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"The Nation Is Headed Wrong"

DR. W. E. DUBOIS ADDRESSES H. U. BODY

By Sylphine Taylor

Over 700 students and members of the University Community crowded Andrew Rankin Chapel to hear a thought-provoking analysis of the events and the causative factors behind them of the last 40 years. The address was delivered on March 31 by the distinguished author, scholar and sociologist, Dr. W. E. B. DuBois. The occasion commemorated Dr. DuBois’ 50th birthday.

Dr. DuBois warned at the beginning of his address that emotions have colored our interpretation of the last 40 years and that the true meaning of these events is not what most of us have supposed. He therefore proceeded with a systematic interpretation of these events. He stated that “The First World War was an attempt to rearrange the distribution of the colonial areas of the world.” He then developed theory of a general trend towards socialism, beginning with the Russian revolution of 1917. He stated that “In 1929 the bottom fell out of the capitalist system which has never been restored.”

He then pointed out that Franklin D. Roosevelt’s nationalism, political policies, such as work relief, subsidies, control of power production, were a step towards socialism. In regard to the Second World War, he posited, “An attempt to rearange the distribution of the colonial areas of the world.”

In conclusion he stated, “Here we stand in 1958. The nation is headed wrong. It is not the first time a nation has been wrong, but it may be the last. Today in the United States and Russia, progress is being made, but it is no more than that the nation has ever been before. Where do we Negroes stand? If we aim to be in accordance with the philosophy of DuBois, we will have to do this, the nation will drag you down to a day of darkness.”

The meeting was opened by Dr. Eugene Holmes Pearson, an associate professor of English here, a friend of Dr. DuBois. As a man who was trained in Europe to restore its control of the colonial peoples of the world. He declared that we must “stop fighting the cold war of self-interest, the cold war of self-interest, the cold war of self-interest.”

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Dr. DuBois congratulated the audience. He declared that “we must understand that the future of the world would have been different. We will have to do this, the nation will drag you down to a day of darkness.”

Neither star nor sun shall waken Not any change of light Nor sound of voice or sight Nor any sound or sight Or dream or desire of mortal or nay dreams nor thing diurnal. Only the sleep eternal In an eternal night.”

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Full Concert to Be Presented April 25th

Eastman School to Hear H. U. Choir

Dean Warner Lawson will direct the Howard University Choir in a full concert April 25, 1958 at the AME Metropolitan Church. In attendance will be members of the Eastern Star Order, sisters of the Masons. The concert will be divided into five parts.

1. Castalee Comino (Prtion), Minnie Lee (Ledell), and Thanks Be To These Guys (Beaver) by Harriet Tucker, mezzo soprano. The second part will be The Last Words of David and Alleluia (Randall Thompson), and George Washington, baritone soloist in O Lord God USA When Yonder Bengals (Robert Baker).

2. This part of the program will consist of five works to be premiered by the Howard Choir this year: Trei Episodii (Don Quinto, Dulcinme, Danilo Panza) by Halffter and Two Madrigals (Voyet Shoes and Beauty) by Russell Wollen.

3. Fire Spirituals which are part of the Choir’s RCA Victor Red Seal album are included in this part: My Lord What a Mornin’ (Burliegh), Good News (tradi­ tional), Listen To the Lamb’s Dett) featuring a very beauti­ ful solo voice of soprano Lorrie Stevens, Done Made My Yaw (Dean Warner Lawson) with support of tenor soloist and Alon’s That Good News (Daw­ son).

4. After intermission the Howard Choir will perform How­ ard Hanson’s Song of Democracy. The Choir will conclude with a Choral Excerpt from Chorus No. 17 by Villa Lobos—this work featured the Choir’s appearance with the National Symphony Or­ chestra at Constitution and Ceme­ ten Hall during the last two ses­ sions. It will be presented with piano accompaniment at the con­ cert.

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois autographs a copy of his book Black Reconstruction, for a Howard student following delivery of his address to audience of over 700.

