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'Communism Is Here!' Hooray! Hooray!

PARDON us while we ease into a tolerant smile. We are about to quote the most eminent gentleman controlling a good ten percent of the reading matter dealt the newspaper reading American public. That particular esteemed personage is none other than Mr. William Randolph Hearst, safeguard of tottering inhibitions. "Communism is here," says Mr. Hearst in his editorial columns of yesterday. "The truth," says Mr. Hearst, and as everyone knows Mr. Hearst speaks only the truth and nothing but the truth, "is that Communism is not coming!" Fine Mr. Hearst, it is with great eagerness that we go into his reasoning of the matter. Of course no one wants communism and the renowned Mr. Hearst states it is "not coming." The American public need no longer worry as everyone knows Mr. Hearst, for immediately following his statement that communism is not coming comes this most disconcerting announcement, "Communism is here." Rather inconsistent these assertions would seem on the surface.

However here again we are wrong, charging Mr. Hearst with any even mild form of inconsistency would be doing him a grave injustice. Mr. Hearst is notoriously consistent. He is consistent with his inconsistency. No doubt it is a great relief not only to Mr. Hearst but to the American people to know that as long as communism is finally here there will be no more editorials appearing against it. Was it not Mr. Hearst who maintained that communism wrested from the "peo-pul" the freedom of the press. Was it not Mr. Hearst who asserted that communism stifled all adverse criticism by its rigidity of censorship. The Nebraskan wishes to extend to Mr. Hearst its most heartfelt sympathies because poor Mr. Hearst can no longer, by his own admission, attack the present administration in any manner. Imposing the severe censorship of a communist dictatorship the present administration will henceforth stifle all of that martyred gentleman's wailings. Just because Mr. Hearst spoke only the truth and nothing but the truth he is to be forever prevented from voicing the beliefs of the common people. It is indeed lamentable that such a state of affairs has been brought about by the present naughty administration.

But really we are being unfair with Mr. Hearst. Let us see why we need no longer fear communism because it is here. Says Mr. Hearst, "We have a Communist Congress, with a Communist Black committee making a Russian OGPU of itself, violating the Constitution of the United States and want only and brazenly invading the rights of our once free citizens. We have communism in everything but the name." Therefore doubly interesting is Mr. Hearst's remedy of the allegedly evil situation. Kick out the dictatorship is Mr. Hearst's slogan. Not by a revolution, not by an army; not by the uprising of the masses, as one would ordinarily think a dictatorship would necessarily have to be overthrown, does Mr. Hearst suggest. No! On the contrary Mr. Hearst suggests an unusually mild manner for the overthrow of this existing communism in Washington.

Vote them out of office and consequently out of power says Mr. Hearst. Vote, still using the secret ballot method, for the inauguration of another administration. Thus is communism to be annihilated. Mr. Hearst should transfer his remarkable remedies to Italy, Germany and Russia. Perhaps they might work upon those dictatorships.

The Nebraskan wishes in nowise to levy any unjust criticism upon Mr. Hearst but to the more than casual observer it would appear that Mr. Hearst is chasing his own tail and getting nowhere despite the amount of excitement he has created. Barking rather ineffectively at the moon attracts little attention from reasonable people except the humorous reactions of one highly amused.

CONTEMPORARY COMMENT

Scientific Method. Amid professorial eulogies of the scientific method as being the beacon light of the present and future era there appears a curious inconsistency. A considerable group of instructors at the university seemingly have forgotten the admonitions received in their youth concerning intellectual humility, are causing the venerable walls of campus classrooms to resound

with the time worn argumentative device of laughing evidence out of court.

Of course, the entire teaching staff is not guilty and a compiled list of names would only serve to antagonize those individuals criticized. However, many a student can attest to the disillusioning experience of having his criticism of the professorial or the accepted view dismissed.

Classrooms are busy places where material must be covered in specified lengths of time. Realizing this, it hardly seems logical when pedagogues are caught pompously ridiculing a new position when they might dispose of it scientifically and fairly by announcing that criticism must be withheld for lack of time.

Sheep-like agreement with accepted positions is one of the surest ways in which a potential group of useful individuals may be turned into mechanical automatons, each like the other, and all the result of mass production.

