

# Let's revive peace movement

Remember last fall when Columbia had a movement?

Remember the discussion of the war, the demonstrations for the war dead, the meetings, the organizing, the work against the war. We even marched on Washington-300-strong from Columbia.

Not now. Today starts Anti-Draft Week. The closest thing to an observance of it locally will be continuing pre-induction medical examinations for male USC seniors. We are told Ft. Jackson doesn't even have a Group W bench.

Nationally, people are working against the war—still. One of the efforts is to follow the letter of the Selective Service Act. Some are seeking to overload their draft-board's filing system. The law requires that a registrant keep his board informed on anything that affects his classification—his place of residence, his health (even from day to day) and beliefs (including the books that have changed them). They are sending these to the board return receipt requested.

April continues the spring offensive with more organizing, more "I won't go" declarations, tax-payers demonstrations against the war and inflation, and a national fast by student leaders for peace.

If anybody here cares about the continuation of the war—the cost of it to this country and the effect of our continuing intervention in Asia—we hope they will join. If we don't care about it—well, let's just be inducted quietly.

## Letter

# Elect president

Dear Mr. Wannamaker:

During the past five weeks controversy has reigned within the University Union and within the executive board of that organization over vital proposals which would drastically alter the method of electing the Union president and which, I feel, would jeopardize the democratic rights and responsibilities of the students at Carolina.

These proposals endanger the "voice" of the Carolina students to make themselves heard and their wishes known through their individual votes. Disenfranchisement can will only lead to bitter resentment and distrust among the students toward the Union and those people who represent her.

The Union is an organization designed to benefit the students. Its purpose is to provide events which the majority of students at Carolina desire to see. But its purpose goes farther than this. It has a "dual" purpose of providing a broad scope of events appealing to all factions and interest groups of the Carolina Community. Nevertheless, the Carolina students, through their activities fees, provide the Union with its vital working funds. With this monetary support comes both a right and a responsibility for every student involved.

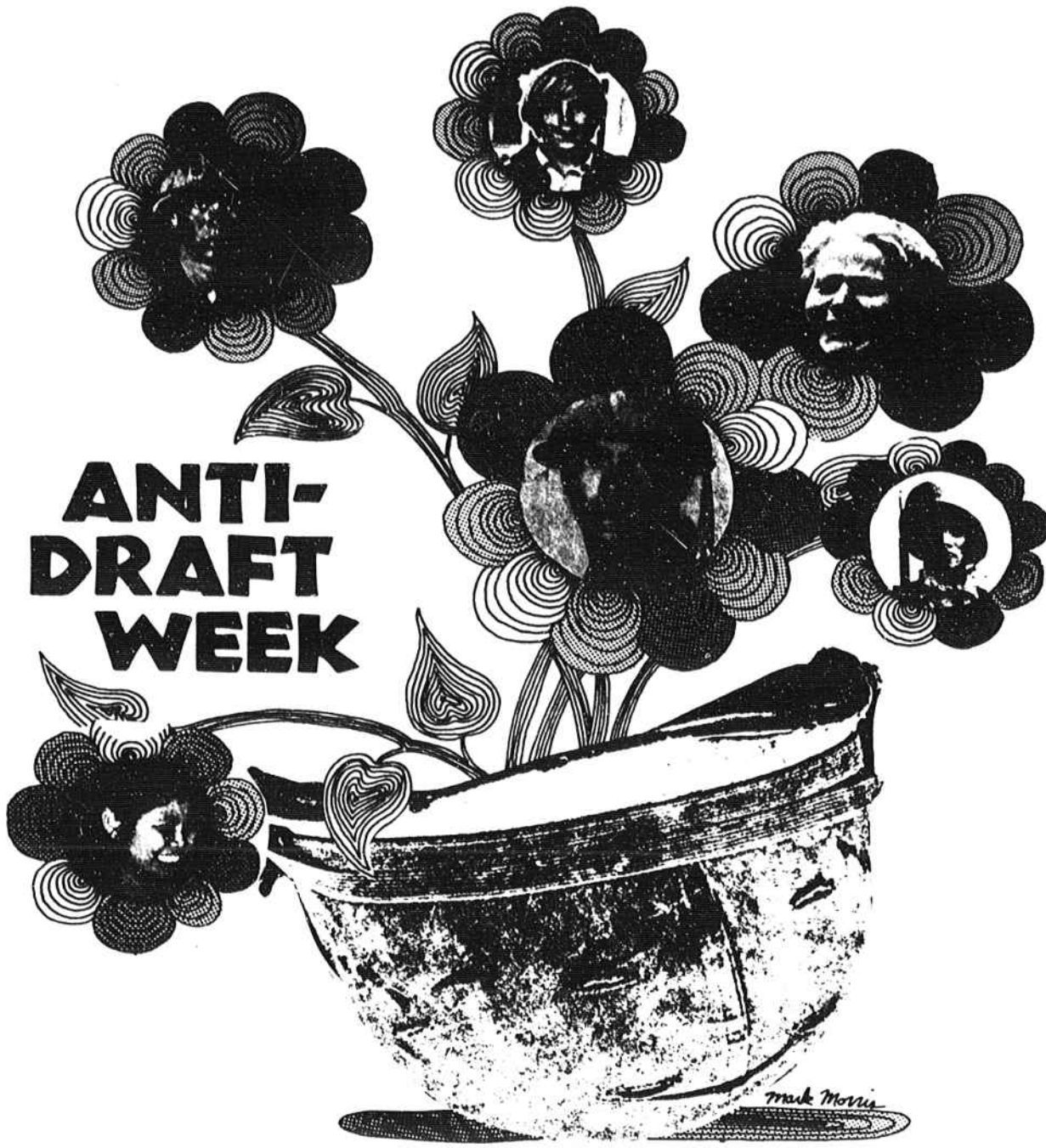
Effective representation will not come through the Board of Governors powers of appointment nor even through the Student Senate; it must come directly from the individual students themselves. Every individual, every faction and interest group must vote for Union leadership which

will best represent them and their individual tastes.

