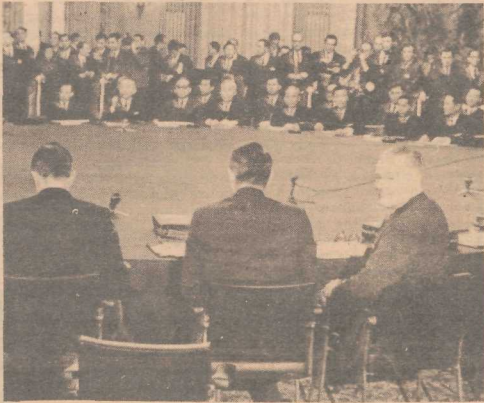


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United States Chief Delegate to the Paris Peace Talks, Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge, turns from the conference table during the first round of the peace talks January 25.

Paris peace conference produces 'no progress'

By Paul Hofmann

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PARIS—North Vietnam and the National Liberation Front, or Vietcong, yesterday told the United States and South Vietnam that military deescalation of the war in Vietnam must be tied to a political settlement there.

At the second plenary meeting of the expanded Vietnam talks here, the heads of the two Communist negotiating teams formally rejected the allied

proposal to restore the Demilitarized Zone between North and South Vietnam as a first step toward peace.

Yesterday's session lasted 7 hours 25 minutes. Most of the proceedings were filled with propaganda, recriminations and occasionally strong language.

At the end of the four-day meeting, there was full agreement only that no progress in the discussions was made today.

"There was certainly no

progress. No breakthrough," the U.S. spokesman, William J. Jordan said at a news conference late last night. He said that language used at yesterday's session was at times vituperative, "but there was no table thumping. No raised voices."

Earlier, Hanoi's chief spokesman here, Nguyen Thanh Le, had remarked at another news conference: "the conference has not been able to progress a single step." He blamed the U.S. and its South Vietnam "puppets" for the deadlock. Before yesterday's session broke up, the North Vietnamese Delegation, backed by the Vietcong representatives, proposed to hold the next plenary meeting Thursday, Feb. 6. The U.S. and South Vietnam agreed at once.

The chief U.S. Negotiator, Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge, in a brief prepared statement yesterday, urged the other side to "move forward" by considering the allied proposal to establish a "true" Demilitarized Buffer Zone between North and South Vietnam.

Lodge admonished North Vietnam and the Vietcong: "Let us get down to the serious business of finding a road to peace. Let us begin today."

The leaders of both Communist negotiating teams, who spoke after the allied delegation leaders, asserted that the proposal to restore the proper status of the Demilitarized Zone, as established in the 1954 Geneva agreements on Vietnam, was only camouflage for "American aggressive designs."

Hanoi's chief delegate, Zuan Thuy, accused the U.S. of attempting to "force the South Vietnamese population to lay down their arms, and the North Vietnamese population to renounce their right to help their brethren in their fight against aggression."

This was said to be about as close as Hanoi has ever come to implying North Vietnamese military intervention

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Laird asks continued nuclear build-up in US

By William Beecher

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WASHINGTON—Defense Secretary Melvin R. Laird said today that the American bargaining position would be stronger if the nation moved ahead with the controversial sentinel anti-ballistic missile system as it prepared for possible talks soon with the Soviet Union on limiting missiles.

"I do not want to be in a position when we go into these talks, if we do, with one hand tied behind our back," he said.

To unilaterally reverse the

Johnson Administration's sentinel deployment decision, he suggested, would put American arms control negotiators in a "weak position."

Laird said he favored missile superiority for the United States, but that he was perfectly willing to describe this as nuclear "sufficiency." President Nixon, earlier this week, said that military "sufficiency" was perhaps a better term "than either superiority or parity." Laird said there was no essential difference between their positions.

At his first news conference since taking over as Defense Secretary, Laird ranged over a wide variety of activities by the new Pentagon team. They included:

—A high level study, to be headed by Deputy Defense Secretary David Packard, of the circumstances under which the spy ship Pueblo was seized by North Korean gunboats last January and of the adequacy of Navy procedures to insure that any future piracy attempts fail.

—Laird's plans to visit Vietnam "in the not too distant future" to assess progress in the War. Although North Vietnamese infiltration has increased during the last six to eight weeks, he said, he does not believe a major enemy offensive in the near future would succeed.

—A detailed review of a number of decisions by the previous administration on weapons, force levels and military pay to see whether some budget adjustments, either up or down, are called for.

Among programs singled out for scrutiny, he noted the C-5 Supertransport, which has been criticized in Congress because of rising costs; the Navy's F-14 fighter, plan contract, which was recently awarded to Grumman Aircraft Engineering Corp.; the \$5 to \$6 billion Sentinel Missile Defense System; the Navy shipbuilding program, and the army program to develop a new battle tank, which has run into technical difficulties.