The courteous consideration of new points of view in many cases involves the repetition of matter in order to dispose of obviously false constructions. Yet, in that way only will a university impart a truly critical attitude to its students.

A university instructor must realize that when he lets ridicule serve as a substitute for explanation that he is branded by the students as having a stagnant mind, clinging to a point of view which he fears are unable to convincingly defend, and that his value to the university and to society has long since vanished.—Utah Chronicle.

War Fever Again.

"War is pluperfect hell!" This statement recently was made by one who should know what he is talking about, a man who has been through the thick and thin of it in the Italo-Ethiopian squabble—Webb Miller, ace war correspondent, who recently returned to this country.

Apparently there are many who do not agree with Miller, for the crumpled of the heavy spiked boots again is being heard in Europe's powder magazine—the Rhineland. In the twin cities on the banks of the Rhine river each on opposite ends of the great International bridge which divides France and Germany, live people of different nationalities. In Strasbourg the French people say, "We know the Boches. They are not bluffing. One month, six months, a year—then war—but this time they will find us ready." In Germany's Kehl the inhabitants are saying, "Not yet. Der Fuehrer is not ready."

The war fever has gripped Europe. Panic again is tending to put cool headed compromise to rout. Yet all is not lost, and the world has yet to be plunged into death and destruction. Even now diplomats are seeking a way out while the rest of the world watches hoping that they will succeed.—Indiana Daily Student.

Students Rank Progressors.

Seniors in the liberal arts division of Michigan State recently received letters from the dean of the school, together with a list of professors and instructors in that division. Each senior was asked to check the names of those under whom they had taken work and to double check not more than five of those whom they considered most deserving of an increase in pay, according to the Michigan Daily.

The dean remarked that on the whole he trusted to the voters to be fair and it was probable they were. Students who have listened to professors for 50 minutes at a time, who are bored by them or interested by them, are probably better judges of pedagogical ability than faculty boards, which usually select men because of their records on paper. Students retain a definite impression of each professor; he is enlightening in his presentation of a subject about which they care little, he teaches in such a way as to keep them guessing and alert; or he merely mouths what he has collected from textbooks.

And when these seniors were asked to recommend these professors for increase in pay they probably felt a sense of responsibility. If the most popular teacher were to be given a medal, they would vote for him who was the most considerate, most lenient. If he were to be made a dean, they would probably favor him who had the most dignified appearance. But increased pay—that's something hard and serious with this generation.

Students will not be shaken by prejudice. Students often respect the professors who mark them down more than those who let them slide by. Having finished the course they can look at it more objectively, and they adopt a Kantian philosophy of approving what they think should be a general rule.—University Daily Kansan.

Tomfoolery.

Disturbing the august calm of the house of representatives, members broke forth yesterday with noisy calls of "fool" and "jack-ass" following a reasonable request that an addition be made to the Congressional Record. According to a United Press report: "The trouble began when Representative Clare Hoffman, Republican, from Michigan, asked permission to extend his remarks in the Congressional Record and add 'about an inch of data' thereto.

"Representative Marion Zioncheck, Democrat, from Washington, recently convicted of disorderly conduct following a New Year's day prank in which he jangled all the telephones of a large apartment house, arose and asked mischievously: "What, of importance, would the gentleman put in one inch in the Record?" "Not a plug in the switchboard!" exclaimed Hoffman.

"The house roared. Zioncheck laughed good-naturedly. He bobbed up again when Representative William A. Eckwall, Republican, from Oregon, sought permission to make a five-minute speech explaining his attitude towards communism.

"Does the gentleman wish to make a fool out of himself?" fired Zioncheck." All of the above by-play culminated in a scorching lecture on dignity from Speaker Joseph W. Byrns.

There may have been some common sense in the stern measures adopted by Speaker Byrns; the august representatives are only hu-

man, but would it not be possible for them to find sufficient time to indulge in such intellectual by-play outside of school?

It might be pointed out to the representatives that there still remain a few bills of minor importance that might merit some slight consideration, despite the other weighty matters under discussion.

