EDITORIAL PAGE

'Support' From A Regent

ricultural economics department at the University, drew fire from two directions this

First, obviously attempting to interfere with freedom of expression of University faculty members, the Hall County Farm Bureau criticized Mitchell for his views published in a recent issue of Capper's Farmer. The man who drafted the Farm Bureau's resolution, Charles X. Miller of Doniphan, told the editor of the Lincoln Journal that a professor should not express his opinions in writing or speaking-but should "just further the facts and let the people judge."

Then, without any hesitation, a member of our own Board of Regents jumped into the fracas, exclaiming, No member at the University has any right or authority to advoeate the destruction of (the free enterprise)

Regent J. Leroy Welsh, of Omaha, told reporters, 'I am glad to have a group like these farmers pay attention to this sort of activity and call attention to it. I have no brief for anyone in a tax-supported institution who favors the destruction of the free enterprise

Regents C. Y. Thompson, Earle G. Johnson, J. G. Elliott and B. N. Greenberg declined to comment until they had obtained more facts in the case. Other members of the Board were unavailable for comment.

The Farm Bureau's resolution was bad enough. In short, the Bureau criticized Mitchell for arguing in favor of fixed farm price supports. The Bureau champions a system of flexible price supports.

While the resolution to confer with the Board of Regents undoubtedly was aimed at the specific stand Mitchell took in his article,

To The Rescue

Student's study time before semester examinations has been partially restored by action of the Student Council.

Original Faculty Senate plans called for placing the two-day "refresher" at the close of the exams period to facilitate mid-year graduation exercises. In addition, opinion among the faculty was "the students don't use the time for study anyway."

The Nebraskan believes, along with the Council, that many students use the time to full advantage. We also believe the period serves a worth-while purpose if only a small percentage use it for study.

Congratulations, Council, on prompt and effective action .- S.H.

An Old War Over?

A spherically-shaped germ about a millionth of an inch in diameter has been isolated-a of a weapon to fight one of America's worst

Announcement was made Wednesday that two University of California scientists have isolated the human infantile paralysis virus.

"Polio" is a frightening word to all Americans-Nebraskans are no exeception. Isolation of the virus causing this dreaded disease is one of the most heartening pieces of news we could receive.

The value of the discovery will probably not be felt immediately, however. Just as years of research are behind the present announcement, many more may be required for development of improved vaccines and cure.

Research was supported by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. This news should make Americans proud, for each person who has contributed may feel as if he had a direct hand in speeding the fight against

We are a nation with big pocketbooks-the entire world will testify to that. The new development in a nation-wide fight testifies that our hearts are as big as our pocketbooks.

Dignity Of Man

In this day, when more and more people agree with John Dewey that there are no eternal moral laws and that men's minds are wholly products of biological environment, a recent announcement from the Department of Defense is encouraging.

Breaking with the modern thought that man is not ultimately responsible for his actions, Secretary of Defense Wilson declared that captured Americans cannot be excused for "confessing" to germ warfare and other ficticious charges even under tremendous pressure of Communist captors.

Dewey undoubtedly would have excused forced confessions and conversions to Communism through threats and propaganda on grounds that the mind is entirely subjected

to man's physical vulnerability. Men willing to defend the sovereignty of the mind, and indeed of the soul, are becom-

Wilson's statement is an expression of faith

in the dignity of man. - K.R.

The Nebraskan

Dr. C. Clyde Mitchell, chairman of the ag- Legislative Chairman Miller eventually was forced to take the undemocratic and untenable position that professors should keep their opinions to themselves.

As opposed as the Farm Bureau is to Mitchell's stand, the Hall County Bureau has not attacked Mitchell for advocating the "destruction of the free enterprise system."

But Regent Welsh has accused Mitchell of that very thing.

The Nebraskan questions whether Regent Welsh knew what Mitchell wrote in Capper's

Mitchell said:

"Despite all the talk about free enterprise, much of the non-agricultural economy is not free. For that reason, agriculture demands, and receives, help from government so that it can compete with industry and labor . . .

"Crop loans and associated production restrictions have placed farmers on more even terms with America's industrial economy. Farmers like fixed supports because they provide a solid basis for planning."

He said that farmers did not feel regimented by price supports because "freedom they enjoy under production controls-a good price -is more valuable than the supposed freedoms they might have under an unsupported

Is this advocating the "destruction of the free enterprise system," Regent Welsh? Is it a crime to state your support of the

The Lincoln Star described the article as "kind words about the farm program that has taken shape in the last two decades-taken shape chiefly in a bipartisan atmosphere."

The Lincoln Journal said, "You could put the whole Mitchell article, a dispassionate, analytical piece, into a speech by Rep. Clifford Hope, Republican chairman of the House Agriculture Committee who will do the real job of writing the national farm program, and Mr. Hope wouldn't know the difference, since it is what he has been saying for years. The Mitchell article actually doesn't go so far as Hope, or as the promises Dwight Eisenhower made during the campaign, or as Secretary Benson went (in a speech he didn't really believe in) this fall in Wisconsin."

