

A Communist Witch Hunt?

Since the publication early this summer of a provisional (or draft) syllabus of "Democracy and Communism in World Affairs," a high school teachers' guide on teaching communism in the classroom, a major controversy has developed on campus, and, nationally, as well.

The syllabus, compiled by University Professors Paul W. Backstock, Maxwell Flapan, J. George Longworth, and James H. Wolfe, under the supervision of Dr. Richard L. Walker, head of USC's International Studies Institute, has been labeled as "soft" on communism by numerous right-wing political organizations, scores of newspapers, and many individuals.

This summer, Sen. Strom Thurmond, in remarks entered in the Congressional Record said, "I have had numerous protests from responsible sources concerning the lack of scholarship and the generally ineffective presentation of the subject in this work." Former president of the American Bar Association, Loyd Wright, stated recently that the syllabus was "an insidious preachment of Fabian Socialism." This week a University trustee called the controversial guide "damnable."

The syllabus being prepared under the sponsorship of the American Bar Association, is based on experiences at four American universities, including USC, that conducted teacher-training seminars last summer. Thirty-four topics are covered, with suggestions for lecture approaches and assigned reading. The guidebook, issued in a provisional edition in May and subject to

revision before the regular edition is issued, has been under heavy attack by those who claim the book does not present a strong case for democracy against communism.

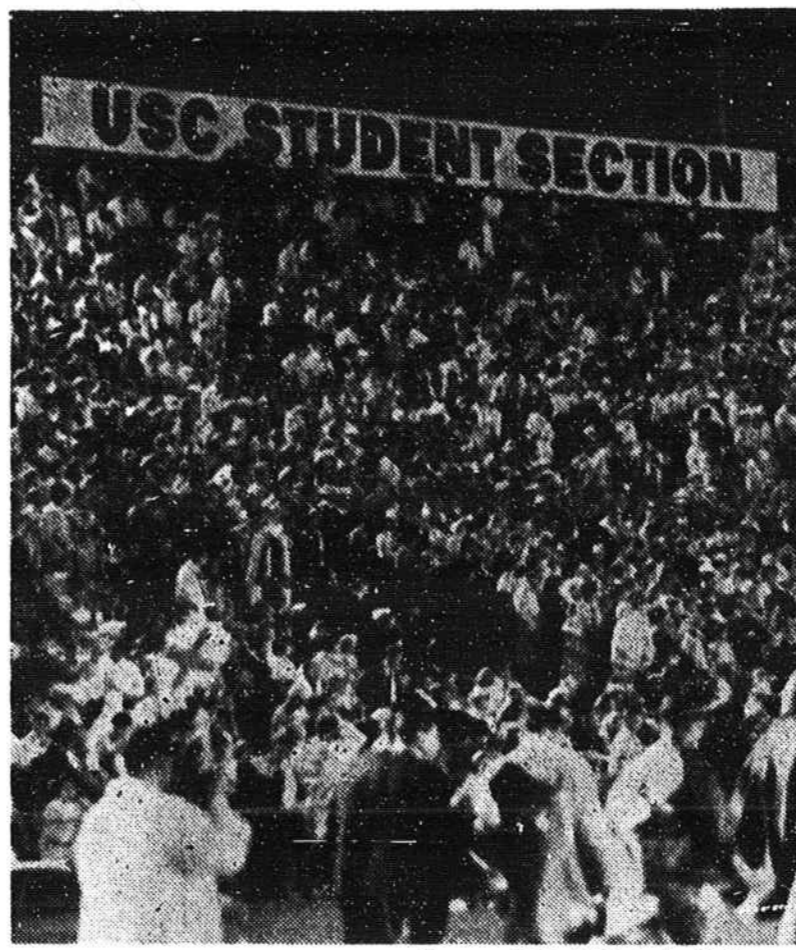
We have read the controversial document, and have found passages which could be interpreted as "soft" on communism by extremists, or the right-wing crowd. Example: "Communism contains within its philosophical framework ideals with which it is difficult to quarrel . . ." and "does indeed have appeals . . ."

But, unless the entire document is read, it is impossible to understand the actual purpose of the work and the over-all views and attitudes of the professors who helped in preparing the publication.

We do not think it wise to editorially comment on the syllabus at this time, as it is still in the provisional stage (that is, still subject to additional change before a regular edition is released).

