

NU Has Too Many Schools—Gov.

Journalism Cited As Unfortunate Addition To College Curriculum

By DICK RALSTON Staff Writer

"One million three hundred thousand people can't afford everything," declared Gov. Val Peterson at a hearing on the proposed 1953-55 operating budget for the University.

"There is a limit to what Nebraska can afford to pay for higher education," he said. After hearing the University's budget request for \$16,356,993 from state tax money for the coming biennium...

Freshman Actors Plan 'Stage Door' Production

The Freshman Acting Group will present "Stage Door," a three-act comedy-drama by Edna Ferber and George Kaufman. The play will be given Jan. 9 and 10 at 201 Temple St. No admission will be charged.

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Vinardi Clarifies Legion's Charge

Limits Objections To Loyalty Of Book's Authors, Publishers

By KEN RYSTROM Managing Editor

Joe Vinardi, Omaha lawyer whose charges touched off an American Legion investigation of a book used at the University, told The Nebraskan Tuesday that controversy over the book should be limited to one consideration.

This factor, he said, is the reputation of the contributors, editor and publisher of the book, "State of Asia."

In a specially arranged interview, Vinardi, chairman of the Department of Nebraska Legion Un-American Activities Committee, declared that the following were irrelevant to consideration of the use of the book:

1. The argument that its use is a matter of academic freedom.

2. Arguments or statements concerning the loyalty of Dr. E. N. Anderson, who used the book in his History 102 class last semester.

3. Comments or discussion concerning contents of the book.

"Wrapping the exposure of the book in academic freedom," Vinardi said, "is very dangerous thinking. He said that academic freedom is being used as a force to protect something that would destroy academic freedom."

He concluded that the issue of academic freedom raised by The Nebraskan and the American Association of University Professors was not a part of the controversy over the use of the book.

"In no way doubts the integrity, loyalty or patriotism of Dr. Anderson." What he meant, he said, was that he does not make the question of Dr. Anderson's loyalty part of the essential facts of the investigation.

Nevertheless, Vinardi reiterated his earlier statement that Anderson should admit that he "made a careless mistake in choosing and using the text."

"I don't know what was taught in the course," he said, but "I think Anderson should stand up and be counted" on the side of Americanism.

"I think he is making an eager mistake in defending the author" of the book, Vinardi said, by calling the text "a reputable book put out by a reputable publisher and written by reputable authors."

Either Anderson was "very naive or utterly uninformed," he said, when the text was chosen. Now that the reputations of persons connected with the book have been exposed, Vinardi said, Anderson should definitely admit that he was wrong in its use.

"He's helping to mold the minds of the youth of the state," he said. This is a sacred trust reposed in him," he said.

Vinardi told The Nebraskan that he had purchased a copy of "State of Asia" from a University bookstore and that he had read the chapter written by Mr. and Mrs. Owen Lattimore. When asked his opinion of the contents of the book in general and the Lattimore chapter in particular, Vinardi answered that he had his own opinions but that the contents were "beside the point."

He called the actual statements in the book "side issues" and "tangent" to the main issue.

In The Nebraskan Monday Vinardi was quoted as asking, "Is it good Americanism to allow that type of book to be used when we can use books by more American authors?"

In Tuesday's interview he defined "more American authors" as those "Americans whose loyalty has never been questioned."

There is no such thing as being a "little bit disloyal," he said. "It's like being a little bit pregnant."

While Vinardi condemned the use of a book such as "State of Asia" as the "gospel," he added, "If it is used in the correct manner—fine."

"When presenting a questionable text, he said, an instructor should tell his students, 'This is an example of the horrible stuff used by the people trying to destroy us.'"

He called for the use of Communist literature—if it is carefully labeled as such and if it is explained as being subversive.

Vinardi criticized use of a story told by Dr. Anderson last week: "A boy who had attended a university went home on vacation and his father said, 'I understand they teach you about Communism there.' The boy replied, 'Yes, and they teach us about syphilis but they don't recommend it.'"

Vinardi called the story "very clever" but "not apropos."

He said that the boy did not tell his father that "They are not putting germs in my blood stream."

When questioned why he disapproved of the use of "State of Asia," Vinardi said the doubts

The Legion Reports

The American Legion committee investigating use of the book "State of Asia" submitted its preliminary report to Maryellen Lorton, commander of Post No. 3, Tuesday afternoon.

The report follows: December 16, 1952

To the Commander of American Legion Post No. 3 Lincoln, Nebraska Dear Commander:

Your Special Committee hereby submits to you our preliminary report:

1. At the regular meeting of Lincoln Post No. 3, December 8, 1952, Mr. Fred Bramlage, Past National Vice Commander, delivered the main address. On the program with I. Bramlage was Mr. Joe Vinardi of Omaha, Chairman of the un-American Activities Committee for the Department of Nebraska. Following the talks there was an open discussion at which time Mr. Vinardi stated that a certain book had been used as a text book by a certain professor at the University of Nebraska, "which the students couldn't swallow." No names were mentioned in the meeting and no official action of the Legion was taken at that time. The following day a committee was appointed to consider the matter.