There might be some attempt to do something about the budget tax bill to raise the funds necessary to pay the soldiers' bonus. Then there is the Norris power bill, and there is still a measure intended to replace the outlawed AAA that would seem to be worthy of some thought.

Or maybe the legislators haven't the time for such tomfoolery.—Daily Trojan.

Questioning The Lecturer.

The interesting and somewhat unusual practice of encouraging discussion from the floor in recent jurisprudence and public opinion lectures has met with unpredictable success in the student audiences. Members of the courses have shown enthusiasm over the

opportunity to have obscure points thus clarified by the lecturer.

Too often lectures have turned into meaningless sessions wherein the speaker drones for an hour, eager only to finish within the time allotted him and entirely negligent of the fact that his words of wisdom may at times seem thoroughly garbled and far from enlightening on particular topics. While we are far removed from any desire to encourage heckling, we do feel that there is much to be gained if the individual lecturer will voluntarily provide students with an opportunity to question him concerning points pertinent to the subject matter.

Naturally this practice could be overdone so as to turn the lecture hours into disordered and useless bicker sessions. The success of such a practice would depend largely upon the discretion and judgment of the individual lecturer. If the speaker would call for a limited number of questions as he concluded his discussion of individual topics, not only would the clarity of his lectures be thereby heightened but also the general interest of the students might be greatly stimulated.—The Daily Princetonian.

GROVES DESCRIBES ORGANIZATION NEW ARTILLERY DIVISION

Shades of Sandy McArdle and Robb MacGregor! Henceforth Miss University of Kansas Co-ed will be obliged to dip deep into her purse for shekels with which to help defray expenses on "dates."

That is the most recent decision of the student governing bodies which rule Mount Oread. Under the leadership of Lyman Field, president of the men's student council, the Jayhawks have decided to inaugurate a new era beginning Friday night, an era marked by the financial emancipation of the young man and the abolition of an obsolete custom—namely that barbaric practice which compels the male to assume the entire burden of "date" expenses. "Do not have a false sense of chivalry" was the admonition given the men students in a joint resolution issued recently by the men's student council and the women's self governing association.

No longer will Joe College be forced to write home "gimmie" letters or borrow from his roommate. No longer will he have to hock his watch, or even resort to manual labor. From now on the little woman will assist him in supporting the druggist, the movie magnate, and the fiddler. Moreover, says the edict, Miss Co-ed will pay not merely for one half the bill, but the portion of the expenses which she herself incurs. In other words she will "shell out" the 30 cent price of her double decker sandwich and milkshake, while Joe

plans for the initiation of 21 pledges were made, and Wednesday, April 1, was set as the date. Tom Cheney, captain of the local chapter, presided at the meeting.

ASME MEMBERS MAKE PLANS FOR CONVENTION

Transportation to Kansas City Meeting Discussed At Gathering.

Transportation to the Kansas City convention of American Society of Mechanical Engineers will be main discussion topic of local ASME meeting March 24, according to Ralph Doubt, president. The convention is scheduled for March 27 and 28.

Prof. W. L. DeBaufre will lecture on "Thermo Properties of Fluids," basing his talk on work which he has carried on over a period of some time. Prof. DeBaufre is chairman of engineering mechanics department.

Stated Doubt, "All men desiring to attend the convention must file notice with the society on or before March 24." Convention plans include group visits to Kansas City plants of especial mechanical interest, an open forum for discussion of mechanical engineering problems, and a prize technical paper contest.

Two society members are entered in the paper contest. Nebraska placed first in the contest at last year's convention.

IOWA STATE COLLEGE GETS NEW PRESIDENT

Dr. C. E. Friley Becomes Institution's Ninth Chancellor.

AMES, Ia., March 18.—Dr. C. E. Friley, who yesterday became the ninth president of Iowa State college since it was established 78 years ago, takes over the administrative position as the college's student enrollment is at an all time high.

A total of 4,374 students enrolled for the current quarter which ends Friday. A new enrollment record was established last fall quarter when 4,432 students registered.

Dr. R. M. Hughes, whose resignation from the presidency was accepted by the state board of education which met here yesterday, came to Iowa State in 1927 from Miami university, Oxford, O.