During the Presidential campaign, Nixon talked of the danger of a "security gap" developing vis-a-vis the Soviet Union and called for a program of maintaining nuclear superiority over the Russians. He criticized the Johnson Administration's policy of nuclear parity, which he said would allow the Russians to achieve near-equality in the number of strategic missiles.

At his first news conference Monday, Nixon acknowledged that the term "superiority" tended to press the Russians to a race in nuclear arms. He agreed with the thrust of a reporter's question, that nuclear "sufficiency" was perhaps a better term in that it conveyed the notion that the U.S. would maintain enough nuclear weapons to deter nuclear war and protect itself in the event of war.

Laird was frankly uncomfortable about getting tied down by a semantic argument. The term "sufficiency" is a perfectly good

one, he said, and pointed out that it was first used by a Republican, then Air Force Secretary Donald Quarles, during the Eisenhower Administration.

But, he quickly added: "I am not giving up the idea of maintaining a superior force in the United States."

Asked whether he felt the country has such superiority today, he answered in the affirmative. But he said the Russians were rapidly building up their strategic nuclear forces and their Navy, and that could cause "serious" problems over the next two or three years.

He inferred that the U.S. should move head rapidly on development programs to counter the Soviet military buildup in the future if arms control talks failed to halt the arms race.

The high level Pueblo study, Laird said, will focus on "the kind of protection given to these ships, to see that incidents like this cannot happen again, to see that we are in a position where the rights of all individuals are protected at all times and to see that they are and have been in this case."

The Defense Department, he said, will "study the whole matter of the role of this kind of craft...and the protection of this kind of ship if such a role is necessary at any time in the future so that we will not have these incidents again."

The Defense Secretary said allied forces would continue to "keep sufficient pressure" on the enemy in Vietnam to ensure that friendly forces are not overrun.

Precisely one year ago, North Vietnamese and Vietcong forces launched a massive, country-wide offensive in South Vietnam. Laird said that despite increased infiltration in recent weeks Gen. Creighton W. Abrams, Commander of American Troops in Vietnam, was "confident" that a similar effort would not be allowed to unfold.

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Forum today

Nearly 15% of the black students attending Duke, a great majority of them freshmen, have been forced to withdraw.

"We feel that this is a direct result of environmental factors," said Afro-American Society member Stef McLeod.

At 12:30 p.m. today on the main quad, there will be a discussion led by Afro-American Society members on this problem and its implications.



UPI

GLENDORA, CALIF: Abandoned car is stuck in mud on football field at Pacific College 1/24. Over 2.5 million dollars damage has been estimated in the Glendora-Azusa area from storm which has caused heavy rains and flooding over the last five days. Residents of Glendora neighborhoods, already crippled by flooding waters and mud, evacuated in the face of new flooding.

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Pentagon sources said that the infiltration rate increased to about 10,000 men in December, up from the 6,000 to 7,000 a month in October and November. Another 30,000 are believed on the way toward South Vietnam through the North Vietnamese Panhandle and the Ho Chi Minh trail in Laos.

The Pentagon's budget review is part of an administration-wide review called for by Nixon, he said. Packard will be in charge of the effort in the Defense Department.

"We are carefully going over (the previous administration's \$79 billion budget) to see that the priorities which have been established are correct," Laird said.

In his final days, he said, the Johnson Administration decided against going ahead with a revision of the military pay system that would eliminate military fringe benefits such as free medical service and, instead, increase military salaries to reflect current non-pay benefits.

The budget review would consider moving to the new pay system, he said, and added: "I believe that if we are ever going to move in the direction of volunteer forces in the United States, that a modernization of our compensation plan is absolutely needed and necessary."

Laird also announced these four new Navy executive appointments:

John W. Warner, 41, to be Undersecretary of the Navy. A partner in the Washington Law Firm of Hogan & Hartson, Warner has served in the Navy and Marine corps.

Frank Sanders, 49, to be Assistant Navy Secretary for installations and logistics. He has been for 16 years a staff assistant on the House Appropriations Committee, specializing in military affairs.

Forbet A. Frosch, 40, to continue as Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research and Development, a post he has held since July 1, 1966.

And, Charles A. Bowsher, 37, to continue as Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Financial Management. He has held that position since December, 1967.

Paris Peace Talks

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in the south.

North Vietnam has never admitted that it has regular Army troops fighting in South Vietnam.

In a rebuttal near the end of yesterday's session, Lodge explained that the allies had presented the status of the Demilitarized Zone, "because it is an important problem which readily lends itself to a solution."