BRIEFS...

The Chemistry Club will pre­ sent its first annual Honors Day program in the Chemistry Build­ ing Auditorium on April 26. The Chemistry Club Award will be presented to the outstanding sophomore, the Department of Chemistry will award its annual prizes, and the honor students will be awarded certificates. Speaker for the occasion will be Dr. David F. Johnson of the Na­ tional Institute of Health.

Mr. Wesley Bussey, an associ­ ate professor of law at Howard between 1956 and 1958, was recently appointed Municipal Judge in San Francisco.

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H. U. Chapter, NAACP
Campaigns for Members

The Howard University Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, a university-wide organization, will launch in mid-April a concentrated campaign for 1,000 new members.

President of the H.U. Chapter, Sidney S. Tobin says: "In view of what the NAACP has meant to all of us and what the NAACP and all its members are faced with in our time, I am sure that the whole trip was made at Howard is to take out membership." The Chapter will sponsor several student assemblies in which the following speakers, it is hoped, will appear: Congressman William L. Dawson of Illinois; Vice President of the Democratic National Committee, Dr. Margaret Just Butcher; Clarence Mitchell, Director of the Washington Bureau of the NAACP; and Congressman Charles Diggs of Michigan. Announcements of the dates and places of meetings will be made soon.

A membership in the NAACP is good for one year for the data record. For persons under 17 years old membership can be secured for $1.00. The basic full membership is $2.00. For an additional $1.00 one may obtain one year's subscription to Crisis, official organ of the NAACP.

During this year our chapter sponsored a program to get all eligible students at Howard registered through its establishment of a Voter's Information Center in Minnie Hall. The Chapter also gave a highly successful drive in the dormitories, and sponsored, in addition, a mass meeting at which the President of the D.C. Chapter, Mr. Royce Davidmon, was in attendance.

In addition to the student assembly the membership drive shall include the solicitation of members in the dormitories, the location of tables in the lobbies of Douglas Hall, Founders' Library, and on the campus grounds. All campus organizations are to be contacted for their cooperation and support.

A Smile We Miss
By Carolyn Gage

The recent illness of our beloved Dean of Women, Sadie M. Yancey, has temporarily removed a radiant beam of sunshine from our midst.

Dean Yancey has served the women of Howard University Community diligently and faithfully since coming to Howard in 1932. Her absence is always felt, even when she leaves us for short periods of time on Howard business. It is so secret that her absence is more deeply felt during her illness.

The women of Howard University and the Dean of Women's Staff are continuing to carry out her ideals and objectives in a manner which would make Dean Yancey extremely proud.

We are eagerly awaiting Dean Yancey's return to us. We do hope that she will be back with us before our Mother-Daughter Weekend.

Your cards and messages will reach Dean Yancey at:
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Room 4 - Ward 4
Freedman's Hospital
4th and Bryant Street, N.W.
Washington 1, D.C.
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On Hilltop Problems
By LEROY STONE

The HILLTOP issue following Gloria Jordan’s imminently passing received numerous pleasants. The last issue, on the other hand, was criticized by me by five students. Obviously, everyone was pleased at the same time. However, the following discussion of HILLTOP problems seems in order.

What’s wrong with the HILLTOP
There are two principal views expressed by these students in their critique of this paper. They follow.

The first view is briefly expressed by the student who opined that the HILLTOP should try to get more interest by carrying “more social news, gossip, and light scandal.” Clearly, the college newspaper is not a profit-making venture and cannot indulge in such trivialities espoused by mathematics, science, the humanities, and business. As such, students must realize that all these areas of learning are related to our own inspirations.

The second view is that the HILLTOP should expose and take firm stands on controversial issues. Students who take this view are usually hard put to supply examples. It seems that many persons, not only these students, desire the creation of controversy and a sensation merely to have something to get excited about. I am in firm disagreement with the creation of controversy for its own sake, or with the use of the college newspaper to propagagete tension.

