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Political rallies . . .

A sentimental tear for the old, and a gentle cheer for the new

As the Student Council meets today to discuss and probably approve a new type of election rally, another colorful tradition of campus life will be laid away. No more will torchlight parades thread their ways about the university grounds to drum up interest in candidates for the morrow's election. Like the old-time shirt tail parades, election banners and flares and marching factionists will become just a memory. They are left without a defender. The Student Council would alter them beyond recognition, the Interfraternity Council would wash its hands of them altogether.

Perhaps the old-time rally deserves its fate. It has been called to task for trampling newly-sodded sorority lawns, for discoloring fraternity houses with a barrage of rotten eggs, even for inflicting bodily injury on electioneering participants and those innocents who turn out to watch them. Yes, it probably dug its own grave, but somehow we hate to see it go. There was something colorful and enthusiastic and exciting about it that stood for high youthful spirits, and as such it was a bulwark against the impersonal, biase, disinterested, even flippant college attitude which many persons find so oppressive.

When the Interfraternity Council voted its disapproval of any sort of political rallying whatsoever, it in effect indicated a belief that this student body is not capable of participating in a rally without becoming destructive. Perhaps that is true, although we hate to believe it. Football rallies generate plenty of enthusiasm without getting out of hand. Of course there everyone is on the same side, whereas at political gatherings, the competition between factions is sometimes quite intense.

The Student Council really is making a noble gesture in trying to work out a new plan for rallies. Obviously the old system cannot be allowed to continue wreaking havoc of the sort marking last fall's rally, and yet it seems too bad to drop rallies altogether. Whether the new plan is more than a gesture will be seen when it is tried out the night preceding the spring election. There are many problems in conjunction with it, such as how to run thru the long list of candidates to be introduced at sufficient length to make their appearance of value to voters and yet briefly enough not to bore those attending the rally. But if all goes well, the Council may be able to build up a new tradition on the campus—well-informed student voters marking their ballots more on a basis of candidates and less on one of faction interest.

Meanwhile we cross our fingers, hope—and drop a sentimental tear for all the old soapboxes, burned torches, mangled placards, hoarse voices, and empty bottles of arnica which fill the campus' political past.

"It is my conviction that the best training is afforded in the regular courses of a liberal education precisely because, when taught by sound scholars, they combine wide scope and critical detachment and therefore are more lasting effective. I would indicate especially courses in history, political science, economics, sociology, logic and philosophy. Students may thereby come to know the past and the present, to judge evidence, and so to be on guard against current propaganda in print and over the air." University of Cincinnati's President Raymond Walters prescribes the best antidote for threats of dictatorship.



Senator Edward R. Burke yesterday challenged Governor R. L. Cochran to a series of six or more "joint discussions" on important national issues. In a telegram to the Governor, Burke suggested that the discussions begin the first week in March and continue throughout the primary campaign.

Quoting Burke's telegram as to the nature of the proposed debates, he said, "I refer, among others, to the farm problem, utilization of our water resources, unemployment relief, labor relations, social security and old age pensions and security, spending programs including the whole problem of budget and national debt, federal tax policies, safeguarding our form of government and economic system, neutrality and foreign affairs."

The advantages of Burke's proposal are too numerous to list. A few of the more important ones appear self-evident. For the electorate it is an opportunity to hear the issues openly discussed with the views of the candidates clearly defined. After a series of these discussions, little, if any, of the candidates' platforms could remain clouded or in doubt. For the candidates the discussions should be equally enlightening and beneficial. It is their opportunity to educate the electorate to the main issues of the campaign and to show the difficulties involved in carrying out a tangible and positive platform.

Politically Burke has placed Cochran in a very embarrassing position by his challenge. If the governor refuses, the Burke forces can capitalize on his failure to meet the Senator in an open and a frank discussion. If he accepts he still has nothing materially to gain, for it will mean that the nomination will be settled on the outcome of the debates and most of the governor's ground work of the last six years will not aid him in public debate.

At the same time, the proposal, if accepted, will greatly aid Burke for it will not only shorten his campaign but it will allow him to finish his work in Washington before coming home to start his campaign, without injury to either one of these duties.

THE ALTMARK AGAIN.

