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NIGHT NEWS EDITOR..... LEE HARRIS

## Parking Problem . . .

Friday morning's student demonstration as a result of the parking problem cannot be dismissed lightly, but neither can it be considered as a spontaneous demonstration which flared up for a few hours and is now dead.

No, there is too much background for the entire situation to allow the Friday morning brush with the Lincoln police and the resultant march to the police building, to the city hall and to the state capitol to be written off as an outburst of irresponsible students. It is true that both the students and the Lincoln police are open to criticism for their actions, but the overall problem of insufficient parking space has been a sore point since the beginning of the school year.

The first seeds of dissension were sown last fall when the malls between Burnett Hall and Andrews Hall on the north and Teachers College, Love Library and the Social Science building on the south were closed to student parking. Faculty parking permits were issued and only faculty members were allowed parking privileges in the area.

This move might have been agreeable to all, except for the excessively severe attitude on the part of Lincoln policemen who were assigned to patrol the parking area and keep out student cars. With an element of kindness or consideration, the Lincoln police could have averted much of the hard feeling that arose during the year as a result of curt commands for student drivers to "get out."

To make the situation even more unpleasant, students began challenging the authority of the police to halt cars and to forbid parking in spite of the signs assigning the area for "faculty parking only." When students discovered that there was no authority for the police to issue the warning tickets, the situation took a turn for the worse.

As long as a year ago some student drivers who had sought legal advice on the problem were informed that there was no authority behind such warning tickets. Police officers on duty at the faculty parking area have admitted the same lack of authority, saying that they have been ordered not to give tickets, only warnings. The whole setup of police patrolling the faculty parking section appears as an expensive bluff, at University expense.

Student blood pressure rose even farther when it became evident that numerous vacancies existed in the faculty parking section.

A spot check survey taken last fall before winter weather set in disclosed that the faculty members were not taking full advantage of their parking area and that there was an average of from 75 to 100 vacant parking stalls in the faculty zone each day. These results were produced by a survey made just after the faculty parking privilege plan was established.

Thus, while student parking facilities were overcrowded, vacancies existed in the faculty section but police officers on duty at each end of the section forbade students to take advantage of the vacancies.

To return to the Friday activity, there was an element of blame for both students and police. The use of tear gas by the law enforcement officers was all that was needed to arouse unruly spirit in the mass of students who had gathered at the scene of the tow-car incident. This aggressive action by police and the continued shoving and roughing-up which several students received, including some who were attempting to take pictures of the activity, did not set well.

A demonstration which might have ended without further incident was fanned to new

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"Today's disturbance was a source of embarrassment to the University of Nebraska. The whole incident, sparked by difficulties over parking facilities, is sincerely regretted. The University is aware of the seriousness of the parking problem and is working conscientiously for its solution."

signed,  
Dean C. W. Borgmann,  
Dean of Faculties.

All students wishing to participate in future riots will meet in 520 University hall to form a University Rioters Club, and contact B. J. Smokey president of the club.

## Riot Breaks Up Friday Classes

Look Ma, I'm riotin'!

Afternoon classes were broken up Friday by still-rioting students led by a man driving a motorcycle through social science and Andrews halls.

While scattered campus policemen stood by laughing, "faculty parking" and one "this street closed" signs were appropriated by rioters and paraded in cars loaded with fourteen or more students each through downtown Lincoln. Driving first around campus blocks, loaded cars slowly paraded down O street, and eventually reached the state capitol. All traffic signals en route were ignored.

Screaming their battle cry of "More parking," amid screeching automobile horns, the kids were just "having fun."

Townpeople who lined the streets seemed to enjoy the din too. Only a few people frowned. Even the drivers of stalled cars seemed to take the inconvenience good-naturedly. One old lady blew kisses at passing cars.

The hoi polloi on foot who could not find even a toe-hold on convertibles mobbed the girls' dorm and teachers college where they broke up more classes.