Indeed, most verbal conflicts are due to loose use of language and the failure to arrive at unambiguous definitions of terms. Remaining conflicts can be resolved by careful observation of events—and such observation is by no means contingent upon tension and controversy. There seems to be no problem at Howard University which cannot be resolved with the calm approach of relevant parties to each other. The attempt to resolve such problems in the language of antagonism and battle will, I believe, do more harm than good to the interests of the students. Clearly, the HILLTOP must expose a point of view on significant issues; but any stand must be presented calmly, along with a clear statement of the reasons, and the good consequences that are believed will follow the desired resolution.

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Is International Brotherhood Possible

A feature of "International Week" was its panel discussion entitled "Is International Brotherhood Possible." Held in the University Union, the forum took place under the leadership of Lonza Perry, who declared that international brotherhood is not merely possible but necessary.

Panel members included Abigail, Lee Ethel Jackson, M. M. Mensh, Levy Stone, Finn Carling, and Kyptaika Shirazi, who discussed the concept of international brotherhood in the areas of the world which they represent. They then recommended that the spread of cultural relativism, group categories and stereotypes, goodwill through sympathetic understanding of cultures, the breakdown of derogatory group categories and stereotypes, and the spread of cultural relativism be considered.

The Howard Renaissance began officially Wednesday evening, March 19, when the Benjamin Brawley English Club held its first meeting. Despite the fact that winter was covering the campus with "forgetful snow" (apologies to T. S. Eliot), Sylvia Harris, Doug flaming, Phyllis Bridges, Ralston Caldwell, and Perry Johnon met with Miss C. A. Weford, faculty advisor, in Founders Library to lift the pall of intellectual darkness which has covered Howard for so many years.

The club intends to hold symposia, publish a student edited literary magazine (to be made up of student contributions), and encourage the appreciation of literature and the English language — and of course, there will be social activities.

English majors and minors who are interested in being active and participating members are urged to attend the meetings on Thursdays each week, Founders Library, room 306, 7 p.m. A limited number of persons who are not in the field of English, but who are interested, will be welcomed.

Jabberwock...

The annual Jabberwock sponsored by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority was held on Monday, March 22. The Jabberwock this year was "I Have Known Rivers." The organization participating in the variety show on a competitive basis were: Sigma Gamma Rho, Alpha Phi Alpha, Omega Psi Phi, and Alpha Phi Omega.

The word Jabberwock, which remains a sight of red tape, was selected by Mrs. Marion C. Conover Hope of Aeta chapter, Boston, Mass. She adopted the word from a mythical character in Lewis Carroll's Alice in Wonderland. Like the mythical character, Jabberwock, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority chapters call together the various organizations in the communities in which they are located and invite each group to contribute a short, snappy, interesting skit which helps to make up an active and engaging class enter.

The recipient of the scholarship for the year 1957-58 is Miss Julia Holloway, a junior in the College of Arts and Sciences. First prize in the Jabberwock competition was awarded to Omega Psi Phi Fraternity for its skit titled "The Man and the River." Second prize was awarded to Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity for its skit titled "Submit to the Violent."

Added attractions on the program were the skit by Howard Players and musical entertainment by the versatile and popular jazz artist Sonny Stott and his trio.

Highlighting the program was the crowning of the queens for the Miss Junior Jabberwock and Miss Jabberwock contests. Miss Carolyn Holloway, a junior at Calvin Coolidge High School, was crowned Miss Junior Jabberwock of 1958, Miss Frances Cruse, Miss Jabberwock of 1957, crowned Miss Carolyn Holloway, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Holloway of Houst own, Alabama, as Miss Jabberwock of 1958. She is a physical education major and her hobbies are collecting jazz records, dancing, and swimming.

The anniversary of Paul Revere's ride, the 18th, will find a group of Howard's students returning a visit to Bucknell. Bucknell students visited our campus the weekend of March 21. Also on the 18th, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority will present its annual Crystal Ball.