2. After the regular meeting Mr. Vinardi was interviewed by reporters. The newspaper reports of the following day, giving the name of the book and the name of the professor were as much of a surprise to the legionnaires attending the meeting as they were to the university professor. The professor however later stated that "it is a reputable book put out by a reputable publisher and written by reputable authors." (Lincoln Evening Journal, Wednesday, December 10, page 7)

3. The name of the book under discussion is "State of Asia" prepared by Lawrence K. Rosinger who wrote portions of the book and edited the other sections. Owen Lattimore wrote one chapter of this book, which is one of many issued under the sponsorship of the Institute of Pacific Relations.

4. Your committee agrees with Mr. Vinardi's opinion that the use of "State of Asia" as an objective factual textbook is questionable and supports its position with the following available research material:

(a) Facilities of the American Legion National Headquarters which through numerous publications and releases have taken the position that the Institute of Pacific Relations through its most vocal personnel has injured the interests of the United States in China and Asia while benefiting the Soviets.

(b) Report of conclusions of the Special Judiciary Subcommittee of the United States Senate, filed July 2, 1952. That committee convened for a full year and examined 20,000 documents and 66 witnesses. Its reports are now in 14 volumes.

From the numerous conclusions of that committee with reference to the Institute of Pacific Relations, its publications and its personnel, we offer the following which is immediately pertinent: (See U.S. News & World Report—7/11/52).

"The Institute of Pacific Relations has not maintained the character of an objective, scholarly and research organization." Concerning editor and co-author Lawrence K. Rosinger: "Rosinger was called a communist by three witnesses during the subcommittee hearings, and when called to testify, claimed his constitutional rights and refused to say whether or not he was a member of the communist party."

Concerning Owen Lattimore: "At the risk of being called a 'McCarthy'," the senator-elect said, "I am concerned about reports of extreme liberalism concerning the Chancellor of the University."

"If I were he," he said, "I would not only agree to but insist on such an investigation."

The office of Chancellor R. G. Gustavson said the Chancellor would have no comment on the legislator's proposals.

The American Legion State Americanism Commission and a subcommittee, the Americanism Committee, will hold a Sunday afternoon meeting at the Lincoln Hotel Legion headquarters.

Commission Chairman Joseph Beverage of Omaha said he was not in a position to discuss the meeting at this time. The ground, however, is expected to discuss the controversy with the University.

P. M. Headlines

By SALLY ADAMS Staff Writer

Grand Jury Indicts Lattimore

WASHINGTON—Owen Lattimore has been indicted by a general grand jury on seven counts of perjury. The Court charged that Lattimore lied to the Senate Internal Security subcommittee. He had denied that he ever had been a promoter of Communism and Communist interests. If convicted of all counts of indictment, he would face a maximum of 70 years imprisonment, 10 years for each count.

Sen. Joseph McCarthy has described Lattimore as a "top secret agent" of the Soviet in the United States and a Communist party member "for several years."

Lattimore is an expert on the Far East and a Johns Hopkins University professor. He had served as State Department consultant and has been active in United Nations affairs. He has held also high posts in the Institute of Pacific Relations.

"Army Should Control Flood Program" WASHINGTON—The Army Corps of Engineers should have primary responsibility for the nation's flood control program, a House Public Works subcommittee announced.

The subcommittee said legislation should be enacted to cancel the authority given the Department of Agriculture to make flood control surveys. The groups endorsed soil conservation programs saying it was not the same as flood control.

The announcement climaxed a long dispute between the Engineers and Department of Agriculture over conflicting authority on flood control. The committee used the Salt-Wahoo watershed project in Nebraska as an example of co-ordination "gone sour."

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The committee referred to the Kojima Island prison riots last spring in which American and South Korean guards killed many Communist prisoners in an escape attempt.

The committee said the incident appeared to violate the clause which states "The use of weapons against prisoners of war, especially those who are escaping or attempting to escape, shall constitute an extreme measure, which shall be preceded by warning appropriate to the circumstances."

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NU Students Recognized On Honor Lists

(Continued from Tuesday's Nebraskan) The office of Registration and Records has recognized those students who ranked in the upper ten per cent of their class during second semester, 1952.

For the first time the office released the names of those persons on the basis of only one semester average. Previously scholastic recognition was given only at the spring Honors Convocation. Students ranking in the upper ten per cent of their class on the basis of weighted averages are honored at the convocation.

The Honors Convocation committee believes that recognition should also be made by semesters and directed the Office of Registrations and Records to compile a semester scholarship list.

Charles J. Kennedy, assistant professor of economics, is committee chairman.

Students in the upper ten per cent of their class in their college are honored on the list.

Students are listed according to their 1952-53, first semester classes.)

- Waters, Charles, TC; Weger, Robert, A & S; Weger, Robert, A & S; Weger, Robert, A & S...

The range of grades for the top 10 per cent in junior class by colleges was: Agriculture—7.17 to 8.56; Arts and Sciences—7.50 to 8.92; Business Administration—7.13 to 8.50; Engineering—7.12 to 8.13; Pharmacy 7.13 to 7.13; Teachers—7.31 to 9.00.

The range of grades of students in the upper ten per cent of the senior class was: Agriculture—7.81 to 8.71; Arts and Sciences—7.65 to 8.82; Business Administration—7.30 to 8.58; Engineering—7.36 to 8.84; Pharmacy—7.73 to 8.13; Teachers—7.33 to 8.59.