Among the academic accomplishments effected by Dr. Hughes during the nine years he served as president of Iowa State were the college 20 year plan, systematic improvement of the quality of teaching, installation of a system of faculty counselors for every student, improvement of the social life of the students including the establishment of the ward social system for students who live in dormitories and others who are not members of fraternities and sororities, the adoption of an activities fee by which students are allowed to attend athletic, social and educational functions with the payment of a small fee, and the enlargement of the intramural athletic system to include participation by all students.

Dr. Hughes accomplished all of these improvements in spite of the

JAYHAWKER COEDS TO GO 'DUTCH' ON DATING BILLS

The merchants have been requested to present Miss Co-ed with a separate check, and custom will require her to precede her escort in their trip to the devouring cash register and to pay her check first.

According to J. B. Nixon, president of the Kansas State college student council, the plan has its merits. "I rather question the probability of its popular acceptance on this campus, however," he stated.

Mrs. Mary P. Van Zile, dean of women at Kansas State college, when approached on the plan admitted that it has its good points but asserted that the change cannot be brought about suddenly. She believes that it must come from a gradual shifting of popular opinion. Dr. A. A. Holtz, K. S. C. dean of men, said of the plan, "It is an interesting experiment, and I would like to see it tried."

Great was the consternation of the K. U. campus queens, and loud were their protests when this bomb was dropped in their midst. The most popular co-ed on the campus, dated up for a month in advance, was torn between the fear of logging out on the social whirl and the antipathy toward bankruptcy.

Says Lyman Field, "Other universities have tried the plan and it has worked with notable success." It is hoped that a better "spirit of comradeship" between the sexes will result and that those who have been seeking their entertainment alone will find a companion, since there will be no additional expense.

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Sigma Delta Chi. Members of Sigma Delta Chi, professional journalism fraternity, will attend a luncheon at 12 o'clock noon, Friday, March 20, at the Grand hotel.

fact that the college's appropriations were heavily reduced during the depression.

The board of education named Dr. Hughes president emeritus and upon his return from England he will perform such duties as Dr. Friley may assign to him.

In his resignation, Dr. Hughes stated: "I hope it may meet with the pleasure of the board to permit me to continue in the service of the college in a less burdensome position, where I can devote my time to working with students."

Upon recommendation of Dr. Friley, the board appointed George W. Godfrey as director of agriculture. Since 1933 Mr. Godfrey has been assistant to the president in agriculture.

"In his new capacity, Mr. Godfrey will be responsible for the coordination of the extensive agricultural program of Iowa State college," the board said in a statement. "In co-operation with the heads of the research, teaching and extension divisions in agricul-

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STUDENTS ATTEND K-AG ENGINEERING PROGRAM

Committee Seeks Material, Ideas for Nebraska Engineers' Week.

In search of new ideas and material for Engineer's Week, Walter Gloor, Lowell Newmyer, and Ralph Doubt last week visited Kansas State Engineer's Week. According to Doubt, group chairman, the committee found several ideas not previously used at Nebraska, which will be used this year.

Great difference between the two Engineer's Weeks is in extensive exhibitions of commercial instruments by Kansas State, according to findings of the committee. Stated Doubt, "The Weeks are practically the same, but some of the Kansas State ideas may be used to improve Nebraska's open house. Especially important point is the method of handling traffic altho the problems are not quite the same, since Kansas State has one large engineering building."

Feature of the Kansas State event was a Sigma Tau ceremony, held just before the engineering building was opened to the public. Mr. W. Sorgen, national secretary of Sigma Tau, formerly of mechanical engineering department here, presented the ceremony with a newly constructed pyramid, given by local chapter of Sigma Tau.

Verne Hedge, of Lincoln, society national president, assisted in the presentation. Following the ceremony, engineers began open house with the traditional firing of twenty-one cannon shots.

COLLEGE WORLD

Requests by real estate operators for Columbia athletes to take the place of striking workers were refused by university authorities.

A 25 year study of the black widow spider has been completed by University of California entomologists.

The people in the hot country of India have a considerable weakness for titles, degrees and other forms of embellishment, related Dr. John Scudder in a lecture at Rutgers university.

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