The U.S. Chief Delegate added: "Our present problem is to find a practical point of departure for making some progress."

The question of the demilitarized zone, Lodge concluded, "will be, in effect, a pilot project which will enable us to form a pattern for constructive work together."

In their rejoinders, the representatives of Hanoi and the Vietcong again rejected discussion of the Demilitarized Zone. They also turned down allied suggestions, submitted in the first plenary session last Saturday, for an

agreed mutual troop withdrawal and an early exchange of prisoners.

Jorden said at last night's news conference: "Our clear impression is that they (Hanoi and the Front) rejected all our proposals." A spokesman for Saigon, Nguyen Thieu Dan, put it this way: "They rejected the entire allied package."

Allied delegates appeared to be bracing themselves for another lengthy conference deadlock before any serious negotiation on issues of substance could begin.

During a 25-minute recess early yesterday afternoon, reporters were told by a delegation spokesman, the two sides withdrew to their separate working areas for consultation and refreshments. There was no mingling between Allied and Communist participants,

however, the spokesman said.

The session was again held in the French government's International Conference Center on the Avenue Kleber near the Arc de Triomphe.

The U.S. spokesman declined to comment whether another round of private talks was envisaged, or possibly had already started. Jorden declined to answer the question.

The inactivity used in yesterday's discussions did not appear to be conducive to a climate for productive confidential contacts.

The chief delegate for Saigon, Pham Dang Lam, who spoke for 2 hours and 20 minutes, with translations, described North Vietnamese Communist regime as a totalitarian dictatorship guilty of aggression against the South and "barbarous" atrocities.

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At North Pole

Soviets see intrigue in mystery note

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A note seemingly indicative of defection in an American expedition during the race for the North Pole at the start of this century has been found by Russian explorers on Rudolf Island, northernmost point in Soviet territory.

Adding to the mystery, according to the Soviet account,

has been the excavation, from ice covering the island, of women's shoes, top hats, tail coats and false shirt fronts.

In the cabin of the American leader, the Russians say, was "an infernal machine, the wire of which extended to the dynamic charge in the food storage."

Animosity?

Did this mean, the Russians ask,

that the expedition failed because of "animosity" among its members?

The note that was found, in a state of partial decay, would seem to indicate such dissension. According to the Soviet account, it said:

"We, the opposition, are leaving the camp on Saturday, July 2, 1904, having 18 dogs, two ponies and an Indian boat."

It was signed, the report said, by "Tess, Veddy and Ralliet."

Telephone links

Also excavated at the site were "crystal and porcelain dishes covered with gilt" as well as a small barrel of rum. All buildings of the station, the report said, were linked by telephone.

The base was that used by the Ziegler-Fiala expedition of 1903-1906. From it three abortive efforts to reach the North Pole

were made.

The finding was reported recently by Novosti, the Soviet Feature Agency. The report was made on the basis of a finding by a Soviet wintering party.

Writer's search

In an effort to elucidate the account, a search has been made by this writer of the records of the American expedition and of an Italian party previously based at the same site.

The account written by the leader of the American venture, Anthony Fiala, a Brooklyn photographer, made no mention of telephones—or "infernal devices." However, he said, the camp was wired for electric lights, powered by a mile-long wire from the expedition ship, which eventually was crushed by ice.

Fiala's expedition was a major enterprise, with 39 men, 218 dogs

and 30 long-haired Siberian ponies. It was financed by William Ziegler, a millionaire who founded the Royal Baking Powder Company and made another fortune in Brooklyn real estate.

"Abortive attempts"

Fiala had taken part in an earlier expedition, also financed by Ziegler, that failed to achieve the pole. In March, 1904, from his base on Rudolf Island, Fiala made two abortive attempts to start for the pole. In both cases he was turned back by bad conditions and a variety of mishaps.

He decided to remain a second winter and try once more in 1905. However, according to his accounts, he allowed all who wished to go home to retreat south to an agreed upon rendezvous with a rescue ship.

After the homeward bound party had left, two other men "made no secret of the fact that they had grown discouraged with the outlook." They took off after the retreating group.

However, the ship *Terra Nova*, assigned to rescue them, was unable to breach the ice and the entire expedition had to remain another winter.

Russian-found note

The note found by the Russians dates from the time when most of Fiala's men, temporarily under his leadership, had marched south to await rescue.

While the names given in the Soviet account are garbled, it is clear that the note was signed by: Peter L. Tessem, the Norwegian ship's carpenter; Charles E. Rilliet of St. Louis, Mo., quartermaster in charge of equipment; and one of the two Vedoes on the expedition both were from Boston and probably were brothers.

The episode that gave rise to the note is not described in Fiala's account. He was absent from the camp at the time. When he returned the three men had apparently ended their defection.

