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'Status Quo'--Profane, Academic Definitions

Everybody likes to use big words that impress people. Perhaps that is why so many persons are always talking about the "status quo." Few know just exactly what they mean. After all, the status quo is—well, it's just the status quo.

But there is a philosophy professor at Northwestern university who defined the expression expertly. "The status quo," he said, "is the one helluva mess we're in right now."

That is a pretty good definition, for surely the world is in one helluva mess. When men die as they are dying, kill as they are killing—hating and crying, and laughing and bleeding—there need be no further evidence that war-time is hell.

Riddance of the present status quo is what America is fighting for. It is why young fellows are being called out of college to serve in the armed services, why loyal citizens are quitting comfortable jobs and security for positions in defense industries, why Americans are going without so much sugar and shoes and food and travel.

Everyone agrees that the status quo must be ended. Everybody speaks in terms of collective security in a post-war world of changed conditions. College students, like the Kansas State coed whose article the Daily Nebraskan printed Sunday, are prone to justify their continuance at university to the fact that they will be the leaders who will make the post-war world free from wars.

But all they know is that the status quo should not continue. Some don't even know the meaning of status quo, the academic or profane one.

If there is a valid justification for students remaining in school, then these students, from a patriotic point of view, cannot afford to sluff; cannot consciously ignore an opportunity to increase their ability to cope with problems of post-war.

A little serious thinking and reading helps a lot. The Nebraska student should start now to break long standing tradition by reading books—yes, even books that are not assigned as required reading in academic courses.

That is one aspect of the status quo that can be changed now, before the war.

Gardens For Victory Are Essential And Enjoyable

When thinking of the things you have done and the things you are planning to do to help your country, you might have thought of a victory garden, which is an ideal way to do something very useful.

If a backyard or neighborhood lot is available, this makes a perfect plot for a garden. If a group wishes to start a garden, this is so much the better, as more can be accomplished and it is more fun with a group.

Not only is this profitable and interesting work for yourself, and not only does it aid in producing fresh vegetables, but it provides exercise as well. If you haven't done much in the way of exercise at school and little more outside of school, hoeing and planting will give a great deal of outdoor exercise.

With driving restrictions and vacations in other states greatly curtailed, and some pleasure like bicycling restricted somewhat, a victory garden offers many people grand opportunities for an interesting summer. So start thinking about that patch of earth in your yard, start rounding up some of your friends, and plan your garden for victory, now!

Letterip

Dear Editor:

So much has been said about a proper tribute to the departing ERC men. Maybe they are the "cream of the crop," but how about the 240 air corps reservists who left our campus two weeks ago? Weren't they deserving a tribute? And when several of those boys from Jefferson Barracks wrote asking for a Daily Nebraskan (not 240, but one paper), the reply was, "We have no funds."

Isn't every boy making the same sacrifice and fighting for the same cause? Yes, let's pay tribute to the boys, but not just the ERC men. Let's pay proper tribute to every boy, drafted, or otherwise, who has left our campus.

A Daily Nebraskan Reader.

(Editor's note: Right! As was stated in the Nebraskan editorial urging the convocation and rally, the ceremonies were more than for the 340 men leaving, for these 340 men are representative of all UN men drafted and who have left for the armed services.)

The Nebraskan receives dozens of letters every day from students seeking "free" papers. These requests just can't be filled on the present budget. The War Council has been sponsoring a campaign to send Nebraskans to men in the service. How about it?)

Chips

BY GENE BRADLEY.

Twenty-One Years of Nuthin

With the exception of looking at or listening to Elmer Sprague, gentle reader, nothing is quite as boring as reading an autobiography.

With the idea in mind of running a close second to Lady Roosevelt's diary, and with no apologies to Eleanor, we offer the following autobiographical column entitled: "My Life," or "She Had So Many Wrinkles On Her Forehead That She Had To Screw Her Hat On."

Age 0. Ten minutes after birth, I casually remarked that Wilson was wasting his time on that League theory of his. The physician seemed surprised that a child my age could speak. To which I replied: "Doc, you fathead, if the kids in this town couldn't talk, how the devil could they tell their folks when they wanted to go to Fred's?"

Age 1. Still too young to get much accomplished. For the most part, just sat around looking dumb, considering pledging Beta.

