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We Have Yet to See a Russian Rouble.

THE agitation against military training in colleges and high schools is a part of the general communistic agitation," declared Robert M. Armstrong, state commander of the American Legion, in an address before the Omaha Kiwanis club Friday. "This agitation and the frequent oversteering of internationalism should receive careful attention," he said.

If the Nebraskan thought that any of the people who really believe this sort of tripe could be convinced of its absurdity, we should attempt to argue against it. But the task is a hopeless one. Tacking the communist label on anyone or any idea damns it hopelessly in the minds of a large number of people, most of whom haven't the faintest idea of what communism is. It is useless to argue or reason. When you are called "communist," or your ideas are called "communistic" you are utterly lost.

Therefore the Nebraskan has little to say about the foolish charges either that communism is rampant among faculty and students at the university, as Mr. Armstrong claims, or that at least one student is having "all his expenses paid direct from Moscow," according to Mr. Armstrong, or that every idea of pacifism is inspired by Russian propaganda and paid for from Mr. Stalin's treasury.

THE Daily Nebraskan is only a student paper. We know of no connection which Mr. Armstrong has with the university. It is entirely probable, therefore, that Mr. Armstrong knows a lot more about the number of communist conversions which are being made on the campus every day than does the Daily Nebraskan. He no doubt also is in a better position to know how many professors are trying to convert students to communism than would any students at the university. Since he is so sure of all these vicious practices being carried on at this institution, we shall not gainsay him.

But if it will cheer Mr. Armstrong and his patriotic followers any, the Daily Nebraskan can honestly say that it has never been given a single Russian rouble. In view of the struggle which the Nebraskan is having to make both ends meet this year, however, we shall not promise that if Joseph Stalin should send us enough roubles, we shouldn't take them.

While the People Slept.

SPEAKING of bank robberies in Nebraska, and lo and behold another is perpetrated with ease. Wednesday, when we were commenting on the Fairbury robbery, the Nebraskan remarked: "It would be entirely possible for the

same gangsters, no doubt, to return to Fairbury tomorrow and repeat their facile performance in perfect safety."

Probably the Central City bandits were not the same ones as the Fairbury robbers. They did not rob the Central City bank until three days after the Fairbury robbery. But they accomplished their job "in perfect safety."

We should be inclined to consider this a coincidence if it were not for the fact that these two robberies coming so close together are just repetitions of a long continued series of such depredations. Possibly after the people of Nebraska have been thoroughly fleeced enough times, and have seen a considerable number of their citizens shot down by bank bandits, they will wake up to the inadequacy of sending out deputies from the state sheriff's office to investigate clues.

Contemporary Comment

TO THE EDITOR:

Sheriff Endres has replied to an editorial in the Daily Nebraskan in such terms that one would feel he had a vested interest in keeping the state enforcement facilities as inefficient as possible, and has brought up the entirely irrelevant statement that he has been investigating communism on the Nebraska university campus. He further says that a secret organization is being set up there. Rumors are about that this is the Social Problems club. Hence, we of the Social Problems club feel constrained to issue this statement.

We have been working with the knowledge and expressed approval of the university authorities, and know of no secret organizations on the campus.

The Social Problems club has for its purpose the study of social conditions and problems both at home and in other parts of the world. Naturally at times we will touch upon economic and political aspects of social conditions.

It is true that many of those attending our meetings were members of the Socialist club during the presidential campaign, but we are not an action group, and have no political affiliations. We make no attempt to control the political beliefs of those attending our meetings, but it is a fact, which we do not deny, that communist sympathizers have a much greater interest in social questions than many other persons, and we would not deny any such a place of membership in our group, not setting ourselves up as sectarian in any way.

There are groups for studying informally, outside the classroom, on this campus, the physical and biological sciences and psychology. We feel that there is more need, and at least as much right to study the social problems of the world. The social sciences have too long been held back by such hammering as is now being resorted to by the state sheriff. There are embodied in our constitution safeguards for the right of assembly and free speech, and we feel that the action of the state sheriff implies that we of the Social Problems club ought, in his estimation, to be deprived of those rights.

