

WRIGHT or **WRONG**

by John Wright

"Round and round she goes, and where she stops nobody knows" is a well known phrase that could possibly express the sentiments of many people, black and white, toward the varied issues of civil rights.

The Senate is now in its 19th day of debate; every day new white and black extremist organizations spring to life with their leaders spouting forth accusations and threats; the subways, parkways and other access routes to the World's Fair site are threatened with 'stall-ins';

in the meantime puzzled and angered citizens find themselves frustrated by the complexity of events that seem to be racing toward some indescribable climax.

"Shambles — that is what this country will be if racial prejudice and discrimination doesn't come to an end — shambles," says the chairman of the Congress of Racial Equality. "You can't legislate equality," say many whites shaking their heads.

Paradoxically many former advocates and supporters of Civil Rights legislation are now having afterthoughts, causing much consternation among liberal and moderate leaders of both parties.

In the North formerly smug citizens are gaping in disbelief at acts and threats of racial strife on their doorstep. Gone are their dreams of seeing the cause of racial equality confined to Southern battlefields. Yet still they make plans to march with integrationist groups all over the South as if nothing were happening in the North. Students from Eastern colleges and universities are fervently making plans to invade Mississippi and Alabama during the summer holidays. In most cases these are serious and sincere youngsters convinced that they must make their stand and take their place in the "social revolution" of our times.

Counties Plan Celebrations Of Civil War

Speakers in 245 Texas counties will relate the stirring events of 100 years ago when they appear before civic groups, study clubs and school assemblies during Texas Civil War History Appreciation Week.

This week has been proclaimed by Governor John Connally as a time when each county should have at least one public review of Texas Civil War history.

This activity is part of the program of the Texas State Historical Survey Committee and its Texas Civil War Centennial Advisory Committee to research, record, educate and recognize Texas Civil War History.

"It is so necessary that, in order to determine which course to take today, we must know what happened and why it happened yesterday," said Governor Connally.

Working through County Historical Survey Committees functioning in more than 245 counties, the TSHSC hopes that by the end of this period, every Texan will know a little more about what happened in Texas during the Civil War.

Also cooperating in the program series is the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs which has called on local clubs to plan Civil War programs for this week.

Museums and libraries have planned special exhibits for this week, displaying the literary contributions to Texas in the Civil War as well as many of the mementos of the Civil War soldiers.

Throughout the Centennial period, County Historical Survey Committees have been concerned with three phases of the Civil War Centennial program — research, observances, and programs.

Yet deep in the South, in parishes of Louisiana, stakes have been driven in the ground, electrified barbed wire has been strung, and determined segregationists exclaim that every integrationist that threatens the sovereignty of local government will be thrown into what amounts to concentration camps.

Lost in the struggle between conscience and tradition, plagued by thoughts of domestic violence and terror, Americans today pray for a solution that will enable the nation to peacefully pursue its destiny.

Bulletin Board

TUESDAY

The Agricultural Education Wives Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the home of Lynne Wisdom, 411 Foch, Bryan. A hair-styling demonstration will be given and new officers will be elected.

The Agricultural Economics Club will meet in Room 146 of the Physics Building at 7:30 p.m.

The Oceanography and Meteorology Wives Club will meet at 8 p.m. in the Manor.

WEDNESDAY

The Aggie Wives Bridge Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center.



"It's downright strange how a room gets so messy on a weekend!"

British, French Officials Speak

NEW YORK (AP) — Britain's foreign secretary sees Soviet-Chinese rivalries turning Moscow toward the west, and France's foreign minister describes President Charles de Gaulle's Asian and Latin American policies as essentially anti-Communist.

The two offered their views on a wide range of world affairs in interviews screened especially in London and Paris for presentation at the annual meeting of The Associated Press Monday.

British Foreign Secretary Richard A. Butler said he believed the Soviet-Chinese split which he described as simply Moscow-Peking rivalry — had "destroyed the myth" of communist world solidarity.

"It is not only a question of the Soviet Union and China. This dispute has led many other Communist parties to start thinking for themselves. This, in itself, is a odd thing. This doesn't, of course, mean an end to our troubles," he said.

Butler, 61, interviewed by AP correspondent Eddy Gilmore, said the Soviets and Chinese are extending their rivalry from Asia to Africa where, he said, a great degree of competition "will further tension between these two nations."

The foreign secretary described Britain's relations with the United States as very close, assuring Americans that in world defense and world politics, "we in Britain stand shoulder to shoulder with the United States of America."

The foreign secretary defended sales of British buses to Com-

munist Cuba, saying British trade with the island today is less than that between Americans and Cuba.