Age 2. Learned to spit through my two front teeth.

Age 3. Made a pass at the nurse and got my two front teeth kicked out.

Age 4. Explained the facts of life to the little kids.

Age 5. Became known as: "The Only Child in Kindergarten to Chaw Tobacco."

Age 6. Flunked spelling and geography.

Age 7. Flunked singing and art.

Age 8. Learned to pet nice big collie dogs.

Age 9. Learned to pet.

Age 10. Won an old woman in a raffle.

Age 11. Graduated from report school.

Age 12. Dropped out of the Boy Scout organization.

Age 13. Had my first date. I got little shivers every time she winked at me with her good eye.

Age 14-16. Stayed in bed with the measles and epileptic fits.

Age 17. Registered at Vassar. Discovered it was a girls' school.

Age 18. Learned to put a nickel in the Crib juke box.

Age 19. Learney that Penn Woods was not just another group of trees.

Age 20. Learned that "shooting craps" did not involve a shotgun and a hunting license.

Age 21. Learned that the ERC was not just another government agency.

Before closing, in the interest of politeness, I had better answer Bob McNutt's question. Polar bears, Bob, are classified into two main categories (male and female), while cats are classified into three (tom, pussy and holy).

Museum Exhibits Munitions From Nebraska Factories

...I Includes Bombs, Grenades

Visitors to university museum in the next few weeks will see an exhibit that is a far cry from the traditional fossils, mounted birds and the tribal regalia of American Indians.

The theme of this new exhibit is bombs and the central figure is a 1,000-pounder borrowed from the Nebraska Defense corporation, whose plant at Mead is loading thousands of bombs of this type for use against the Germans, Italians and Japs.

Nebraska Produces.

"We felt our visitors would appreciate this exhibit not only because of the general interest in the war but because of the fact Nebraska is the scene of some very important munitions production these days," Dr. C. E. Schultz, museum director, said.

In addition to the 1,000 pound bomb, there is a 250 pound aerial bomb supplied thru the courtesy of C. J. Frankforter, university chemistry professor who recently was called to active duty with the army.

Exhibit Philippine Weapons.

In the same case are a large number of hand grenades and other explosive weapons used in the first World war.

Immediately adjacent to the explosives exhibit in the basement

of Morrill hall, where the museum is housed, is the John J. Pershing collection of armor, spears and other implements of war from the Philippines. This exhibit recently was reorganized and rearranged.

Union Variety Show Includes Music, Movies

Fifth Student Union variety show of the year will be held next Sunday at 8 p. m. in the Union ballroom. Featuring vaudeville acts, a movie short, and a full length riotous film, the show will present a full program of comedy and fun.

Donald Duck and Pluto will go ice skating in "On Ice," a short filled with the humor of all Donald Duck quickies.

The Pi Beta Phi trio, composed of Dolores Weaver, Marilyn Simpson and Helen Vennum, will swing out on popular pieces to provide part of the music for the vaudeville acts. Jeanne Rotton will display her talent on a piano, and give interpretations of modern swing.

"Boys from Syracuse," the comedy based on the twin brothers who were separated in childhood and their twin servants who had also been parted at an early age, will be the full length movie of the variety show.

Starred in the film are Alan Jones, taking the part of the separated brothers, Joe Penner, playing the role of the twin servants and Martha Ray, who uses her wits and brawn to capture the love of the servant.

Charlie Butterworth adds fun to the already hilarious comedy as the king of the little Greek community where the movie is staged. Irene Hershey takes the role opposite Alan Jones.

This original Greek play was adapted by William Shakespeare in the play called "Comedy of Errors." From this play was developed the present movie "Boys from Syracuse."

Modern Times Calls for Planned Birth-Ogburn

CHICAGO, Ill. (ACP). A new league of nations may not be as effective in counteracting the urge for war as the falling birth rate, believes Dr. William F. Ogburn, chairman of the University of Chicago sociology department.

"The movement for planned parenthood may put a stop to future wars and may prove more effective than a world federation, disarmament, destruction of fascist parties or an international police force," Dr. Ogburn declared.

One of the great needs of modern times, he said, is the spread of the planned parenthood movement into eastern Europe and the Orient.

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