Neville Chamberlain today blamed Norway for the Altmarm incident in a last attempt to keep the Scandinavian country from appealing to the League of Nations for alleged violation of its neutrality. In a brief statement referring to the incident Chamberlain pointed out that before the British seizure of the Altmarm, he at least had credited Norway with the formality of an investigation, but that later Norwegian bulletins proved to him that they had made no effort to search the ship for British prisoners and hence were guilty of violating their own neutrality and defying international law.

In the meantime, the British Admiralty admitted the loss of 39,000 tons of merchant shipping in the last week, the direct result of Nazi U-boats. If this is true, and there is no reason to doubt it, this marks the secondheaviest loss in a week for the British since the war began, and can be traced directly to Germany's revenge for the Altmarm incident.

LONG WAY TO GO FOR LONG.

For the first time since its opening in Louisiana politics, the machine of the late Senator Huey P. Long is not only threatened with defeat at the polls but also with defeat in showmanship. The colorful ex-candidate for governor, James A. Noe, has joined the opposing force to Governor Earl K. Long, and although he is not eligible for election himself, his showmanship and bombasts which have delighted Louisianians in the past might be a potent factor in the election.

Already there is evidence that the machine is tottering in its failure to capture the early primary, thus necessitating a run-off election. The election comes off today. The opposing candidates for governor are the present incumbent, Earl, brother of Huey Long, and Samuel Houston Jones, 42-year-old Lake Charles attorney. These two were the high men in the first primary, capturing two-thirds of the ballots cast. Although Long had more votes than Jones in that election, reliable authorities point out that Jones should win in this run-off.

The causes for these predictions are found in the attitude of the two defeated candidates of the first election. These candidates garnered about one-third of the total vote cast. If their adherents favor their advice, it should mean that this third of the electorate will vote for Jones, for these men have shown themselves very hostile to Long.

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TODAY.

PHOTOGRAPHY FORUM.

Claude Pilger, member of the National Association of Photographers, will conduct a photography forum at 4 p. m. in Parlor Y of the Union.

MATINEE DANCE.

There will be a matinee dance in the Union hall room at 5 p. m. Bring identification cards.

TRAVEL FILM.

Films of Mexico and the Philippine Islands will be shown during the travel film hour at 7:30 p. m. in Parlor C of the Union.

CORNCOBS.

Corncobs will meet in room 313 of the Union at 7:30 p. m.

LENTEN SERVICES.

With music, prayer, and meditation, Methodist students may observe the Lenten season. The third in a series of seven early morning Lenten services will be held from 7:15 to 7:45 a. m. at Wesley Foundation. Rev. Robert Drew will give a brief meditation. Marie Larrabee will conduct the service. All Methodist students on the campus are invited to attend.

PHI TAU THETA.

Phi Tau Theta will meet tonight at Wesley Foundation at 7:30 p. m. Methodist university men are invited to attend. Laurence Griffing will preside.

KAPPA PHI.

Emphasis will be placed on charm at the Kappa Phi meetin at 7 o'clock at Wesley Foundation. Members will hear a novel mock radio broadcast of a charm program. Helen Eighmy is in charge of the presentation. Ruth Surber and Miriam Martin are the hostesses.

Lucille Marker, president of the group, wishes to announce that pledging will be postponed until Sunday.

FOLLIES TRYOUTS.

Judging committee for the Coed Follies will visit these houses at the following times to judge their plans: Delta Delta Delta, 5 p. m.; Alpha Xi Delta, 5:10

p. m.; Delta Gamma, 5:20; Kappa Delta, 5:30; Sigma Kappa, 5:40; Pi Beta Phi, 7 p. m.; Chi Omega, 7:10 p. m.; Raymond and Love halls, 7:20; Kappa Kappa Gamma, 7:30; and Sigma Delta Tau, 7:40.

ORCHESTRAS.

Orchestras will meet tonight at 7 in Grant Memorial.

STUDENT COUNCIL.

Student Council will meet at 5 p. m. in room 313 of the Union.

SCABBARD AND BLADE.

Scabbard and Blade will meet in the Campus Studio for this years Cornhusker picture at noon. Full uniform for both pledges and actives.

THURSDAY.

FRENCH FILM.

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