However, the copy we have reviewed looks good — and we feel, if few changes are made, that the syllabus will prove an important classroom addition in aiding teachers throughout the country in exposing high school students to the real and true dangers of international communism. And, too, it will serve to help teachers in organizing a sensible and intelligent approach to the teaching of the threat and growth of Marxist-Leninism.

We salute Dr. Walker and his associates for taking on the responsibility of compiling such a directory as "Democracy and Communism in World Affairs." It will certainly add a great deal, we think, to USC's list of academic achievements.—dm



—Gamecock Staff Photo by Underwood

And the students sat back
And quaffed their brew
And wondered and worried
What shall we do?

LETTERS

Backs Extremists

Editor
The Gamecock
Dear Mr. Myers:
In the Sept. 27 issue of *The Gamecock* I saw a letter from a Mr. L. E. Mintz. This letter made two accusations: (1) that the books I had suggested that Carolina students read are "hate-mongers" and (2) that the authors of those books are racists. Mr. Mintz, obviously, does not know of these authors.

The authors of those suggested books:

1. Carlton Putnam (*Race and Reason*). Mr. Putnam is Chairman of the Board of Delta Airlines, the holder of several degrees in science, politics, and history from Princeton, and holds a law degree from Columbia.
2. Nathaniel Weyl (*The Negro in American Civilization*). Mr. Weyl is one of the past editors of *National Review*, a national magazine, which, I am sure Mr. Mintz will be happy to learn, has the most intelligent (in number of years of education received) reading audience in the U. S., outside of the professional journals, of course. Weyl is also an acclaimed author.
3. Aubrey Shuey (*The Testing of Negro Intelligence*). Dr. Shuey was lecturing professor at New York City College and Columbia University, and is the holder of two doctorates in psychology and the head of the Department of Psychology at Randolph-Macon.
4. Carlton Coon (*The Origin of Races*). Dr. Coon holds several degrees in anthropology, and is presently the President of the American Society of Physical Anthropologists. He is one of the world's foremost anthropologists.
5. W. C. George (*The Biology of the Race Problem*). Dr. George has been a professor of biology, zoology, histology, and embryology, and is Professor Emeritus of anatomy at the U. N. C. Medical School. I might add that he is the brother-in-law of Dr. Hoy, who is Dean Emeritus of the Department of Biology at the University.
6. Garrett Hardin (*Nature and Man's Fate*). Dr. Hardin is professor of biological sciences at the University of California, past professor of bacteriology, plant biology, and human genetics.

LAKE E. HIGH, JR.

Campus Suggestions

Editor
The Gamecock
Dear Mr. Myers:

There are many aspects of the University which deserve and should be praised. But it is only by recognizing and correcting deficiencies that we can have an even greater Carolina. Therefore, I wish to call attention to the following:

First, there is the traffic problem on campus. It seems that half the traffic in Columbia comes down Green St. Why can't some sort of an agreement be reached with the city on the re-routing of some of this traffic? Traffic is also a problem on Sumter St. Coming from the "honeycombs" is risky business because

of speeding cars coming around the corner by the pool. You may be in the middle of the street when some car rounds the curve.

Why wouldn't speed-breakers work to slow down some of this traffic? They're pretty effective at some of our local drive-ins. Actually, these cars don't have to speed to endanger some sleepy student's life, they're just routed into the wrong places. Some people don't even know they're on a college campus until they run into a thousand students crossing the street. Where are the signs telling them they're on the Carolina Campus? Clemson has them.

Although hundreds of dollars were spent for lights of great brightness over the summer, someone neglected to light the area behind the pool and leading up to the library steps. You almost have to feel your way up to the library.

Has anyone ever thought of widening Green St. out to the sidewalks? If this were done and diagonal parking (without parking meters, please, campus cops) started, twice as many cars could be parked.

BOB FRANK

Claims Distortion

Editor
The Gamecock
Dear Mr. Myers:

I recently participated in an interview of foreign students. To my disappointment, some of my views appeared somewhat distorted in your paper under the title "Foreign Students Favor U. S." This is understandable, since I am sure that the interview of a number of foreign students at the same time must have been rather confusing.

I stated that the University of South Carolina would rank very high in Europe with its facilities, due to better financial funds, and a limited number of students. I did not, however, imply in any way that the European educational system is inferior to the American system. Such a statement would not be in accordance with the facts.

WERNER ENGELMAIER

Needs Help Badly

Editor
The Gamecock
Dear Mr. Myers:

Will you please help me get the following instructions from the Supreme Court? I would like to get things straight, as the Supreme Court has changed many things that our Constitution and our forefathers stood for.

