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The Daily Nebraskan

... And Its Best Interests

To the Publications Board:

The greatest editor I've ever seen on this paper wrote three years ago: "Gentlemen, you are meeting today to choose a new staff to suffer, sin, and shine with the DAILY NEBRASKAN for another semester. Since this is the last letter I shall ever write you, bear with me, I'd like to make some suggestions. There is something you should consider besides staff positions. It is in your power to initiate a change in policy on the NEBRASKAN, which would have a most vital and important influence on this campus." It was signed: "The departing, disillusioned editor."

Today, again gentlemen, you meet in old "U" hall to choose another new staff to take over the reigns of this—the campus' most important publication. Again, you are to choose future Innocents and Mortar Boards. Today, as never before, you are faced with questions of policy. And once again a departing, disillusioned editor steps down from a position which has been one of some consternation and protest.

The question of policy, gentlemen, is most important. You no longer are going to be able to sit in your austere sort of way and primarily concern yourselves with the okay of recommendations. In the light of your precarious position between the university administration and youthful, revolting hinds that cause no end of embarrassment at times, your selections are no longer going to be based primarily on accomplishment, work done, or ability. You, gentlemen, from now on must judge future staffs on the basis of what they will do, what policy they will pursue. You will find it difficult for the next few years to find a staff which can follow the nice, well beaten path thru the middle—one of aggressiveness, yet one which in no way would cast any unfavorable light on your institution.

You must realize, gentlemen, that present conditions at this institution make the middle path practically impossible. You must see that this educational plant is rapidly changing—in the minds of some, too much so. You must see that the powers behind the throne are no longer a triumvirate exerting their influence of status quo on a fine old gentleman but now rest solely in one man eager to make many needed improvements. You must become aware of the fact that any change from the status quo which had endured for many years, is bound to bring a sentiment on both sides. You will see a tightening "along the line," valiant efforts to turn this institution into one for teaching and education, and the greatest exodus of well-known faculty members this institution has ever seen since the days of World War No. 1. That's why you gentlemen must consider policy as you have never considered it before. Conditions have changed and you gentlemen might just as well realize it.

Gentlemen, your paper faces many problems that need correcting. Your paper needs the respect of students. It needs to be made a paper for students and not a paper edited with the viewpoint in mind that its readers are mostly faculty members. Your paper needs a continuity from one semester to the next—not just a bunch of beliefs that make every editor try to outdo the other. Your paper needs to be made a laboratory for journalistic endeavor, not just a joke for aspiring activity leaders. It needs to be taken from the ranks of those enterprises which are necessary customs on every college campus and placed into a position where it will speak well of a neglectful school of journalism.

Your paper needs a school of journalism in which faculty members teaching topography would take an interest in the general make-up and form of the publication. Your paper needs more pictures. It seems a sad commentary, gentlemen, to think that courses in photography and photographic developing and printing are offered in the school of journalism and yet your paper hires its own photographers and pays a downtown establishment for processing the pictures. Your paper needs better writers. It needs students able to handle stories, write headlines, and proof-read copy—not a bunch of junior activity workers who become so deep in activity ruts they can't see a story of general interest. Your paper, then, needs a school for its reporters, since most of them are not in the school of journalism and since they wouldn't receive much experience there anyway. Your paper needs editors and reporters who can forget their campus politics long enough to handle a story justly.

Most of all, gentlemen, your paper needs a wire service. Either an AP or a UP wire would make an almost incalculable difference on this campus. It would make your paper a newspaper. It would tend to de-emphasize the great importance placed on activities on this campus. It would put your paper in a class with other outstanding college dailies. You should have no fear of your paper running competition with metropolitan dailies, but, of course, there is that fear among the vested interests of the downtown papers and you would have little chance of

getting either service. We found that out earlier in the year when we tried to gain access to such a service and suggested that the DAILY and the school of journalism share the use of a teletype for news material and experience for those in the school.

Aside from the sloppy writing, bad news judgment, and poor proof reading, gentlemen of the pub board, there is something else that concerns your own attitude. Why give yourselves that auspicious "air" that makes every staff member fear you and consider you unfriendly from the first time he appears in a trembling sort of way? Why not have the luncheons with staff members of the DAILY that you once suggested, yet never offered? Why don't you take an interest in some of the good or constructive things your paper undertakes, instead of seemingly existing only when the bad and destructive appears? Why don't you come around our offices and talk things over once in a while?

You must remember, gentlemen, that your paper is somewhat a show-window of your institution. You should help your editors in every way possible to improve the appearance of that show-window. Last semester your paper ranked as a second class enterprise among other college dailies. According to reports, its numerous changes this semester lead it toward All-American ranking.