If what Dr. Mitchell favors is the "destruction of the free enterprise system." Regent Welsh, then we long ago destroyed enterprise. If you do not agree with the present farm policies, direct your criticism toward the government which is responsible for price sup-

The Nebraskan can understand the position of the Hall County Farm Bureau. Men, in a group are easily aroused when someone challenges their views on issues as close to them as farm policy. Understanding the Bureau's osition, of course, does not accuse the group's attempt to abolish freedom of expression for college professors.

The Nebraskan, however, cannot sympathize with the position taken by Regent Welsh. When a member of the faculty comes under fire for expressing his opinions-liberal, perhaps, but far from radical-The Nebraskan would like to believe that the Board of Regents would come to his defense.

Instead, Regent Welsh has sidestepped the issues involved in the article and has attacked Mitchell for beliefs which are entirely inconsistent with the article.

Is this the support our faculty receives from the Board of Regents?-K.R.

Margin Notes

Democracy At Work

National politics may be confusing, but in the little village of Clifton, O .- population 220-local affairs are even worse.

Voters there sent four men into a heated race for an office that doesn't exist. Then they elected the same man mayor and councilman. Next they elected a soldier on active duty to the council, despite a strong suspicion that he may not legally hold village public of-

The old system of drawing straws was certainly a lot simpler.

One Last Trick

Money can't do everything. But sometimes

For instance, in Greece a 44-year-old spinster fell madly in love with a handsome 24year-old shepherd. She vainly tried all the traditional devices to win his love-including passionate advances, poetic love letters and even kidnapping.

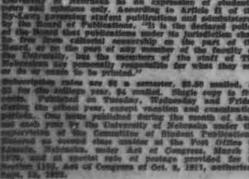
Then she inherited \$3000 from a distant

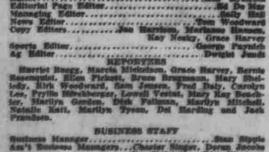
They were married immediately.

Fable Disproved

One of the most reliable descriptions of chaos used to refer to a bull in a China shop. But last week a 1000-pound bull fugitve from a slaughter house strolled into a china shop in Toronto. The woman proprietor frantically shooed him out. Not a teacup was broken.

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Some Thoughts Concerning . . .

Public Education at Mid-Century

lowing article, written by a member of the faculty of the University Teachers College, is published by The Nebraskan as the third and last in a series of articles about modern education.
The series was published in observance of National Education
Week.)

By ROYCE H. KNAPP Professor of Secondary Education

At the middle of the 20th Century, the American people are probably being presented with as much information about their public educational system as they can absorb. Newspapers, magazines, radio, televisioneven student newspapers-are loaded with educational news and views these days.

Historians writing in the 21st Century will very likely have to give a paragraph or two in their nistory books to the tremendous interest in public education that was generated during the middle of the 20th Century. It would be tragic, indeed, if all of the view-points on public education were alike. It is extremely beneficial to our society that there are many views and that they are being expressed.

It would perhaps be worth-while to review briefly some of the major developments that

While most of us have been in

school, there's been a war going on. This week you can see a movie about the men who fought

that war while we supposedly hit

a story about the mud and snow of a Korean Winter. It's not a

movie about war, but rather a story of men who are learning about war. "Take the High

about war. "Take the High Ground" is the story of that 16 weeks of training that turns an American boy into a fighting

The closest most of us college

boys have come to knowing any-thing about the kind of life de-

picted in this movie, has oc-

curred when we once a week change into our "Blacks Browns or Blues" for fifty minutes worth

FOR A LOT of us "Take the

High Ground" represents a look into the future. If you care to find out what "Basic" is really

like, put your movie money on

the line and you can find out

Platoon Drill Sergeant Richard

a combat-vet, is deter-

"duty,

Widmark is more than the stere-

otyped hard-nosed "Sarge" in "Take the High Ground." Wid-

mined to make his platoon a

bunch of real fighters. Fighting

honor, country" because his fa-

ther was a deserter, Widmark

gives his men an even larger

A NICE simple love story is

very deftly mixed into the action

as a sub-plot. Widmark hesi-tantly falls for a girl who is one

normal dose of hell-on-

his own battle about

of tin-soldiering.

(vicariously)

'Take the High Ground" is not

Aisle

the books.

On The Film Shows Rigors

Of Basic Training

Elaine Stewart.

public education during the past half century. If we look just that far, we may gain some perpective, and very likely some basis for solving some of our present problems. What are some of the changes which have been wrought in this period?

large quantities to both the elementary and secondary school program

clubs, dramatics, school news-papers and so forth have be-3. Vocational education in agriculture, homemaking, wood-

increasingly important in most schools. Music, and art, and speech and dramatics have become highly concentrated fields during the past quarter century.

5. Guidance and counseling ac-

tivities have been incorporated in the school program in order help youth match their talents and abilities with the tasks

6. The past half century has witnessed the rise of a new conception of human growth and development so that today we look at boys and girls as indi-

of this generation's crazy mixed-

up kids. She has been married

to a soldier, whom she deserted

while he was in Korea. Soon

after she left him, he was killed.