From Fiala's account he seems to have remained on good terms with Rilliet and the two Vedoes, but he virtually ignores Tessem.

The Soviet report of finery is puzzling since photographs of the expedition at Christmas dinners show no elaborate clothing.

The Duke

It is possible that the Russians, who now maintain a station on Rudolf Island, dug up material left by Luigi Amadeo, Duke of the Abruzzi, several years earlier.

The Duke, a mountaineer, explorer and a dashing national hero of Italy, made his camp at the same site in 1889. His men marched across the pack of ice to within 300 miles of the pole.

The Duke, in his account, told how he and his companions celebrated the birthday of Queen Margherita of Italy by opening her gifts. They had been delivered to the expedition when the ship called at Archangel.

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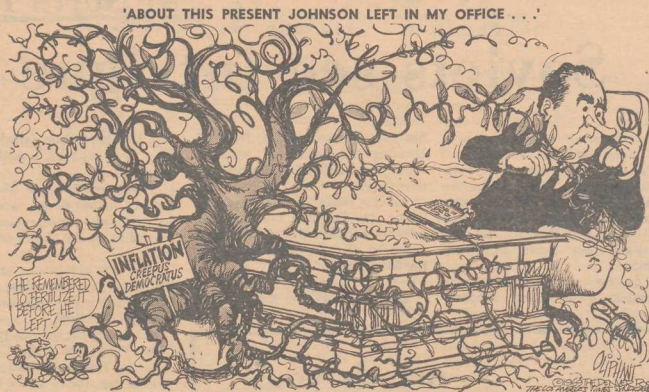
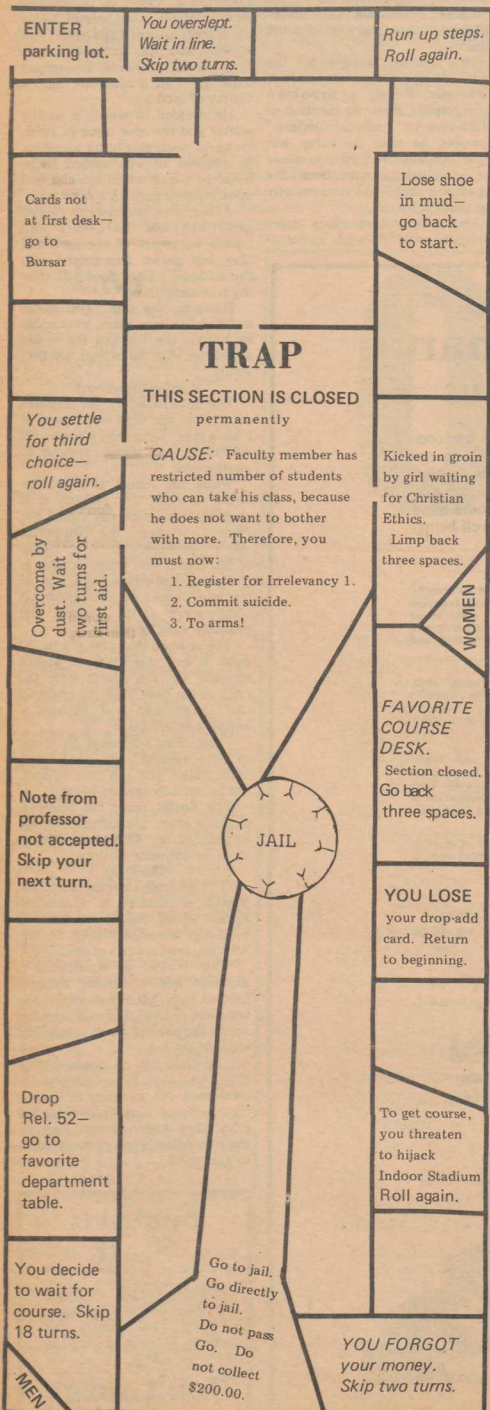
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An adult game?



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— the pinsky commission report —

Contextual radical

By Mark Pinsky —

Realizing that you owe your political consciousness to Duke and Durham would be something of a cultural shock to most of us here who regularly talk and play at revolution.

Nevertheless, traveling to some of the more celebrated universities of the Northeast tends to indicate just that.