The Men of Alpha Phi Alpha will hold open House Sunday, April 20. Lovetta Easton is the newly-crowned queen of the fraternity. Loretta was doubly honored by also being crowned ROTC queen at the Cadet Officers Ball at the National Airport on March 18.

The young lady "Fairer than thecuar" will reign as sweet heart of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity at the Silhouette Ball April 22. Their Sorel Club presentation in the chapel on April 22 was very impressive, as other recent. Sorel activities have been. Also, in the 28th, the School of Law Student Council will present its annual Barricades Ball.

The Hilltop Staff...
Observations... by Conrad Snowden

I understand that for some time now there has been a general movement on the part of some members of the faculty to liberate the treatment of the Howard student. Some indication of this is observable, I believe, in the Dean's Honors Program and a proposed seminar for liberal arts seniors in current problems. These are all, it appears to me, steps in the direction of creating a wholesome scholastic climate in our Community. It occurs to me, however, that our modus operandi might need examination. It seems that we are in the shades of a very unhealthy paradox. Consider that the faculty for the most part has a tendency to treat college students as if they were students of some local high-school. Take as a case in point the technique used to insure attendance at the Sidney Hillman Lectures. In far too many instances these lectures were made mandatory for social science students. This was obvious judging from the auscultous and copious notes that were taken by these same students. Admittedly this is better than having these same students not attend but it is far from being desirable. It is highly probable that many students were less concerned with taking notes for a future examination than in being there to hear what Professor Mills had to convey. I would question the efficacy of mandatory attendance of lectures at the college level.

But now an interesting question arises, thereby completing my paradox. How many of us are college students in the true sense of the word. If we act and respond to stimuli in a high school student-like manner—then perhaps the faculty and administration are quite justified in treating us accordingly. But then why call this a university if in effect we are exposed to higher learning via high school discipline. It would seem that the discipline would preclude the higher learning.

Now we arrive at what would appear at first glance to be an impasse. However this is not quite the case. There are several members of the faculty and administration who believe, and quite correctly so, that there are sufficient number of serious students to warrant a change in pol-

As testimony to this fact there are the honors program for freshmen students, the proposed seminar for seniors, and the recent election of three students to the Athletic Commission. Now these changes are a bit far re-

oved from the liberality that a student in serious quest for high-

er learning ought be desirous. I say this to bring in another move in that direction that can be made with out running the risk of toppling whatever of educational struc-

ture we might have; that is set-

up the mechanism whereby students shall have the opportun-

ity of evaluating their instructors.

I realize that an attempt is made at such evaluating by the various department heads but it must be

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Independents Defeat Frats in Overtime

A late surge by the All-Fraternity basketball team was thwarted
in an overtime period by the All-Independent basketball
team, to give the Independents a $4-$2 victory in the final intramural basket-
ball game of the year.

The Frat men, paced by a 13-point spurt in the second half by
Salem Adams of the Ques, closed a gap of 10 points to a tie score
at the end of regulation time. However, in the ensuing overtime
period Charles Smith of the Freshman-League Hackers team poured in
13 points to give him the victory.

Smith led all scorers in 20 points while Adams was high
point man for the Frats with 19. The box score:

ALL-FRATERNITY

Player-Team FG FT FTA PF
Adams, Ques 2-14
Macbeth, Alpha Phi Omega 4 2 3 10
Ruby, Alpha Phi Alpha 4 0 9 2
Taylor, Kappa Alpha Psi 1 4 1 3 7
Duckett, Alpha Phi Alpha 1 4 4 6
White, Omicron Psi Phi 0 0 9 2
Green, Alpha Phi Omega 0 0 9 1
Washington, Kappa Alpha Psi 0 0 6 1
Rose, Alpha Phi Alpha 0 0 6 0
Woods, Alpha Phi Omega 21 10 14 22 62