Her feeling of guilt drives her to

the honky-tonks etc. etc. etc. The

girl is played by newcomer

Actually, "Take the High Ground" is a story of what hap-

pens to young people who love

peace and the quiet life, when

wars and rumors of wars plague them. You won't find a solution to this problem in "Take the

High Ground," but you will find

a fairly realistic appraisal.— BOB SPEARMAN.

University

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FRIDAY

Candlelight Room Dance, After

the Rally, Union. Lab Theater Try-Outs, 3-4 p.m.,

Homecoming Decoration Judg-

Union Coffee Hour, 4-5:30 p.m.,

"Upturned Glass" Movie Show

Better Living Series Lecture,

p.m., Ag Union. Memorial Service Deceased

University Staff Members, 3 p.m.,

Corn Cob Worker-Active Meet-

ing, 5 p.m., 315, Union. COA Tea, 8 p.m., Union Lounge.

SUNDAY

SATURDAY

Room 206, Temple Building

ing, 7:20, Lounge, Ag Union.

Love Library Auditorium. MONDAY

Room 206, Temple Building. TUESDAY

ing, After the Rally

Union Lounge.

1. Science has been added in

Activities, such as athletics, come important in most schools. working and many other lines

has become an important ele-ment in the secondary school 4. The fine arts have become

of society.

viduals in the classroom and attempt to provide variability in instructional procedures. Moreover, most schools make provision for remedial instruction for boys and girls who may have difficulties in some subjects,

7, Nearly all schools today are providing instruction in physiology, health and physical education under qualified instruc-

8. Citizenship education has been emphasized during the past quarter of a century and is now emerging as one of the major responsibilities of the school. . . .

9. The college preparatory program has been least modified of all programs in secondary education during the past half century. It is unfortunate that thousands of youths have presented themselves at colleges for admission who have not satisfied college entrance requirements.

However, the program of college preparation for our schools is still in existence and is essentially unchanged. If anything, it is a stronger program because courses in science, language, English and mathematics that are offered today in our better high schools are more difficult

than those offered 50 years ago About 80 percent of our high school graduates do not go on to college. Something less than 20 per cent do arrive at higher institutions of learning.

Despite this overwhelming noncollege population of the high school, the fact remains that in hundreds of smaller schools the basic program is primarily a college preparatory program. We must recognize the fact that there are wide differences of opinion among educators as to what should constitute adequate college preparation. Perhaps shall not have a final answer for many years to come

10. Recently increased attention has been given to the improvement of the education of handicapped children.

11. During the past 50 years, the high school enrollment has increased over 3,000 per cent from 200,000 in 1900 to more than 6,000,000 in 1950. This increase occurred while the national population increasesd slightly more than 5 per cent. This tremendous increase in enrollment has made public secondary education almost universal. It has called for a spectacular development in school building construction.

THE AMERICAN people have shown an unbounded faith in American public education. They are willing to spend millions of dollars for their children's education. If we have learned anything in this past 50 or 60 years, it is that schools are very responsive to local needs and problems. Our system of education is localized to a considerable de-

Although it might bring standardization and uniformity, and although it might raise the levels of education in some places, a national system of education is obnoxious to most people. Therefore, the local community

will probably continue to be the Lab Theater Try-Outs, 3-5 p.m., chief influence upon what the schools teach, what building is built, what teachers are hired and what changes are made. It is a mistake to think that professional educators can influence

educational change without com-

munity support. Although there have been many movements by college and un-versity leaders to change public education, it is difficult to dis-cern precisely the extent to which these national movements save really made a deep or lasting effect on a particular school sys-

LOOKING BACK over this half century, one finds good reason to be hopeful for the future. Many innovations in public education have been smoothly integrated with the total school program. It is a major achievement to have accomplished these many changes, and at the same time to have increased the total population of the secondary school

Looking at the present scene with all of the public crises, frus-trations and difficulties that have taken place in the past 20 years, one must be amazed that public education has retained the stability that it has through depres-sion, war and cold war. It would never have maintained it, had the public lost faith in their schools.

This is American Education Week and the general theme, "Good Schools Are Your Respon-sibility," has real meaning for every citizen. It has meaning because what citizens really want their children to learn and do in school will determine what schools do.

WE MUST still solve many problems that confront us. We must find ways of developing more of our gifted boys and girls, We must find ways to solve our teacher shortages. We must find ways to bring into our schools an enriched moral and spiritual depth. We must provide always for the continuous improvement of our school system through research, public discussion and the never ending task of training first-rate teachers.

Chickles .

By CHICK TAYLOR

His toes curled in the black soil. It was marvelous to feel the good cool earth beneath his feet again. Tenderly he bent down and crumbled the sod beneath his

fingers. was a fool to leave the land," he thought with He loathing. thought of the city. All it had brought him was unhappiness and sor-

row. But that was over. He was back with his first love-the earth. For a while he was motionless, a silent prayer of thanksgiving rose heart. Once more he was a part of nature, and not just a shadow in the city. A voice called "Din-ner's ready." Slowly and reluctantly, he took his feet out of the flower pot.

"You dance wonderfully well." "I wish I could say the same about you. You could, if you could lie as

. . .

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