For the last two weeks I visited old friends, high school mates, newspaper editors and "student leaders," (whatever that means) at Harvard, Yale, Columbia and Brandeis—and for a time it seemed impossible to take a step with out bumping into Liberals. Listening to their reasoning was quite convincing. As far as they were concerned, things at their schools were moving along quite rapidly. In some areas, the faculties and administrations were moving on their own initiatives rather than waiting for the prodding of students. The concrete examples they gave were difficult to refute:

By liquidating investments in South African concerns, and defense industries, not renewing defense contracts, actively opposing the Selective Service process, moving corporate interviews off campus and stripping R.O.T.C. of academic credit, they demonstrate that they are learning the meaning of the word complicity;

By instituting Black Studies programs, by actively recruiting black students and faculty and by becoming actively involved in cooperative and ambitious programs in the poor and black communities, they demonstrate that they are learning the meaning of the concept of social obligation; By instituting social regulations contemporaneous with this decade, they demonstrate that they are learning the value of foresight;

All of this may be but window dressing. To most students at these colleges, though, the window dressing—when added to clearly worded public statements of intention by the University to speak with both action and alacrity to the grave issues which face America—are usually enough to keep the students rather optimistic.

And if their University should do a no-no, one editor explained to me, all that is needed is to expose the wrong and community pressure is sufficient enough to force its rectification. Just add the

categorical imperative and you have a Liberal for life.

It all sounds very reasonable as long as you believe that that's the way it works everywhere. But we know a place where it doesn't work that way, don't we gang?

We know a place that not only freely permits on-campus recruiting by the Dow War Crimes and Atrocity Company, but also owns several thousand shares of stock in that company—and has no intention whatever of liquidating those holdings.

We know about a place that owns considerable shares in the Kodak Corporation and other companies with significant investments in South Africa—and sees no reason why it has a moral obligation to divest itself of those holdings;

We know about a place that gives academic credit for R.O.T.C. courses with no hesitation, which educates active duty professional military men, which accepts defense grants and which hosts a regional military research facility—with no intention whatever of discontinuing any of these services;

We know about a place that does not recognize the right of its workers to organize and bargain collectively—and does not even intend to recognize these rights—in the year 1969;

We know about a place with a faculty of over six hundred that has, to date, found and engaged the services of but one "qualified" black man—and isn't bothered enough by it to do anything about it;

We know about a place that, within two or three years, may be hard put to find anyone under thirty-five teaching in the area of the social sciences—by a combination of design and ineptitude;

We know about a place that feels, in a time when it appears that the nation demands commitment if it is to survive, that to say in public that it stands with the poor, the black and the young—is too controversial a statement to make;

We know a place where they believe that an institution has a right to tell men who and when they may have visitors in their rooms and what time adult women have to be in—while maintaining that they do not wish to act "in the

place of the parent."

And we know a place where community pressure is manifested internally by idiotic concern with four-letter words, by voting down the Segregated Facilities Act and NSA affiliation and, externally, by the crowd at the Wallace rally in the Police Department parking lot;

Living in such a community for any period of time, conscious of any number or these conditions, naturally creates stoics, emigres or—here it comes,—radicals.

In a community where power is divided between an administration which speaks with the garbled duplicity of a Richard Nixon and acts with the stubborn recalcitrance of a Grayson Kirk—and a faculty preoccupied with career—building and institutionalizing mediocrity—it is not surprising that a radical political consciousness develops.

Beyond the confines of the University campus there is the effect of the Durham area on all of the newcomers, Northern and Southern.

For Southerners coming from rural or small town backgrounds, Durham is their first prolonged "urban experience." They re-evaluate, from the perspective of the campus, their previous attitudes about race. Before long, they learn to keep their thoughts on the subject to themselves during visits back home. Eventually, some feel totally cut off from their previous existences, as they reject, one by one, the beliefs on which they rested.

Such a process is usually irreversible. Soon they see through all that 'New South' crap about Durham. Schooled as they have been in the way of the region, they see through the shallowness and cruelty of Durham and the people who run in far in advance of their Northern classmates.

Northerners usually arrive paranoid, if not paralyzed. They come half expecting one of the numerous Klansman to mistake them for a Jew and lynch them, which would make dreadful reading, even in an obituary, in the New Canaan newspaper.

More or less liberal or moderately conservative, they are still quite unprepared for the overt and covert racism of the Durham community—from the daily

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By Bob Entman

An open letter to Dr. Knight

Duke University is critically ill. On all fronts it is besieged by threats to its quality, its integrity, and indeed its very existence. As President of this institution, the ultimate responsibility both for ameliorating, and yes, for allowing the occurrence of these conditions, rests with you.

To be fair, in many cases you have been constrained by forces difficult to control. Certainly the curse of every administrator is the excruciating dichotomy between responsibility and authority. At Duke, where the winds of change blow the more rapid because of the school's former backwardness your handicaps are further intensified.

But regardless of antecedent causes and past mistakes, the question of prime importance now is how to lead Duke out of the morass of decay, and retrogression, and ultimate extinction. For the only alternative to such leadership,

Dr. Knight, is something no one wants: the quite literal destruction of this university as a viable, constructive national institute of higher learning.

