

# Dancing: Nothing New About the 'Boogaloo'

The "Bump and Grind" came long before Burlesque, there's nothing really new about the "Boogaloo," and even the "Twist" has something in common with the "Minuet."

Such are the findings of Charwick C. Hansen, associate professor of English at the University, in a fascinating new study of the history and origin of the American Negro Shaking Dances of the 19th Century.

Not only does Dr. Hansen trace today's teenage dance fads back to the 1800's, but he also comes up with a unique defense for them against that age-old argument: "How can they call it dancing when they aren't even together."

### Not in Minuet, Either

"Partners weren't together in the minuet either," Hansen points out in a recent article published by "American Quarterly." "In the twist, as in the minuet, expressive body movement is far more important than body contact. That may be all the twist shares with the minuet, but it is enough to make them equally incomprehensible to a generation raised on the 'why dance.'"

And for those who don't remember that one, it was a dance which Hansen says was even more typical of the '20's and '30's than the jitterbug or shimmy—"scarcely a dance at all, but one in which the partners assumed a position guaranteeing a maximum of bodily contact, then swayed imperceptibly, sometimes in time to the music."

Returning to today's fad of dances such as the Twist, the Boogaloo, the Monkey—"the animal name, as with the fox trot, suggests the Afro-American origin"—the Watusi, and others, Dr. Hansen writes:

"It is apparent there has been a long tradition of erotic shaking dances in America. And although there is no objective evidence for the early years, it seems to me very probable that such dances were brought here in the 17th century by the first Negroes to arrive and have been continuous within the Negro community ever since."

### Adopted Negro Dances

According to Hansen's study, White America first adopted Negro shaking dances after World War I "at the same time it adopted jazz, the secular instrumental music of the Negro."

Even the word "Twist," forerunner of the new dance craze sweeping today's youth, stems back to the early '20's as evidenced by these lyrics uncovered by Hansen in an old Jelly Roll Morton song:

"Mama, mama, why look at Sis, she's out on the levee doin' the doggone twist."  
"Certainly by the twenties 'twist' had become a common name for a shaking dance. . . so we must keep in mind, that even though

popular dance turned away from erotic shaking movements in the thirties from one point of view it is quite wrong to speak of shaking dances coming back," says Hansen. "They have clearly been continuous within the Negro community. And although clearly of African origin, erotic shaking dances have spread beyond the confines of the Negro community, and are a part of American popular culture."

Hansen also finds that another kind of American dance borrowed heavily from the Negro during the 1920's—the strip-tease.

### Strippers Not New

Of course, he admits, there was nothing new about strippers per se, but "the bumps and grinds—the hip movements—first appeared on the American burlesque stage during the twenties, and unless someone can find a more likely source, I think we must conclude that bumps and grinds, like the shimmy, were borrowed from the American Negro."

According to pianist Eubie Blake, says Hansen, the word "bump" was used by Negroes to describe a hip shaking dance movement as early as 1907, long before it had become current in burlesque.

In conclusion, Hansen writes that "in spite of the strength of the tradition and its current prominence in popular culture, the American intellectual community has remained resolutely ignorant of it."

"It suggests that the Negro has been as invisible, to the intellectual as to everybody else," Hansen adds. "It suggests further that the differences between the Negro's subculture and that of the White are larger than any of us like to admit, and that the possibility for misunderstanding between the two are correspondingly higher."

Yet, despite the failure of perception on the part of the intellectual, Hansen feels the gap between Negro and White dance traditions has been bridged and that acculturation has taken place.

### Daughter Proves Point

As an example he points to a dance which his daughter gave.

"Midway through the evening I heard her say, 'let's have a shout circle,' Hansen recalls. "I pricked up my ears immediately because 'shout circle' is one of the oldest and most frequently heard terms in the sparse history of American Negro dance. The dancers form a circle and individuals take turns dancing in the center. I had thought the shout circle had nearly died out, yet here it was in a rural Pennsylvania university community . . ."

"The next day I asked my daughter if she knew where the shout circle came from. "I don't know where we got it," she replied, "but we do it at all the dances."



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# Senate Studies CIA-Ky Report

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Senate subcommittee is investigating a report that the CIA once removed Vice President Nguyen Cao Ky of South Vietnam as commanding officer of a secret sabotage operation because he used it as a front for opium smuggling.

The report was made available to the Associated Press by the Senate subcommittee on foreign aid expenditures, headed by Sen. Ernest Gruening, D-Alaska.

Joseph Lipman, staff director of the subcommittee, said the report was considered highly reliable, but refused permission to name or in any way identify its source.

The 1963-64 sabotage operation, called Operation Haylift, "was flying Vietnam agents into North Vietnam for the purpose of sabotage such as blowing up railroads and bridges," the report said.

"When the program first began, the CIA engaged Vietnam air crews and their commanding officer was Col. Nguyen Ky who is now vice president of

South Vietnam.

"To make a long story short, Col. Ky took advantage of this situation to fly opium from Laos to Saigon. Of course the CIA removed Col. Ky and his flight crew and they were replaced by Chinese Air Force pilots from Formosa. Also, the Vietnam ground crew was replaced by Chinese mechanics."

The missions were flown from Saigon's Tan Son Nhut Air Base, the report said. At least one of the aircraft used, a C123, belonged to the U.S. Air Force, it said.

Ky 37, was named by the Neo Dinh Diem government in 1956 as commander of Saigon Airport. A month after Diem was overthrown and killed in 1963, Ky was named commander of the rapidly growing Vietnamese Air Force.

He retained that command until 1965 when he became premier of his country, succeeding a civilian, Pham Huy Quat.