It has made many changes. It has instituted a bulletin board in the Union building to keep students posted on the latest news. It has initiated the official university bulletin which has routine announcements from cluttering its entire make-up. It has instituted a popular radio program. It has found increased faculty favor with a well-written "Prof of the Week." It has stressed importance on careful business management—something you gentlemen didn't seem to be concerned with before this semester. It has inflated campus wide coverage by finally realizing the existence of the agricultural campus. It has departmentalized its news, stressed pictures, attempted to do away with social gossip emphasis, and tried to operate as a business enterprise. We think it has been of superior quality.

Work and cooperate with your editors, gentlemen, and your status quo will not be disturbed.

Harold Niemann

News Roundup Davis, Loos, Mahnken

COMMUNIST CONVICTED:

Earl Browder, American communist leader, was convicted of passport fraud in federal court Monday, and was sentenced to four years in prison and fined \$2,000. Browder, out on \$7,500 bail, that same night addressed a mass meeting of 20,000 "reds" and attacked the Finns and President Roosevelt viciously. He declared further that he was permitted to speak in the courtroom only within the limits prescribed by the judge. We wonder how broadly Mr. Browder thinks he could have spoken before a Russian court, even though he is a correspondence school lawyer. U. S. courts aren't the proper places to give communistic orations.

The fates of Messers Browder and Fritz Kuhn indicate convincingly that U. S. laws offer ample facilities to quiet attackers and would-be destroyers of American principles and the American system of government. For these champions of other kinds of government and other social and economic systems have a phenomenal facility for violating the laws of the land in which they preach their nefarious doctrines.

NO ENTANGLING ALLIANCES.

Friday the American-Japanese trade treaty expires and the future attitude of this country toward its renewal has been a vital issue in internal Japanese politics for many months. The recent overthrow of the Japanese cabinet and the inauguration of the Yonal regime was brought about over this question. It is obvious that Japan is most eager for its renewal. It is equally obvious that the United States is content to sit back and be non-committal, keep the Japanese guessing, and be wooed on its own terms.

Today this country's attitude was a little more clearly defined in the answer that Assistant Secretary of State Berle handed to Japanese Ambassador Horinouchi in answer to certain questions that the ambassador had placed before him two days ago. One of these answers was a refusal to grant immediately Japan's suggestion for an exchange of notes defining the status of trade relations between the two countries. Another reply informed the ambassa-

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Cartoon depicting a woman scrubbing floors and a man talking about mistletoe. Text includes: 'IN THE 1840'S OBERLIN COLLEGE CO-EDS SCRUBBED FLOORS, CLEANED ROOMS, WASHED AND MENDED THE YOUNG MEN'S CLOTHES. IN PAYMENT THEY RECEIVED 2 3/4¢ AN HOUR!' and 'OHIO STATE U. CELEBRATES AN ANNUAL MISTLETOE DAY BY HANGING MISTLETOE ON ALL OF THE CAMPUS BUILDINGS!'

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- GLEE CLUB SINGERS. Applications for tryouts for the university singers and the men's glee club may be made this week at the office of the school of music.
MATINEE DANCE. A matinee dance will be held in the Union ballroom today from 2 to 6 p.m.
ASAE. Members of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers will meet in room 305 of the Union today at 7:30 p. m.
BAMB MEMBERSHIPS. Barb membership cards for those who did not get them first semester and want them for the second semester will go on sale at the Barb office next Monday for 75c.
DENTAL FACULTY. Members of the dental faculty will meet in Parlor C of the Union tomorrow at 5:20 p. m.
SINFONIA. Sinfonia members will meet tomorrow noon in Parlor Z of the Union.
MU PHI EPSILON. Members of Mu Phi Epsilon will meet in room 209 of the Union tomorrow at 7 p. m.
GAMMA LAMBDA. Gamma Lambda will meet in room 313 of the Union tomorrow at 5 p. m.

dor that after Friday Japanese merchants now doing business in the United States under treaty provisions would be regarded as temporary alien visitors.

America's demands are well known to the Japanese. The difficulty enters in with Japan's attempts to misconstrue and cloud them in a violent effort to save face in the Far East. Our government is equally determined that Japan is going to do all of the backing down.

The United States is adamant in not recognizing a changed order in China. We refuse to recognize the conquest of that country. We are determined to keep the Open Door for all countries in the Far East. In holding out for this position our government is really carrying the load for England and France, who are too engrossed with Germany to take a firm hand with Japan. Japan has offered to allow America certain concessions in compliance with the Open Door policy. Our country wants them for all nations. The Panay incident, the treatment of Americans in China and Japan and the hostile attitude of the Japanese toward Americans are still remembered over here. It Japan wants to make a new treaty with us, we feel that we must be recompensed for these in some way.

We probably shall win our point. Our Far Eastern ambassadors are shrewd men and clever diplomats. Our country will not suffer from a rupture in Japanese relationships as much as Japan will. Furthermore, our refusal to comply with Japan's requests gives us a good talking point in Anglo-American and French-American relations. It is possible that we might continue dealing with Japan indefinitely with no treaty guarantees.

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