Either academic freedom is an empty phrase, and we have no right to think or to allow those to our membership whom we think fit, or else the state sheriff has no authority to attempt to gag us. The Social Problems Club of the University of Nebraska,

GERALD H. AGANS,
 Temporary President.

Geology Instructor Talks to Children

Gerald Loetterle, assistant in the department of geology, recently lectured to more than fifty grade school children on the subject, "Geology and Fossil Collecting."

What's the Odds?

By Artemus

Mr. Cy Sherman, who puts out a neat daily column on the Athletic Way of Life, as well as editing the sports page of the Star, has advanced upon one subject which has roused my ire. I refer to his comments on the athletic situation at the University of Chicago. One of my complaints is the "Chicago U." which he uses. It is wrong, egregiously wrong. Let Mr. Sherman inquire and he will find that expression taboo on the Midway.

The institution bounded by 55th and 61st and by Cottage Grove and the L. C. is the University of Chicago. The correction is small, I know. But you know not how the "Chicago U." grates on one who has ambled around those collegiate Gothic halls once graced by the presence of Amos Alonzo Stagg and some very fine football teams.

The instigation for Mr. Sherman's recognition of Chicago—for which a Big Ten man thanks a Big Six commentator in his daily meanderings—was the number of the candidates who turned out to assist Clark Shaughnessy develop a football team. There were only 41 willing to sign up for a Maroon jersey silk—not moleskin—uniform and a position on the squad. To Mr. Sherman that evidently should be taken as a slap in Mr. Shaughnessy's face. But there's nothing startling about it. In fact it seems like a pretty fair aggregation for Chicago—if not for almost any other midwest institution.

When one has grown accustomed to smiling at the very smart wise acres who ask "How many are there on the Chicago team now?" he soon develops a stocial defense to the small number of candidates out for football. Besides what material difference does it make except to the ex-football players of the University of Chicago? Personally, a football team to me is nothing more than a football team. It is the same thing, I suspect, to most U. of C. graduates.

And so I snort when I read: "The big task which confronts Shaughnessy involves the detail of rebuilding the Chicago U. spirit. That, I vow, is the main essential, for until the proper morals within the student body is established, the urge to join the gridiron squad will not be present." He takes for granted an inert capacity in the student body to throw their hats and work themselves into a state of hysteria over the outcome of a Saturday afternoon's fracas. Fortunately, or unfortunately—depending on how you look at the matter—that spirit is just not there. The spirit of Classicist Ernest Hatch Wilkins, who went in par intra murals in a big way) has been too deeply imbedded.

Whether Mr. Shaughnessy and winning football teams and more stalwart material from California can change the status quo is a moot question. Undoubtedly success will attract fleet football and earnest lads looking for headline publicity on the sport pages. But such a change will seem incongruous. Somehow or other brawn, thick athletes just don't fit in with James Westfall Thompson and Quincy Wright and Sophaniba P. Breckenridge and Anton J. Carlson and Walter H. Judd.

If Chicago does produce, under Mr. Shaughnessy, some high powered football teams I won't object. Neither, however, will I get much perturbed if they don't. An occasional win over Princeton—when Capt. John Merrick Patrick Kelly played a swell game—or over Washington State satisfies me. What difference does it make if the old cry "Stagg fears Purdue" can no longer be thrown at a languid public in an attempt to sell enough ducats to pay the Boiler-maker's expenses to the Windy City.

STAGE IS SET FOR HONOR ASSEMBLY

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students from all colleges and dents at the convocation, including schools on the campus and the ag college campus.

Chancellor to Preside.

