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Letterip

Dear Editors:

The purpose of this letter is to criticize the Daily Nebraskan. This letter is not meant as a personal criticism of the editors, the staff, or any individual or group of individuals on the faculty. Since we are not fully acquainted with the administrative set-up, the finances, the censorship or other restrictions which control the publication of the paper, we are precluded from leveling specific remarks of censure against anyone when ignorant of these facts and of where responsibility lies. Possibly more enlightenment as to the genuine and honest difficulties which prevent the publication of a good newspaper will adequately stifle much of the present dissatisfaction and adverse comment concerning the Daily Nebraskan.

Now for the criticisms:

First: Compared to other schools in the United States, the University of Nebraska ranks 24th in size, yet when we observe university newspapers of schools of similar enrollment, we find that they have either Associated Press or United Press wire service and many have wire-photo service. If such news services are not obtainable here, certainly there are many other legitimate methods of obtaining news—i.e., a composite process as, we understand, is used at Minnesota.

Second: The students of this school each pay fifty cents a semester, which amounts to total receipts of roughly \$9,000 a year for subscriptions to the Daily Nebraskan. The cost of publishing the paper each day is approximately \$67, the receipts from advertising each day are over \$70. Thus, advertising pays for the paper, and out of the \$9,000 comes the editors' salaries, leaving somewhere between seven and eight thousand to surplus. If this surplus goes into a building fund, why mislead the student body by putting "Daily Nebraskan" Subscription on the tuition slips instead of "Building Fund?"

Third: Notices of the meetings of the thousand and one clubs, associations, boards, etc., should not take the place of news, but should be compactly classified in a back page of the paper in a column devoted to such notices.

Fourth: A recent privately conducted survey showed the average reading time of the Daily Nebraskan to be 45 seconds (excluding the advertisements and the sports section).

Fifth: The majority of the students are interested in reading news of local, national and international importance, timely editorials and at least the traditional weather report—in addition to campus news.

Sixth: If the Daily Nebraskan is having trouble finding reporters, why not offer to pay them something? The fund seems adequate for such a policy.

Seventh: To lend a more professional atmosphere to the paper, the Daily Nebraskan should be staffed and edited by journalism students.

Sincerely,

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John Peters	Charles Chase
Rod Monismith	Joseph Moore
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(Editor's Note: Valid and constructive criticism is greatly appreciated. We thank the gentlemen for their interest in wanting to see a better campus newspaper and agree heartily with them on points 1, 3, 5 and 6. Investigation of the possibilities of securing wire service and paid reporters is being carried on now.

The financial figures in the letter are inadequate and do not agree with the actual facts. It is not the policy of the Daily Nebraskan to publish the financial statements, but a complete monthly report of operations is made to the Publications Board and information can be obtained from that Board by those who specifically desire it.

Our only remedy for No. 4 is to work harder for a better paper, but neither the staff nor the school of journalism believes that the Daily should be a strictly school of journalism paper, as expressed in point No. 7. The purpose of the paper, in addition to publishing the campus news, is to provide experience for students in newspaper work. Many students other than journalism majors are interested in the field and working on the paper can increase that interest. If only one school is represented, the view of the news and knowledge of what is going on is limited to that one school. To cover the campus and students adequately, we will repeat that any student may work on the Daily Nebraskan.)

Survey Reveals Students Favor Aid To Greece and Turkey to Curb Russia

BY PAT MEEHAN.

Seven of ten university students interviewed replied in the affirmative when asked if they believed "the United States should give aid to Greece." Those students were also asked to designate the form of aid they recommended.

Of the remaining ten, two persons believed such a policy should not be followed, and one was undecided.

In answer to the question, Merrell Shutt Grant, senior, replied, "It seems to me that the people in the United States are over-concerned with Russia's expansion. Communist control in and around the government in Greece has been unstable for many years. Aid from us from governmental purpose, I feel is unnecessary; wherever people are starving, tho, it is the duty of some nation to give money to aid the situation."

Idealistic Basis of Aid.

Arden Kersey, senior in arts and sciences believes "we should give aid in the form of food and clothing. It would be aiding fellow human beings, as well as curbing any designs that Russia may have on these countries."

Two reasons for giving aid to Greece were advanced by Carol Frederickson, senior in teacher's college. She stated that "on a purely idealistic basis, we should help them because they are brother human beings who are starving." Secondly, she asserted that "the communists are attempting to spread their domain by every possible means. The Greeks represent democracy and should be supported by us through our presentation of a solid front in our form of government. To avoid conflicts, we allowed the Germans to gradually creep into the small countries, then larger countries, until we had a major conflict on our hands. Therefore, I believe the Russian bluff should be called now, if it is a bluff!"

Another affirmative reply was made by Marcia Tepperman, arts and sciences freshman. She believes that food and clothing, as well as financial aid, should be sent Greece.

Stew Tangeman answered that help should be given Greece if it would further democracy. "However," he continued, "if the main motive for such aid would be to further only the oil interests of the United States in this surrounding area, I would personally say, no, and recommend that both Russia and the United States forget the internal issue in Greece and Turkey and openly try to solve their real problems. This, I think, is the case, but, if aid is

given Greece and Turkey, I believe it should be in the form of money and financial advice by government economists."

Pre-law student Edward E. Gallagher declared that "giving aid to Greece and Turkey will not stop the spread of communism. It will only restrain the spread of what we consider to be an evil doctrine. Is this the safest policy? Will it accomplish the purpose for which the aid is intended? That is, will this aid assure a democratic government in these countries? The answer is undetermined. Turkey is not, at present, and in fact never was, a democracy. To expect a sudden change of governmental policy to result from our financial aid is the absolute height of optimism. Greece is virtually dominated by the communist party. In view of this fact, aid to Greece will ultimately be of benefit to the communist party. They have the influence, and we give the money. This is a poor policy!"

Balkans Left Open.

"Since Great Britain will be unable to fulfill her commitments in the Balkans," James Brundage, freshman, pointed out, "the field has been left open. The two great political forces in modern world affairs, communism and capitalism, will be competing for domination of Balkan affairs. The United States, which is at present, the foremost capitalist nation in the world, will have to intervene in the area."

"The question of communist or capitalist combination," he continued, "is fundamental. From present reports, it appears that the aid will be given."

Willard Visek, ag senior, discussed the question by reminding that "Our world today is becoming

so small from the standpoint of distance that we, as a world power, must consider the welfare of every other nation, regardless of size. Aggressive intervention is not a good policy, but it should be remembered that it is always a good policy to build political fences.

Two students, who preferred to remain anonymous, replied with the following statements:

"No, aid must not be given. In the first place, do we really know

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