1. I would like to know if I will be permitted to plant white and black pens in separate rows of equal lengths, or will I have to mix them together?

2. I would like to sell my hogs, but they are all white and I don't know whether I can sell my hogs unless I have equal numbers of black ones to go along with them.

I am glad that I am an American. I wish I were free, and I wish I were a little dog and Kennedy a tree.

A. BURCH

TODD WILSON



"Constitution
Amounts To A
Sheet Of Paper"

FOR several years now student government has been attacked as a somewhat useless body. Reasons for the ineffectiveness were offered, but as of yet there has been little in the way of a solution. The worst part is that the criticisms have been justified, or at least, to a large degree. Even worse is the fact that so few people were interested enough to attempt to do anything about the problem that exists. It is a credit to our past student body presidents for the work that they did under such a system.

Actually, our constitution amounts to a sheet of paper. Outside of the power of the Honor Court, and the right of the president to issue a \$10 check for "reasons of student government," there is relatively little other power. The result is that Student Senate has actually been reduced to a resolution-passing body.

BEFORE we actually attempt to change any feature, however, there are certain things we must keep in mind. Student government, outside of its inherent right to voice student opinion, is a privilege, not a right. It is a grant of the administration and of the Board of Trustees of the institution. And, we must keep in mind that privileges carry with them responsibilities. We are a joint enterprise. There are changes that need to be made, but before we begin we must prove that we are responsible enough to be worthy of what might be given us.

Student government is a learn-

ing ground. It is a means of education, and its value, insofar as education is concerned, is tremendous, for it is through student government that leadership is cultivated, that the administration is promoted, and that the fundamentals of government are absorbed.

THE entire future of student government lies in the fact that we are a laboratory — a laboratory first to learn, and then to function. But, before we can act we must (1) determine our role, set our objectives, and make plans of action, (2) realize under what authority our work is to be accomplished, and (3) make periodic reviews and changes that will make our work more effective.

There is no doubt that student government here at Carolina needs to grow. We do need more authority in certain areas, but now we must attempt to proceed by the three steps mentioned above.

NEXT week mention will be made of areas which we feel need considerable thought, and we should like to encourage any of you to make suggestions which you feel would be for the good of our student body.

This year we are off to a tremendous start; we have realized the need for understanding and unity, and this is the primary reason for the good start. We have a great deal at stake now, and it is at these times that we so feel the need for unity — unity of thought and purpose — unity between the faculty, the administration, and the student body.

Carl Hendricks

American Magazines
Should Act In More
Responsible Manner



FOR some time we have been concerned with the editorial policies of the following magazines: *Life*, *Look*, and *Post*. These magazines are very large and have a national following, a good portion of which is semi-literate. These publications, we feel, are a wasteland, as is much of today's television. They should, definitely, act in a more responsible manner.

How long has it been since either the front cover or the emphasis throughout *Life* magazine was not directly concerned with America's racial problem? Granted, this nation has its problems; but, what nation does not? (We need only to look at India, with its caste system — something unknown in our country — yet, India is extremely vocal in its criticism of our government, our people, and our practices.) In short, we believe that many publications (such as *Life*) have glorified (out of proportion) particular domestic problems.

BUT, what does the editor of *Life* have to say about the white man in this country — the man who has made this nation great, prosperous, and powerful? If anything, the editorial policy of *Life* has taken the position that the white man (especially the Southern white) is the cruel and harsh master of the Negro, and will remain forever as a barrier to the Negro desire for advancement. Such irresponsible policies are quite probably serving to agitate more racial discord than that which would normally occur.

We feel that too much has been said about the racial problem and not enough has been done through proper channels. If the Negro in the United States is to lift himself and rise about his present socio-economic level, then he must do it through hard work, the practicing of religious ethics, perseverance, and, most important of all, through the willing and helpful hand of the white man. During the "March on Washington" this summer, both Roy Wilkins and Dr. Martin

Luther King hit this same responsive cord.

AT the same time, however, the very outspoken Walter Reuther stood before thousands of Negroes and whites and called for an end to what he termed "high octane hypocrisy." His statements, to say the least, were inflammatory and did the Negro cause little good, serving only to solidify the opposition.

To what type of "hypocrisy" was Mr. Reuther referring? We're sure he must have avoided the mentioning of two important facts with which he is familiar: (1) that many of the so-called liberals of both national parties do not send their children to public schools in Washington because of the high percentage of Negroes in the schools, and (2) that many whites manage to live in restricted neighborhoods, mingling with the Negro only on election years. How hypocritical can one get?

