

Commentorials

... from our readers

It is rather for us to be here dedicated . . .

Dear Editor:

During periods of war and stress, it is the conviction of most proponents of democracy that national unity is desirable and even necessary for successful action or counteraction. Democracy includes the principle that the people must be able to work together for a common end and a common good.

On the Fourth of July, Mayor LaGuardia, civilian morale chieftain, asked the co-operation of the Nebraska state patrol in stopping all motorists for five minutes for a "rededication of our democratic principles." In compliance with this request, the state patrol halted traffic on Dodge street on the outskirts of Omaha. Some of the interrupted motorists complied gratefully. Others grumbled under their breath and later made open protest.

However, we must be careful lest, in our effort to attain unification of will, we find ourselves toppling on the brink of autocracy or national socialism—the principle which we have dedicated our efforts to eradicate from not only the western hemisphere, but the entire world.

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Protest should have been made on the spot. Protest should have been screamed to the high heavens. Protest should have been made loud enough to reach Washington, reach the ears of Mr. La Guardia, the press and radio over the entire nation.

To be practically forced into "a rededication of democracy" is in no sense a tribute to the efforts and hopes of our founding fathers. It is rather a warning to all free thinking men and women to keep a careful eye and careful mind on what might be the beginning of a trend—a trend toward conscription of audiences and forced radio listening in order that the American public might get its regular dose of "rededication" shaken well, taken before and after mealtimes, and in between as well.

The true citizen of the United States needs no such "rededication." The farmer and banker, the professor and laborer, the business man and the shopkeeper, the young and aged, the rich and the poor, rededicate themselves by reading the morning paper, by hearing stories of concentration camps, by reading letters from relatives in Europe. The comparison and choice is easy.

We all want democracy, made in America, by Americans. We all want peace even when confronted with almost inevitable war. We all want freedom of speech and freedom of the press, we want to be able to listen to what we want, whenever we want.

On the next Fourth of July let's dedicate ourselves not to rededicate the principles of democracy by having to, but rather wanting to—in our own way.

E. P.

Erhard Carl Jaeger, son of a Harvard professor, who formerly served in the German army, has become a trainee in the United States army.

Uni pharmacy college gets large library

The pharmacy college has just received a valuable pharmaceutical library of approximately 2,000 volumes collected by Daniel J. Fink, druggist at Grant and Holdrege for the last 50 years.

The gift was arranged by the donor's three children, Dr. Z. S. Fink, professor of history at Northwestern university, Orman Fink of Arlington, Va., and Mrs. Floyd Horton of Sibley, Ia., according to Dean R. A. Lyman.

A strong supporter of the university pharmacy college when it was established in 1908 as part of the college of medicine, Daniel Fink was influential in having the legislature revise the law which created the pharmacy college in 1913. Many of the pharmaceutical volumes which he collected during his 50 years of apothecary practice can be purchased now only at the expenditure of a considerable sum, and many cannot be obtained at any price.

In a letter telling Dean Lyman of the gift, Dr. Fink wrote: "I am very glad to give this collection to you. My father's esteem for you has always been very great, and I know that no other disposition of the collection would be more in accordance with his wish."

Dean Lyman stated that he knew "of no better way in which Mr. Fink could continue his outstanding record of service to his profession in this state than to contribute his library to the university."

UN graduate wins \$500 scholarship

Mary McLaughlin of Grand Island, who will receive her M. A. degree from the university this summer, has received a \$500 scholarship at Columbia university for 1941-42, according to Prof. E. N. Johnson of the university history department under whom she has taken her graduate work.

Miss McLaughlin received her B. A. degree from the university in 1940 and plans to study medieval history at Columbia in seeking her Ph. D. degree.

Hunter college offers a play writing course in which the students write, direct and produce original plays.

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Audience likes uni production 'Penny Wise'

Lincoln citizens enjoyed a summer theater production Wednesday evening when the University of Nebraska speech department presented "Penny Wise," a three-act comedy by Jean Ferguson Black, in the air conditioned Union ballroom.

There was no admission charge for the play directed by Armand Hunter of the university theater staff. A second production to be given July 23 has been announced as "Dark Victory." The cast of Tuesday's performance follows: Jeff Romulo Soldeville
 Tina Martha Ann Bengtson
 Martha Bonnie Wennersten
 Gordon Max Whittaker
 Penny Dorothy Filley
 Catherine Mary Adelaide Hansen
 Commissioner Dunn Robert Black

Movies of their "cotton-coated woolly" sheep were made by University of Wyoming authorities.

After studying true chameleons, Dr. Sarah Rogers Astatt, zoology professor at University of California, concludes they are a first cousin to the horned toad.

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