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EDITORIALS

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Economic Highlights

The problem of communist teachers in the colleges is as delicate as it is important. On the one hand, is the cause of academic freedom, of the right and duty of the teacher to speak his mind and to deal with ideas which may be new, unorthodox and even revolutionary. On the other hand, is the fact that the well disciplined and-educated communist can insidiously warp young minds and make black appear to be white. Almost everyone must realize by now that Communism is not just a legitimate political principle, like the classical socialism of Norman Thomas, or the British labor movement. These ideas, however much one may be against them, have their roots in the democratic process. Communism, on the other hand, has only contempt for the democratic process. Its avowed aim is domination of the world, through a series of centrally-directed and co-ordinated totalitarian states in which every vestige of opposition would be methodically and ruthlessly eliminated.

Those who are responsible for the operation of our universities have been devoting the closest kind of study and analysis to the communist problem. A result is a statement recently released by the Association of American Universities, and signed by the heads of 37 of these universities including such large and influential ones as Columbia, Harvard, Stanford, Duke, Johns Hopkins, California, Chicago, Yale, Princeton, and so on.

It begins with a discussion of the role and nature of the university. "Like its medieval prototype," it says, "the modern American university is an association of individual scholars . . . Free enterprise is as essential to intellectual as to economic progress. A university must therefore be hospitable to an infinite variety of skills and viewpoints, relying upon open competition among them as the surest safeguard of truth. Its whole spirit requires investigation, criticism and presentation of ideas in an atmosphere of freedom and mutual confidence . . . To enjoin uniformity of outlook upon a university faculty would put a stop to learning at the source . . ."

The statement then goes into the subject of the obligations and responsibilities of university faculties. Here it makes this telling observation: "There is a line at

which 'freedom' or 'privilege' begins to be qualified by legal 'duty' and 'obligation.' The determination of the line is the function of the legislature and the courts . . . Any member of a university who crosses the duly established line is not excused by the fact that he believes the line ill-drawn."

At this point the statement is highly critical of the professor who takes legal refuge in the Fifth Amendment as an excuse to refuse to answer questions—"if he is called upon to answer for his convictions it is his duty as a citizen to speak out." It continues with a ringing condemnation of Russian Communism and all other forms of totalitarianism, stating, "Three of its principles in particular are abhorrent to us: The fomenting of world-wide revolution as a step to seizing power; the use of falsehood and deceit as normal means of persuasion; thought control—the dictation of doctrines which must be accepted and taught by all party members."

Finally, the statement comes to the heart of the matter—and it does that in unequivocal terms. The substance of its stand is found in these words: "Above all, a scholar must have integrity and independence. This renders impossible adherence to such a regime as that of Russia and its satellites. No person who accepts or advocates such principles and methods has any place in a university. Since present membership in the Communist Party requires the acceptance of these principles and methods, such membership extinguishes the right to a university position. Moreover,

People in the News

Mrs. Olga Waller, Los Angeles, and her mother, Mrs. Chester A. Harris, Frankfort, Kansas, were Lincoln visitors during the past week. They were the dinner guests of Mrs. Jewel Norman. Mrs. Waller is a former Lincolnite.

Private James Lincoln was in Lincoln over the week end. Private Lincoln revealed that he would complete his basic training at Fort Riley in a few days. He then will go to a camp in Georgia to attend a military police training school. Private Lincoln was a criminology major at the University of Nebraska.

Mrs. Ida Hightower has returned to Lincoln from St. Joseph, Missouri, where she had been due to the illness of a sister.

Mrs. Sarah Polk is back from a trip to St. Louis.

The concert given here last week by Mary Frances Crowley was adequately reported by the daily papers. Miss Crowley proved to be a capable artist and was enthusiastically received by the audience. Her accompanist, William Shufford, was more than an adequate collaborator.

Miss Crowley is a native of St. Joseph and comes from a musical family. Mr. Shufford is a native of Chicago and his study of the piano includes a period in Italy.

The Omega Psi Phi fraternity will hold its district meeting in Omaha May 15 to 17. Former Lincolnite H. V. McDaniel, Denver, is representative for the Eleventh District which is composed of chapters in Iowa, Nebraska, and Colorado.

Mrs. Kathryn Favors, teacher in the Omaha public schools, will teach this summer at the University of California in Berkeley. Mrs. Favors is the wife of the Rev. John Favors, former pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church here.

Charlene J. Colbert, University of Nebraska student from St. Joseph, Mo., received a William Hyde Scholarship. Miss Colbert's name appeared on the University of Nebraska's Honors Convocation program.

if an instructor follows communistic practice by becoming a propagandist for one opinion, adopting a 'party line,' silencing criticism or impairing freedom of thought and expression in his classroom, he forfeits not only all university support but his right to membership in the university."

Western League Chatter

By Burt F. Newton

Clint (Butch) McCord's seventh inning homer broke a 1-1 deadlock enabling Denver to win the first game of the season from the Lincoln Chiefs here Monday, April 27.

McCord is a newcomer to the Western League. The Denver first baseman, a lefty all the way, is a native of Nashville and saw service in the Negro League with the Chicago American Giants. He played last year with Paris, Ill., in the Mississippi Valley-Ohio Valley League.

Curt Roberts, Denver second baseman and former Kansas City Monarch star, and Orinthal (Andy) Anderson, rightfielder and former Chicago American Giant, aided the Mile High City cause with brilliant fielding plays.

Denver again leads the Western League with men of color. Also with the 1952 Western League pennant and playoff winners are three Panamanians, Albert Osorio, Bobby Prescott, Marcus Cobos, and Cuban, Roy Contreras.

Osorio was the Bears' leading pitcher last year with 20 wins. He was in spring training with Hollywood of the Coast League but did not stick with the Stars.

Prescott plays outfield or infield. He was with Denver during the early part of last season but was sent to Hutchinson, Kansas, Class C, where he hit over .350.

Cobos opened the season as Denver's regular catcher but was forced out of the lineup because of an injury.

Contreras is a pitcher.

The Lincoln Chiefs opened the season with Stan Glenn as the starting catcher but after appearing in several games he was

released to Quebec of the Provincial League.

Bill Hayes, Lincoln business manager, told the writer that Glenn was an adequate receiver but could not hit a curve.

Lincoln is an independent club this year but has signed a working agreement with the Milwaukee Braves. Hayes stated that he had hoped to get Henry Aaron, former Monarch shortstop, who is going great with Jacksonville, Fla., of the Sally League. Lincoln was a Philadelphia Athletics farm club last year. Fleming (Junior) Reedy, Tom Butts, and Al Wilmore were with Lincoln last year. Reedy is playing this year with Savannah, Sally League.

Bill Pope, pitcher, and Sam Hairston, catcher, are back with Colorado Springs. Pope, brother of Dave with Indianapolis, won 13 games last year for the White Sox farm club. Hairston led Western League hitters until the final week last year.

Lacey Curry is back with Pueblo, Brooklyn farm club. Curry played short last year but has been given outfield duty this year.

Clyde Parris, regular Pueblo third baseman last year, is playing with Fort Lauderdale, Fla., of the Class B Florida International League.

There are no Negroes with Omaha, St. Louis Cardinals. The writer hasn't seen or received a report on Wichita, St. Louis Browns, Sioux City, New York Giants, or Des Moines, Chicago Cubs.

Pablo Bernard, utility player with Denver last year, is playing short for Billings, Mont., in the Class C Pioneer League. Bernard is a Panamanian.

Connie Johnson, 18-game winning pitcher with Colorado (Continued on Page 3, Col. 3)

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