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## Self-Acquittal?

Should the proposed world security council be so organized as to allow any of the five great powers to prohibit punitive action against itself? Should the United States, for example, be allowed to say to the security organization, to the nations of the world: "Regardless of our actions, you shall not levy economic or military sanctions against us unless we wish you to do so?"

This is the all-important question squarely facing delegates to the University of Nebraska's experimental peace conference. It is perhaps the most pressing, the most perplexing question that the University's mock peace conference—and the actual peace conference to come—will be called upon to settle.

In Monday night's plenary session, students representing the five great powers—Russia, Great Britain, the United States, France, and China—stood solidly behind a proposal that would allow the proposed world security organization to take absolutely no punitive action against offending nations unless these five powers gave their complete, unanimous agreement to such action. In other words, if Russia were hailed before the security organization as an aggressor nation, no economic or military measures could be taken against her unless Russia herself agreed to permit such measures! It is as tho a defendant in a murder trial could not be convicted unless he himself agreed that he was guilty.

Advocates of this proposal declare that it is realistic, that the five great powers—including the United States and Great Britain, the world's two greatest democracies—will demand such veto power when the actual peace conference convenes. Its opponents, chiefly the representatives of the small nations, declare that it is neither realistic nor just, that there is absolutely no assurance that any of the great powers, with the possible exception of Russia, will demand such veto power when plans for the world security organization are drafted in their final form. If the veto-power proposal is adopted, they maintain, the seeds will have been sown for World War III.

Many delegates favor a compromise measure. Accept the veto-power proposal, they say, with this reservation: In any case involving punitive action, let no country involved in the dispute have voting power. If, for example, Russia and China were to clash in Manchuria and punitive action against one or the other were indicated, a unanimous vote of the three remaining great powers, coupled with a two-thirds majority vote of the entire security council, would be necessary before economic or military sanctions could be levied.

But—and this is the important point in the suggested compromise—Russia and China, the disputants themselves, would have no vote in the final decision for or against punitive action.

This, then, is the issue: Is the defendant to be able to acquit himself, or is he to be judged by a jury of his peers? The responsibility for a just, wise answer rest squarely on the shoulders of the conference delegates.

## Art Exhibit . . .

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ing Woman," a carving in oak that embodies the feelings of a woman intent with devotions.

University students are admitted to this show without cost. There are regular tours of grade school children scheduled for the first three weeks so the students are urged to come during the noon hour or after 3:15 for the best hours in which to wander around at leisure, Mr. Kirsch said.

Now there's a weather bureau for paints. The "weatherometer" tests the ability of paints—also cloth and paper—to withstand the elements.

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3:00 P. M. SUN., MARCH 11

UNION BALLROOM

## LETTERIP

Her Majesty's Government of the Netherlands hereby affirms and declares:

That, in expansion of her stand on Section Three (3), Voting Procedure of the Security Council, requirements for effective, equitable, and just decisions by the Security Council on matters of punitive action are:

FIRST, the affirmative vote of four (4) of the Permanent Members of the Council;

SECOND, the affirmative vote of three of the Temporary members of the Council;

THIRD, the exclusion of the party to

the dispute from this vote.

Further, that for the successful outcome of the Experimental Peace conference, all nations must constantly bear in mind the ultimate goal sought by all—the attainment of INDIVIDUAL SECURITY thru the establishment of WORLD SECURITY for now and all time.

And, that to insure the realization of the utmost benefits to all individuals and organizations participating in the Conference, each of the United Nations must recognize and accredit the full sovereignty and rights to decision of every other member nation and Denmark. Only by such action can the fullest living values be obtained from our Experimental Diplomatic Procedures here on the campus of the University of Nebraska.

The Netherlands Delegation.

## Ragged Edges

BY PAT GILLIGAN.

Dates . . . Going steady . . .  
not going steady . . . pins . . .  
diamonds . . . weekends meeting  
the parents These are things  
which help to keep the social  
whirl whirling.

Altho these males vow every time never to take in a big-name band again and come away bruised and beaten, they always seem to melt when that certain girl gets that look in her eyes. Friday night and Glen Gray at the Pike will find Mimi Ann Johnson, KKG, and Jamie Johnson, Sig Chi, wrestling with the crowd—family affair, Jan Horn, Tri Delt, and pinmate, Sig Ep Dean Messman are double dating Jan's brother, former Sig Chi Tom Horn and his wife, the former Tri Delt, Jane Ellis.

Rumor has it that it has reached the Frank Sinatra state now. An ABB Club has been formed (admirers of Bob Brown). If this keeps up, Bob will have to get a personal bodyguard.

Naval air corps Ensign Freddie Adams, former DU here, is back on the campus and was seen Saturday night at the Pike with blonde Betty Chapman. We hear a certain Pi Phi has a finger in this deal, too.

Off to see their men home on leave were Pi Phi "Jinx" Dougan and Alpha Phi Janie Little; Jinx to see fiance, Phi Delt Lowell Anderson, and Janie to see Marine Bill Speece.

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