IN the South (which, incidentally, is still part of the United States) the racial problem is, we think, handled with much more honesty — although it might be more stubborn and prejudiced than elsewhere in the country.

Yet, little is mentioned of this in many of today's magazines (and newspapers), which seem to be making a great sport out of racial relations in America. When magazines and newspapers publish front cover and front page articles, such as a local newspaper's daily "Racial Roundup," we feel they are contributing themselves to future racial discord.

With millions of American people involved, including millions yet unborn, we feel many publications should view situations more acutely and disregard any illusions of financial gain. We have a serious problem with the racial crisis (and it could be worse if exploited).

WE should and must face this, and similar problems, with courage and conviction.

DAVE HENRY'S

Thinking Out Loud

EVIDENTLY this isn't the year for one of big "K's" five-year plans to mature. Our shoe-pounding friend from the other side of the globe seems to be a little hungry this year, hungry enough to eat 228 million bushels (500 million dollars worth) of wheat during the next 10 months. Even little "c" plans to stock his island with a \$33 million slice of the loaf.

I remember last Oct. 22 when Niki and Jack were squaring off for a fight with nuclear blood in their eyes. And now, not quite a year later, our most trusted friend to the north is feeding the island, as well as a good deal of Russia and Red China. Who was it that said the age of chivalry is dead?

OF course, this is nothing new; during the past few years Canada has sold about \$400 million worth of wheat and grain to Red China. I bet that our troops around the world are glad to hear all about Canada's graciousness. I mean, it would be downright ratty to attempt to fight any kind of war (hot or cold) if the enemy didn't feel like fighting because he was a little hungry.

The proponents of the deal are quick to point out the propaganda value. (The objective reporting of *Pravda* is sure to point out that the grain was lovingly raised on the Ukraine's collective farms.) And not only that, but, they also have the audacity to point out that big "K" would be a little reluctant to atomize the land that feeds him. Better red than dead?

MAYBE it's time for Jack to change Canada's government.

Maybe it's time we started taking this "cold war" seriously.

Maybe it's time that we realize that big "K" meant it when he

said that he was going to bury us.

Maybe it's time that we realize that giving aid and comfort to the enemy is treason, still.

Maybe it's time to quit feeding the enemy.

PETE ANDREWS

Let's Take A Stand On The United Nations

ALL over South Carolina you see the stickers on automobile bumpers . . . HELP GET US OUT OF UN. You may feel this way.

If you do, you will have many supporters before the year is out, for this is the year the United Nations will begin to vote against the United States.

This has never happened before. The United Nations has always been on our side on major issues. Many times the Soviet Union has had to resort to the veto to block an adverse vote. We have never found it necessary to do so.

NOW, with the new and emerging nations of the so-called Afro-Asian bloc to contend with, the United States will find that it can no longer expect to be on the winning side all the time. Sooner or later we will find ourselves on the losing end.

What shall we do when such a situation arises? Shall we use the veto (as the Soviet Union has)? Shall we walk out (as the Soviet Union has)? Or shall we stick it out (as the Soviet

Union has)?

Actually, we have no choice. We must support the United Nations — not as a panacea, a cure-all — but as our best hope for peace. It forms a sort of court of world opinion. The Soviet Union has demonstrated that it can remain a member through thin times. So must we.

IN a large sense, the United Nations is representative of the world. We are represented. The Soviet Union is represented. So are the uncommitted nations.

Political leaders of both major parties support the UN. Only the most extreme element does not.

And what shall we do when the United Nations begins to vote against us? We will take stock of the situation. We will review our foreign policy. We will make changes calculated to win the uncommitted nations to our side.

N O longer can the world be said to be divided "half slave and half free." In the uncommitted nations of Africa and Asia are peoples of all races, colors and political leanings. They already form the "balance of power" in the United Nations. Soon they will form the balance of power in the struggle between the East and the West. Already the battle lines are forming.

The Soviet Union, by remaining in the United Nations, has challenged us to debate for the votes of the uncommitted nations. We must accept this challenge. With freedom on our side, there is no reason to believe we will not win.

Letter Policy

The Gamecock is intended primarily as a voice for student opinion and news. We welcome letters from any student or member of the faculty under the following provisions.

Letters must be signed with the writer's mailing address. We will withhold the writer's name if the letter requests it. However, we will print no letter that is unsigned.

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