Is it necessary to catalog all of these troubles? Perhaps just a few examples might outline the dimension of what you, and all of this academic community too, are facing.

Duke's financial situation is a crisis of tremendous proportion. Someone is going to wonder about priorities in this troubled time, and they are going to question why, for instance, half a million dollars is being used to finance an athletic program.

This same money could be used to hire perhaps fifty assistant professors to teach 150 new courses or sections, or to pay the full expenses of 150 underprivileged students. People are going to assert that priorities at a university in this era should lie in the latter direction, and you will have to set them right.

Another, related, crisis which you soon will have to deal with forcefully is that of the University's relation to Afro-Americans within and without. You would be wise to count it as good fortune and not administrative legerdemain which has so far prevented any major confrontation between white Duke and black Duke.

You still have time to prevent such an incident, with the damaging reverberations it must have, whatever the outcome. But you will

have to act decisively and courageously. You will have to make an unequivocal commitment to the needs of the blacks of Duke, Durham, and American society.

And as yet little discussed problem is going to surface forcefully soon: the academic ethos and the intellectual experience which Duke offers its students.

Someday soon, more than a few students will perceive the crass, oppressive power of the senior faculty here, and will awake from their work induced stupor to ask themselves, and then you, why they have spent a year or two or three here, learning NOTHING.

They are going to affirm that the university should exist first for students and their intellectual advancement, and then they are going to demand solutions, albeit new and even radical ones, democratically arrived at.

Each of these crises, and others which you are too familiar with, I am sure, cry out for leadership to correct intolerable situations. In each, you will have to fight to overcome one of those forces which you have allowed to hinder you in the past. You must bear this burden, because you are the president, you are at the top, you are above the selfish interest or concerns of any of these groups or forces.

You will have to say to our sports-loving alumni that money is tight and that first responsibilities of a university are in the realm of the intellect. You will have to explain to our Board of Trustees that regional and national leadership, and most importantly morality, require a massive, non-paternalistic commitment on Duke's part to the blacks.

Most difficult of all, you will have to persuade our

research-oriented, status-minded faculty that Duke's reputation will never rise above mediocrity if its undergraduate colleges remain intellectually bankrupt; then you must ask them to re-examine their entire professional outlook and remind them that they are teachers—not just authors or lecturers or consultants.

You will have to take on, then, Dr. Knight, three powerful countervailing groups in the university structure. But do not forget the fourth, and the most important. Students are involved also. They asked you for a genuine commitment in at least one area last April, and you failed them. And the University went on.

They will demand this time, they will want much more, and if you fail again, Duke University is beyond salvation. And perhaps then it will not be worth the saving.

"IN THEIR ZEAL to dethrone revealed religion as base superstition and to substitute for it the goddess Reason, the philosophes sometimes went to outrageous lengths, denouncing Jews with such vile slanders that they shocked the sensibilities of Christians of the time. Simultaneously they were building their own monument for posterity, to be remembered for their 'tolerance; (these most intolerant of men).'"

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newspaper down to the counterman. And the more they see of how the system works, the power it has to resist any change and what the code words are, the more they grow to hate it.

One of the good things about four or five or six years at Duke and in Durham is that at least the lines are clearly drawn. It doesn't take too much time or effort to figure out which side you're on.

So among those who care enough to fight at Duke, there are the Good Guys, the Bad Guys and the Deluded. The Deluded, for purposes of elucidation are those

who feel that the only problem between the Good Guys and the Bad Guys is one of communication. At Duke they're identifiable by their game smiles and ulcers. And they're all "really nice guys" in much the same way that Hubert Humphrey supporters all seemed to be "really nice guys."

Brought into consciousness by this great institution, and having invested so much of our time and our parents money here we are, I suppose, compelled to play out our roles as "constant critics and loyal partners" of Duke University. *Caveat emptor.* Let the buyer beware.

Words of wisdom

"If it don't fit, don't force it."

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By Charles Poore

"Journey into the Mind's Eye,"
By Lesley Blanch. 376 pages.
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The sense of splendor atrophies in our age of literary scruffiness. In today's book, Lesley Blanch does her best to revive it.

If only for variety, one wishes her well as one reads her "Journey into the Mind's Eye." The book promises a change from the current standardizations of hard-breathing depravity. It's a wash with glittering panoply.

But the richest action is offstage. What happens before our eyes has a second-hand luster. The fare is called "fragments of an autobiography," and many of its shards seem to have been gathered in libraries bulging with volumes on Russia under the 19th-century czars.

Miss Blanch's infatuation with that land began in a London nursery, long before World War I. There, a galvanically exotic Russian friend of her shadowy family told her tales of grand dukes, revolutionists, peasants, princesses, politics, battles, caviar and champagne.