ALL-INDIPENDENT

Smith, Hackers 9 2 5 1 20
Ingram, Hackers 6 2 7 4 14
Hawkins, Turkeys 4 2 6 2 10
Gordon, T-Birds 1 2 2 1 4
Turner, Turkeys 1 0 1 0 2
Averyh, Turkeys 1 0 1 0 2
Tillman, Turkeys 0 0 1 3 2
Warf, Hackers 0 0 1 0 1
Mayfield, T-Birds 0 0 1 0 1
Lee, Artists 22 10 23 12 54

Score by quarters:
All-Fraternity 10 7 14 14 52
All-Independent 9 6 8 12 54

Submitted by Edward G. Adams

Sports in Review

By HARLEY GINNARD

BESBALL

After getting off to a slow start, by dropping the opening
doubleheader to Springfield College, the Bisons now look for-
toward their trip to Ohio and games with Western Reserve, the
University of Akron, and Mount Union on May 1, 2, and 3.

Howard's trackmen dashed off to a flying start by downing
Springfield College in a season opening dual meet, 66-65. It was
the final event, a 2-Mile Relay, with Captain Jim Ashburn running
as anchorman that gave H.U. the points needed to cop the victory.

Howard's next meet will be with Delaware State at State on
April 17, and against D.C. Teach-
ers here at HU on May 18 and
Hampton Institute on May 19.

CRICKET

Any student who happened to pass the far end of the campus,
by Clark Hall, on any one of the few sunny days of the past month,
should have noticed a new squad
practicing there. It was the Cricket
Team, Howard's newest inter-
collegiate varsity sport. Although
their schedule is still tentative
it is hoped that the student body
will give its full support to this
new team.

SPRING FOOTBALL

Inefficient weather is still tak-
ing its toll on the sessions of
Coach Bob White's spring foot-
ball program, but it has not af-
fected the spirit of the players.

The Independent basketball team and now the cricket team
must practice on the 'campus' in front of Clark Hall. How long
must this sort of thing remain
a part of our campus? When will
Howard's athletic program be ad-
vanced to meet the standards up-
held by its academic program?

Harry Ginnard

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Letters to the Editor:  

De. Mills in his last lecture, reiterated to the "Intellectuals" the task of (1) imposing responsibility; (2) educating; (3) showing how private questions are allowed to develop into issues of national and international importance. The "Intellectuals" must be concerned about problems of the day, and he must make value judgments. Bennett Berger: "Sociology and the Intellectuals," refines the Intellectual as a commentator on and an interpreter of contemporary experience. C. Wright Mills would agree with this definition, and demands that a great number of them remain outside the institutional framework of the University to perform their task.

On one observation must be made here. Mills has been referred to as a sociologist and I myself gave him that title in the earlier parts of this report. This, however, must be a contradiction since he has obviously given up the role of a systemic sociologist, who compiled to the rules of Science may not make value judgments. For that he is a critic, a critic who must make value judgments. This connection Berger is justified in naming as Intellectuals along with C. Wright Mills, men like Sartre, Camus, T. S. Eliot, and Rosenman.

Occasionally Dr. Mills uses terms crucial to his discussion which he fails to define adequately. He has also been attacked in some quarters for not giving sufficient documentation in support of his thesis. This seems, however, to be a deliberate act, rather than a careless error, for Mills puts the premium on the Intellectual approach-commenting and making value judgments, rather than the scholastic one of empirical documentation. This in itself might be the very reason for the enormous popularity of the works of this man.

As to his programme, Mills favours (1) a united Germany: (2) a cessation of arms testing on both sides of the iron curtain; and (3) full recognition of Communist China. These are Sound plans, but as repeated failures to implement them have shown, they will not be come by lightly.

Mills, while-style remains so much of that of the invertebrate species maker Thorstein Veblen, is seeking, seems, to reshape our concepts; to fashion new points of reference; to create a "New Science," the embodiment of the human spirit in a world of strife and woe. His programme is a real one. Its 20th century, not for the faint-hearted!"