Last September, Ky was elected vice president on a ticket with President Nguyen Van Thieu.

# Romney Quiet, But May Be Interested

Yesterday's developments on the political scene:

Gov. George Romney of Michigan attended a Washington meeting called by Republicans who want Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller to enter the party's presidential nominating race. The consensus: the New Yorker must enter soon and pledge to stay in to the end. Romney, a former candidate, said he is uncommitted but interested. Rockefeller spoke in Washington before the American Society of Newspaper Editors in the first of a series of major speeches on national issues, urging a 10-year, \$150-billion attack on urban ills.

Sen. Eugene J. McCarthy continued his campaigning in Indiana for the Democratic presidential nomination. The Minnesotan needed his only active party rival, Sen. Robert F. Kennedy on reports that at least one person on the Senate payroll is active in the New

Yorker's Indiana campaign.

New York Sen. Robert Kennedy campaigned in Oregon and in a Portland speech seemed to be shifting his appeal more to adult groups after weeks of acceding the approach to youth. Mrs. Sargent Shriver, his sister, told reporters their mother, Rose Kennedy, will appear for her son in Indiana prior to the May 7 primary. She added Mrs. John F. Kennedy also may appear but wouldn't call it a probability.

Former Vice President Richard M. Nixon, the only active major candidate for his party's nomination, will end several days of public inactivity to speak today to the editors' society in Washington.

Rockefeller was given a 2-1 preference edge over Nixon among Pennsylvania candidates for election as GOP convention delegates who replied to an AP poll. Of 97 polled, 50

## Recruiting Needed

# Clergy: Church 'Racist'

DETROIT (AP)—"The Catholic Church in the United States is primarily a white, racist institution," a caucus of Catholic clergymen declared here yesterday, as he called upon the church to make every effort "to recruit black men for the priesthood."

The meeting, officially known as the Black Catholic Clergy Caucus, was held in conjunction with the Catholic Clergy Conference on the Interracial Apostolate. The caucus was called by the Rev. Herman A. Porter of Rockford, Ill., and presided over by the Rev. Rollin Lambert of Chicago. Both are Negro priests.

There are only about 150 Negroes among some 58,000 Catholic priests in the United States.

The caucus adopted a statement saying that the Catholic Church in the United States has addressed itself primarily to white society and is definitely a part of that society, and apparently "is not cognizant of changing attitudes in the black community."

It also said that the church "is not making the necessary meaningful and realistic adjustments."

"One of these changes must be a re-evaluation of present attitudes towards black mili-

tancy," the caucus said.

The Negro priests went on record as recognizing the reality of militant protest and that nonviolence—in the sense of black nonviolence hoping for concessions after white brutality—is dead.

They said the "same principle on which we justify legitimate self-defense and just warfare after it represents black response to white violence."

Black people, they added, "are fully aware that violence has been consciously and purposely used by America from its fight for independence to its maintenance of white supremacy. Black people are encouraged to fight abroad for White America's freedom and liberty."

# Cooper, Tanner—

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district by the student volunteers. "On Saturday we pile into cars and spend all day putting posters on trees along the major roads. Dennis took a group up to Oil City and thereabouts last week and they said they saw more deer than people," Glean said.

In addition to posters and speaking engagements, the candidates have bought come radio and newspaper ads. "Money has been our big problem," Cooper said. "We didn't realize when we started how helpful it can be to a politician to have a rich father."

Several townspeople have contributed to the campaign, and some of the money was allotted to mailing brief statements on the candidates' position.

Early in the campaign the candidates realized that they would have to depend heavily on volunteers to make up for the scarcity of funds. About thirty regular workers, mostly members of YAF and some political science students, are working for Cooper-Tanner.

The candidates plan to have volunteers at all the polls in State College on primary day, April 23. All of the volunteers are students, and less than half are of voting age. Cooper denied that the "student image" would hurt the campaign. "McCarthy people cleaned up for Gene, and we are all pretty clean already. I think we have a great image," Cooper said.

peared to be compiling a new list of suggested sites.

### Pakistan OK'd

A Pakistani government spokesman said the United States has asked if the talks could be held here and "we indicated our agreement."

North Vietnam insists on Phom Penh, Cambodia, or Warsaw, Poland. Finding neither acceptable, the United States has proposed New Delhi, India; Rangoon, Burma; Vientiane, Laos; and Jakarta, Indonesia, after Hanoi apparently cold-shouldered Geneva. U.N. Secretary-General U Thant also was continuing discussions with Washington and Hanoi on possible sites.

Kosygin appeared on "Meet the Pakistan Press," a program to be relayed over Pakistan's four television stations.

"We are in favor of a settlement of the Vietnam problem by starting with talks to end the war and by an understanding between combatants in a way which would insure no outside interference," Kosygin said.

# Kosygin Calls for Peace, Scorns Chinese Position

RAWALPINDI, Pakistan (AP) — Soviet Premier Alexei N. Kosygin declared yesterday that North Vietnam will conduct peace talks as "a nation that has not been vanquished, that has not been defeated."

"The only way the Vietnamese situation can be solved is to give the Vietnamese the ability to solve problems the way they see fit," the visiting premier said in a television interview.

### China Accused

At the same time, Radio Moscow accused Red China of trying to prevent a peaceful settlement of the war, saying Peking's attitude only helps the United States and the allies in South Vietnam.

The broadcast assailed a commentary Monday by the People's Daily, the official Red Chinese newspaper, urging the Communist Vietnamese to keep on fighting. The Daily also called President Johnson's March 31 peace overture "an out and out big fraud."

With North Vietnam and the United States unable so far to agree on a site for preliminary discussions, Washington ap-

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