She never calls him anything but

the traveler. We might call him the Scarlet Pimpernel of the Russian Revolution if he didn't have so many mythic—not to say bibliographic—guises. And if he didn't look as though he were about to be played by Yul Brynner. He was twice her age. He loved to kiss and tell.

Above all, he peculiarly loved to impress a small girl. One wonders whether there wasn't fairer game in the London of that era. Anyway, he got her family to let her go to Paris under ineffectual chaperonage. In France he seduced her, or vice versa.

A little later, they had a Corsican interlude. It sounds, I'm afraid, like something scribbled by Byron in a fallow season. Or, remembering Coleridge's bit about a woman wailing for her demon lover, hear this representative passage:

"While Marie Bashkirtseff, being Russian, saw romance in Anglo-Saxon terms, and invoked heaven for an English nobleman, I aspired to some wilder image,

something no right-minded diety (that's the way my typewriter likes to spell deity, too) would consider conferring. O God, send me Mamai, the Tartar, I prayed, grant me an Uzbek lover!"

The traveler has vanished. His memory makes a short story long. There is a liaison with one of the traveler's natural sons. She becomes an honorary member of Russian exile groups everywhere.

The computeristic aspects of Miss Blanch's story are formidable. Her memory bank retrieves verbatim records of immensely

detailed conversations scattered across crowded decades. She intricately processes data on the novelists, warriors, prelates, potentates, and condottieri who made the scene and perished in it.

Don't think a Samovar bubbles on every page of "Journey into the Mind's Eye," by any means. It just seems that way. Nor are all the feasts fantastic, and all the amenities splendid. But I must say I haven't encountered such a love of intrigue combined with such a love of luxuries since I last read a novel about James Bond.

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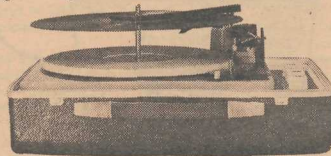


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Ewbank to remain as Jets coach in '69

By Arthur Daley

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NEW YORK—Clive Rush would much rather be head coach of the New York Jets than of the Boston Patriots, a preference that is quite understandable. The Jets offer a showcase stadium, Joe Namath and a Super Bowl championship. The Patriots have indifferent personnel and a hopelessly inadequate ballpark. About the only thing the Bostonians have going for them is Billy Sullivan, their president and one of the finest men in the football business. But Billy is woefully weak in tackling ball carriers or scoring touchdowns.

For the past few years it became increasingly apparent that Rush had reached such a position of eminence in the assistant coach category that he was ready for a jump to the top. As the first lieutenant to Weeb Ewbank on the Jets, he was the logical successor to his chief when that chief decided to relinquish the coaching half of his dual post as coach and General Manager.

A week ago Weeb decided to continue for at least another year as field boss of the Jets. He had just had the happiest of seasons. There had been no front office interference; Namath ceased to be a disciplinary headache and the Shea Stadium tenants took it all with their implausible victory over Baltimore in the Miami showdown.

The Ewbank resolve to continue as head coach imaped Rush on the horns of a dilemma. If he waited another year to succeed Weeb, there still was no guarantee that his boss would yield the reins even then because the sweetness of victory has an irresistible savor. Clive could grow old as an aide. At least Boston gave him a chance to strike out on his own. So he took the job.

There is vaguely defined parallel in this situation to the case of Vince Lombardi and the New York Giants. Vince had been the top aide to Jim Lee Howell, a young and highly successful coach with the rare quality of being able to

delegate autonomy to his assistants without ever yielding complete control of the whole.

It seemed then that Howell could continue indefinitely and Lombardi grew restive, especially when other teams began to look in his direction. So after the 1958 season he agreed to take over the Green Bay Packers. The Giants gave him their blessing because he was a Fordham classmate and close friend of Wellington Mara, now president of the team.

What no one in the Giant organization suspected at that time was that Howell was finding the pressures of his job more than he wanted. So after the 1959 season he abruptly announced that the next year would be his last. Meanwhile his logical successor, Lombardi, already was creating a dynasty in Green Bay.

Naturally, the Mara brothers, Jack and Well, wanted him back. And Vince, a Brooklyn boy, naturally wanted to return to the Big Apple. But the Packers were much too aware of their prize to

yield him to the original copyright owners and no one could blame them. Perhaps the course of football history was changed because Lombardi grew impatient as an assistant coach. Is Rush also too impatient in leaving the Jets for the Patriots? Only the passage of time will supply the answer.

If the next few seasons continue as pleasantly for Weeb as did the last one, there is no guarantee that he ever will surrender his coaching job.