French Foreign Minister Maurice Couve de Murville seemed puzzled by American criticism of De Gaulle's recognition of Red China and his espousal of neutralism for Viet Nam, where the United States is committed to holding back a determined Communist guerrilla attack.

New Health Plan Lauded

SPECIAL to the Battalion DENVER — A pioneer health plan to protect college students against a number of common diseases was described recently at the annual meeting of the American College Health Association.

The plan was tried at Clemson University, Clemson, S. C., and its success may lead to the adoption of similar programs for the more than 4 million college students on campuses throughout the country.

At Clemson 96 per cent of the more than 4,300 students took part in the program. They were immunized against polio and influenza and screened for tuberculosis in a comprehensive program planned by the Clemson Student Health Service.

Dr. Judson E. Hair, director of the college's student health service, said, "This campaign shows that people can be motivated."

Editor, The Battalion:

I would like to tell about my roommate, Frank D. Watson, '66, who is running for student body vice-president. Although my name is Watson too, we are not related but only share the same good name. Having known him for the past two years and living with him for one year, I have come to know him quite well. I am not only convinced that he is qualified for the office but that he has the ability and will to do a good job.

Let me tell you the reasons for my opinion. To begin with, Frank, in his senior year of high school, was president of the Associated Student Body. This, I feel, gave him considerable experience in leadership. In his freshman year at A&M he was a member of the Fish Drill Team, a member of the YMCA Polaris Council, and he received the Outstanding Freshman Award in his outfit. This year he was selected treasurer of the national service fraternity, Alpha Phi Omega. He is a corporal on the First Wing Color Guard.

I sincerely hope that when you go to the polls this Thursday you will vote for Frank D. Watson — my old lady.

Richard C. (Stump) Watson, '66

Editor, The Battalion:

I have noticed in the three years that I have been a student at Texas A&M a steady decline in the value that some students seem to place on many of our most important traditions. Perhaps, the word "tradition" is poorly chosen for I am writing about something which I believe is more important than mere tradition: Silver Taps.

Particularly this year, a lackadaisical attitude has seemed to prevail concerning Silver Taps. I realize that clothing standards vary from outfit to outfit, and I presume, in the civilian dormitories as well. However, we consider Silver Taps to be the same as a memorial church service and such a service just does not seem to be the occasion to wear shower shoes, pajamas, blue jeans, shirt tails out, parts of uniforms, and on and on.

I do not suggest that the students should wear suits but I do feel that not everyone is contributing to the solemn occasion

Solons Eye Disarmament

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress members reacted guardedly Monday to announcements that the United States and Russia will reduce their production of nuclear weapon materials.

Some members called for inspections to insure that the Russians carry through on Soviet Premier Khrushchev's pledge to halt work on two plutonium reactors and reduce production of uranium—235.

Silver Taps is supposed to be by the clothes they are wearing. Perhaps, a minimum needs to be established.

We have a Student Senate on this campus, something that I understand many other campuses do not have. It seems that this Student Senate or Corps Staff or some other responsible body would take enough interest in this situation to establish a minimum dress requirement since too many students seem unwilling to do so themselves.

Silver Taps has always been a time when students walk quietly from their totally dark dormitories, without smoking to the service at the Academic Building. We were failures on both points the night of the last Silver Taps. A number of students were seen smoking on the way to the service and in some dormitories there were more lights on than off. Two dormitories in the new area were as well lit as on any other night.

Heartily, we join the plea of so many others to protect what we claim to hold dear. If Silver Taps has come to mean so little to so many, maybe we no longer deserve to hold it.

M. E. Douglas '65
Gary W. Richerzer '65
Tom W. Wright '65

Editor, The Battalion:

Thursday a new slate of officers will be elected for the Student Senate. Will your vote count?

We encourage you to vote — not for any particular group or segment of the student body, but

for leadership that will provide unity, purpose, understanding and progress at A&M University. Such leadership can only be accomplished if you vote.

Don Warren — Candidate for Student Senate President

Ron Pate — Candidate for Student Senate Vice-President

David Moreman — Candidate for Student Senate Parliamentarian

Don Bowen — Candidate for Student Senate Recording Secretary

Robert G. Lee — Candidate for Student Issues Committee Chairman

Ron Porter — Candidate for Public Relations Committee Chairman

Jim Allen — Candidate for Student Life Committee Chairman

Bill Altman — Candidate for Student Welfare Committee Chairman.

Attention Aggies

Candidates for Vanity Fair for the Aggieband '64 can be entered at the Office of Student Publications in the basement of the Y.M.C.A.

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