Are Union elections a "popularity contest?" Do politics play a vital if not an essential role? Certainly they do. But can politics be eliminated by placing elections in the hands of a smaller constituency? The supporters of such proposals contend that they can—I contend they cannot. If anything, politics are enhanced by oligarchic appointment and "under-the table" deals can replace honest convictions or at worst, indifference. Representation to be effective must represent the largest number of individuals concerned, in this case the Carolina Student Body.

Until now to my knowledge convictions, condemnation and resentment have been limited to those persons outside the Union, at least outside the executive board. Now I find myself in a situation in which silence can no longer be justified. At the risk of alienating those associates and friends with whom I work, I must and have spoken out. However, I speak not as a member of the Union nor of the nor of the executive board but as an interested and concerned Carolina student. For continuance and propagation of those interests and ideals which the Union as an organization has stood for in the past we must all speak out as interested individuals. We must protect the democratic rights which are ours. The future of the Union and her effectiveness lies in our hands.

JOHN HETRICK  
Union Executive Board



Not here

## Our Man Hoppe

# 'Silent proletariat' speaks

By ARTHUR HOPPE  
Columnist

Vice President Agnew devoted most of an hour-long interview with the New York Times the other day to criticizing, if you would believe it, us ace newsmen.

His main criticism of us was that we criticized our Government too much. Why, he asked, didn't we criticize the governments of Russia, China and North Vietnam instead?

Their ace newsmen don't criticize their governments, he pointed out. They criticize ours. And why can't we be more like them?

Mr. Agnew ended the interview by saying he didn't want to be President. "The thing that's become increasingly attractive to me," he said, "is a syndicated column." It should be a great column—bold, fearless and daring political analysis. He could call it, "Out of My Head." You can envision its tremendous possibilities.

WASHINGTON--The Silent Proletariat stands unanimously behind our beloved President and genius military Commander in Chief, R. Nixon, in his glorious determination to thwart the power-mad North Vietnamese imperialists in their insane ambition to seize the freedom-loving, democratic Kingdom of Laos.

The rafters rang with thunderous cheers as R. Nixon told the Republican Party Congress that North Korea, China and Russia were all paper tigers. "Capitalism is the wave of the future," he said. "We will bury them."

In the interest of unity and harmony among The Silent Proletariat, this foolish criticism will not be printed. But the Party

members unanimously resolved that W. Fulbright should be forced to parade down Pennsylvania Avenue with a dunce cap on his head.

Turning to the East German revanchists and the Cuban adventurists, it is high time these power-mad, imperialist lackeys and their running dogs...

No, it just won't do. The

American public simply isn't ready for Communist-style journalism. Nor is it going to help world affairs much, if we ace American newsmen devote ourselves to criticizing the misdeeds of Russia, China and North Vietnam.

So Mr. Agnew is making a terrible mistake. If he wants to get anywhere by criticizing Com-

## Law must be upheld

# Kirk 'not relevant'

By JERRY CALABRESE  
Guest Columnist

According to the advance publicity notices, Russell Kirk, in the estimation of the Arch Duke von Hapsburg, is America's greatest political mind. This is fine, except for the fact that the Hapsburgs haven't ruled a nation since 1918. Theirs is a name which belongs in the past; so, possibly, does Russell Kirk's mind.

No one disputes that Mr. Kirk is a widely syndicated columnist, author and member of many scholarly circles. What is in dispute is whether Mr. Kirk's answers have any relevance to today's questions.

On the issue of violence at Lamar, South Carolina: "When one attempts to do by positive law what cannot be done by positive law he invites violence, and sometimes makes it necessary."

When asked if he then could condone the activities of the Black Panthers and other left-wing militants, Mr. Kirk could see no parallel.

On the Chicago conspiracy trial, Mr. Kirk felt that the defendants had received just treatment. He could see nothing wrong with Bobby Seal's being denied the constitutional right of defending himself, and chose to claim that the court was only "protecting" Seal from his own incompetence. The unprecedented five year contempt sentences were quite alright with Mr. Kirk, as he so aptly put it, "The law must be upheld."

However, when speaking of federal pressure to prod balky Southern officials concerning desegregation, he was all in favor of ignoring the court's dictates.

I have no doubt that Russell Kirk is a very nice man. He may be in favor of using the most expedient legal methods to integrate our schools and our society. He may even be adamantly in favor of due process in our judiciary system, regardless of the defendant being liberal or conservative, patriot or dissident but I doubt it.

Russell Kirk may very well be the Arch Duke von Hapsburgs favorite political theorist, but the Arch Duke belongs on a page of history. Perhaps that is where Mr. Kirk belongs, too.

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