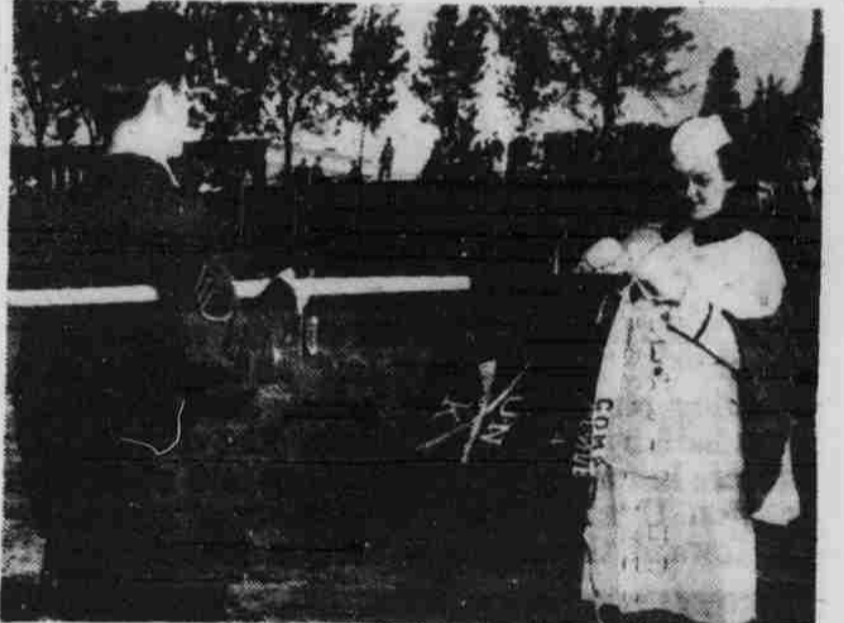
Leonard Bernstein sailed for Europe last week for a six week concert tour during which he will appear in the triple role of conductor-composer-pianist in Munich, Milan, Budapest, Vienna, Paris and Scheveningen, Holland. He carried with him an album of Igor Stravinsky's ballet, "L'Histoire du Soldat," ("The Soldier's Tale"), recorded by him for RCA Victor with members of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, for presentation to Stravinsky's son, Soulima, in Paris.

Wanda Landowska, whose recently released album of "A Treasury of Harpsichord Music," has been hailed as one of her most notable achievements on records, will conduct three public master classes for performers and auditors on May 6, 11 and 13, at Steinway Hall, in New York City. Mme. Landowska will play and analyze Bach's "Well Tempered Clavichord," which she played in its entirety at three recitals this spring, and will then give a program of musical masterpieces of the past, many of which she has recorded for RCA Victor.

Serge Koussevitzky has invited Leonard Bernstein and Robert Shaw to guest conduct the Boston Symphony Orchestra for the second consecutive year during the Berkshire Music Festival this summer. Bernstein and Shaw are members of the Berkshire Music Center faculty, teaching composition and choral conducting, respectively. Koussevitzky's recent announcement concerning his retirement as conductor of the Boston Symphony at the conclusion of the 1948-49 season means that he will be able to devote more time to administration of the Berkshire Music Center, of which he is director.



CADET DON FLESHER receives the \$100 Edgar J. Boschult scholarship and congratulations from E. P. Barnes, the state commander of the American Legion.



CADET CORPS HONORARY COLONEL, June Gast, attaches a streamer to the guidon of R.O.T.C. Company K, denoting it as the honor unit of the week. The ceremony took place at the annual honors parade and review Thursday. S Sgt. Louis Krieger, is holding the guidon.

—Photos Courtesy Lincoln Journal

## Students Continue Parading In Afternoon, Break Up Classes

BY CUB CLEM

The student body continued its agitation after the lunch hour Friday, gathering in huge masses on the steps of the Union and across the street.

Quiet after-lunch groups were lounging on porch chairs about 12:30 p. m., when a spontaneous cry began and rose in volume, set off at frequent intervals by the loud report of firecrackers. In ten minutes an estimated 1000 people were assembled in the general area fronting the Union.

Tie-Up Traffic.

Soon they strolled into the street and began tying up R street traffic. Then with a sudden rush the impromptu parade began. Student cars and jalopies were utilized to good advantage as the body, growing at every corner, took off west on R street to 13th, and from thence to O. At 12th and O the entire group sat down in the middle of the street.

Amid cries of "We want parking!" "Beat Oklahoma!" "Down with Wherry!" and "No more tear gas!" the students proceeded to the police station. They overran the lawn and sat down to await developments.

Masters Talks.

Chief of Detectives Masters talked to the group for a few minutes. Policemen stood at the entrance to the station all the while, seemingly unconcerned and patiently explaining to a few students that it was, after all, none of their

that they wished the whole thing would quiet down.

The demonstration was almost broken up prematurely when a large truck, bearing the legend "Storz Beer" on its sides, attempted to get through the street in front of the station. After a few minutes of attempting to break the padlock on the back door, student thirst remained unquenched.

Return to Campus.

About 1 p. m. the body began a mass exodus back toward the campus. As they passed the Administration building they shouted "Down with Finals!" They soon left the street and entered Social Sciences building, routing students out of classes on all three floors.

One enthusiastic student even drove his small motorcycle into the building and broke up a class in the auditorium.

From there the group went to Andrews hall and repeated the performance.

All along the route, Lincolnites stood by with mixed feelings. Though apparently confused by the many different cries raised by the body, they showed sympathy whenever "We want parking!" was heard.

(the police's) business, and One of the bystanders, a middle aged man, shouted, "We're all for you," to the students.

By the time the procession had reached the police station, about one third of the group of approximately 1500 were non-students.