Chancellor E. A. Burnett will preside at the meeting. The university school of music symphony orchestra under the direction of Carl F. Steckleberg will present the overture "Der Freischutz" by von Weber. Invocation will be delivered by the Rev. Henry H. Marsden, pastor at the Lincoln Trinity Episcopal church.

The convocation committee expressed the desire yesterday, to see students, their parents, and friends

attend the annual event, which has been advanced from the evening to the forenoon. All university classes, laboratories, libraries, and offices will be closed from 10 a. m. until noon. In former years the convocation was held later in the year and during the evening, but have been changed to place more stress upon the importance of this affair, as well as making it more convenient for more students to attend.

Hunter Prominent in Education.

The speaker for the convocation, Dr. Frederick M. Hunter, chancellor of the University of Denver, has been a prominent figure in the field of education since he graduated from the University of Nebraska in 1905. Following his graduation Dr. Hunter engaged in teaching in various schools and colleges. His fame as an educator became rapidly known, and in 1921 he was elected president of the national education association. Since that time Dr. Hunter has served on many of that organization's research committees. The speaker is also the author of several volumes on teaching and teaching methods. He was appointed to his present position as chancellor of Denver university in 1930.

The personnel of the Honors convocation committee, which has worked out plans for this year's observance, includes: Dr. W. C. Brenke, chairman; Dr. W. H. S. Morton; Dr. Emma N. Anderson; Dr. E. L. Hinman; Dr. C. H. McNeil; J. L. Sellers; Professor F. W. Morris; Professor M. H. Swenk; and Dr. T. J. Thompson.

The list of the individual prizes and awards which will be the last feature on the program include the following:

1. Alpha Zeta Medal: agriculture.
2. William Gold Prize: Bizad.
3. Delta Sigma Pi Key: Bizad.
4. Alpha Kappa Psi Prize: Bizad.
5. Phi Chi Theta Key: Bizad for girls.
6. Phi Lambda Upsilon Cup: chemistry.
7. A. S. C. A. Award: engineering.
8. J. Fee Award: engineering.
9. W. H. Sawyer Scholarships: engineering: 2.
10. Sigma Tau Scholarship Award: engineering.
11. Omicron Nu Cup: home economics.
12. Sigma Delta Chi Awards: journalism: 4.
13. Sigma Delta Chi Cup: Daily Nebr. news story.
14. Sigma Delta Chi Feature Story Award.
15. D. A. R. Award: military science.
16. The Lehn and Fink Medal: pharmacy.
17. Psi Chi Award: psychology.
18. Chi Omega Prize: sociology.
19. The Palladian Links Club Scholarship.
20. The Vernon H. Seabury Scholarship: Palladian society.
21. The Women's Pan-Hellenic Association Pins: 3.
22. The Lincoln Pan-Hellenic Scholarships: 2.
23. The American Association of University Women Scholarships: 6.
24. The Faculty Women's Club Scholarships: 2.
25. The University 4-H Club Scholarship Medals: 4.
26. The Pershing Medal: military science —to be awarded by General John J. Pershing in person.

HIGHER AVERAGES ARE MADE BY GREEK MEN

Survey Recently Completed By Interfraternity Conference.

Scholastic averages at a majority of the western colleges show a higher rating for fraternity men than for non-fraternity men, according to survey completed by the National Interfraternity conference. Nebraska, which is one of the largest colleges in this section is included in the survey.

In regard to other sections, it was reported that the north central, southern and western states, as geographical sections, have been above the all-men's averages for several years. However, in 1932 the Pacific coast and New England sections joined this group. Higher scholastic averages for the country as a whole were reported by forty of the seventy organizations in the Inter-fraternity Conference last year.

Scholarship Improves.

Scholarship in the past five years has shown a steady improvement was the statement given by the survey. Fraternity standings have moved from a point below the non-fraternity mark to a position considerably higher than the all-men's figures. This included both the fraternity members and the unaffiliated students.

The survey completed by the Interfraternity Conference included 153 educational institutions with an approximate enrollment of 250,000.

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