All last season Weeb was walking on eggs because Sonny Werblin had indicated this is when Sonny was Jet President—that Ewbank's days were numbered. Phil Iselein, the new Jet overlord, merely waited until the ball stopped bouncing. Then he knew that Weeb could stay if he so desired.

Yet Ewbank would seem to have accomplished the same last year in less dictatorial fashion. He brought Broadway Joe back into the family until Namath was so accepted that his teammates voted him their Most Valuable Player.



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L.A. hit by massive mudslides; losses high

By Gladwin Hill

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LOS ANGELES—"In five minutes we had two feet of mud all over the house," said Mrs. John Caulfield, a Glendora housewife. "It came in first through the dining room windows, then burst in the front door. I don't think the house is salvageable."

The grim scene was repeated scores of times in Los Angeles' recent 10-day siege of rain. The Caulfield family consider themselves lucky—relatively. Mudslides and landslides killed at least a dozen people, smothering some in their beds.

Why?

When nature bevels the hillsides rimming Los Angeles, it stabilizes them at an average angle of about 20 degrees. Los Angeles city ordinances countenance man-made slopes of a steeper 30 degrees. And thousands of homes have gone up on hillsides ranging upward of 45 degrees.

These circumstances are one factor in the metropolis's recurrent scourges of small landslides. Other factors are unusual geology, inadequate laws, unscrupulous developers, at least tacit corruption and human recklessness.

"People buy houses more casually than they do an automobile," a real estate agent remarked this week. "They like the view, or the kitchen, or the closets—but they give no thought to fundamentals like drainage and erosion. They assume these

things have been taken care of forever by somebody. But where there's so much hillside building and grading going on, you can't always predict."

A scientist described the Los Angeles basin, rimmed with hills and mountains up to 8,000 feet, as "a geological junk pile." The ground may range, within a few hundred yards, from firm granite to slippery clay strata which, when saturated, ooze sheets of mud or lubricate massive shifts in topsoil overburden.

Los Angeles geological peculiarities made little difference until after World War II, when millions of new residents streamed in. Until 1952, there were virtually no restraints on hillside grading. In 1963, over an avalanche of lamentations from from builders and home financiers, the city adopted a 2-1 slope limit, meaning a maximum one-foot drop in a distance of two feet horizontally.

But this and a bookful of other regulations have been widely neutralized by expediency. Builders are supposed to get expert geological sounding as a basis for their plans. But under state law, any civil engineer can call himself a "soil engineer," whether he has studied soil mechanics or not.

Expert or not, the investigator is in the pay of the builder rather than the city. And if findings don't meet legal specifications, builders get "variance" permits by the thousands from an appeals board whose members are drawn often from the building and engineering fields.

Penalties for ordinance violations are in the misdemeanor bracket—six months in jail or a \$1,000 fine—and no one can remember anyone's going to jail.

Even when some hillside home builders are scrupulous, they are seldom if ever in a position to give a buyer an iron-clad guarantee. The long-term stability of hillsides may depend on factors outside the

seller's hands, such as vegetation, and subsequent uphill residential and street development. Even the post-construction installation of a swimming pool can upset the original builder's stability calculations.

In March, 1967 an ad hoc committee of experts and citizens appointed by Mayor Samuel Yorty to study the landslide problem turned in a report with 50 recommendations. One of them was that builders be required to provide insurance or bonding of homes for

at least one year against settling or landslide damage.

The city council spend 16 months discussing the recommendations, and only last July enacted some of the less forceful points.

The net result has been that insurance companies generally won't touch landslide, mud-slide or flood damage coverage on hillside homes. Victims generally have to console themselves simply with the fact that they are still around to start over again.

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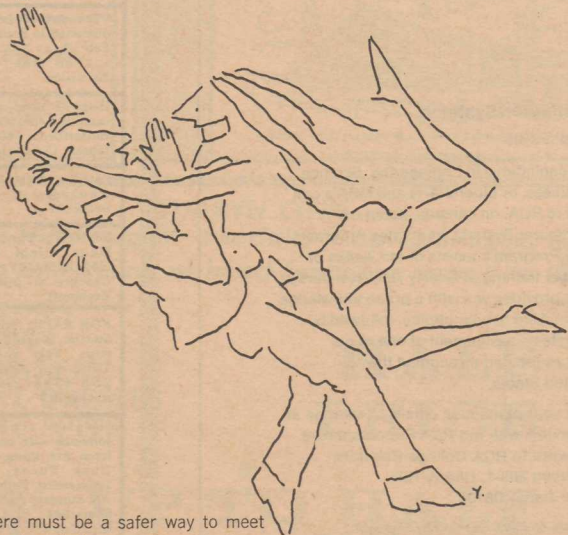
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