the FBI payroll."

How the Kremlin must be applauding Mr. Eaton's statements! Moscow newspaper Izvestia has already applauded Eaton for what it termed his "sensible observations" on coexistence.

You apparently believe that Eaton's statements are both intelligent and responsible for he defended him to the hilt in your editorial. I contend that his statements are bald face lies and will be proven so when he testifies before the Un-American Activities Committee. Eaton's . . . record, coupled with his irresponsible attack on our first line of defense against internal Communist subversion (the FBI), is the proper business of that committee, your defense to the contrary.

If and when that hearing comes off, will you be good enough to let us see your editorial? I would like to see the committee made of your damning, capitalist hero, Cyrus Eaton?

Meanwhile, if you are in possession of evidence which corroborates the FBI's allegations that J. Edgar Hoover's splendid FBI is nothing more than a Hitlerian Gestapo and corps of which hunters, I suggest you volunteer testimony before Mr. Walter