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Ivy Day Oration

Mr. Chancellor, Members of the Faculty, Fellow Students, Ivy Day Guests, and Friends:

The choice of a topic on which to speak this morning has been left completely in my hands. I have been tempted by the traditional Ivy-Day subjects; which have ranged from an expose of the terrible conditions which exist and are allowed to flourish at the University of Nebraska, including terrible facts about the administration, the faculty, the curriculum and higher education in general—to the topics aimed at some individual who, thru his constant misdirected efforts has come to the front to be dubbed by the orator, as "The Man Most Likely to Completely Ruin the State." I assume, material for such a range of subjects is not lacking, nor is it a fact that much research was put in to find choice topical scandal and none could be found. The fact is however, that another subject, far removed from campus life, as such, yet close and vital to each and every one of us, impressed itself more firmly upon me than any other subject.

The subject matter of this problem is daily presented to us in the newspapers; it is considered very seriously by some and lightly by others. To me it presents a difficult maze of considerations which cannot be answered or fully understood in a short space of time. I am thinking of the present conflict between Capitalism and Communism.

During the next few minutes I should like to hurriedly review some of the facts that are known about this head-on clash; some of the intentions possibly assignable to or behind the facts; some of the possible consequences to you and me, as a result of this contest; and lastly, to offer a conclusion for your further thought and consideration.

We are all aware of the fact that these two huge systems are based on theories that are diametrically opposed. Fundamentally, Communism is based upon the supreme superiority of the State. So it is with the country that is identified with Communism—namely Russia.

On the other hand, Capitalism, or the United States, founds its system, not on the super-state, but rather on the importance of the individual. In practice and application, individuals in the United States very nearly experience freedom. In Russia, such an experience is unknown. And so it is, that these countries, these two peoples do not know or understand one another. The very rock foundations upon which the two systems build their governments, differ so completely that there is little if any hope of having one Government understand the even more complex and more alien superstructure of the other government.

This complete lack of contact and of understanding between Russia and the United States is changed over into completely opposite methods of operations. Whereas, the United States is prone to be direct in its dealings with other peoples, the Russians are prone to play the Russians have no such impractical ideas to hamper them. If Russia assigns some other country as its target for expansion, the most direct method of gaining control is to carefully place subversive agents, propagandize the electorate, murder or intimidate the opposition and walk in. Russia's purposes and aims cannot admit fair dealing. To think that this country is immune to such treatment by Russia, is to evade the evident. Communist agents seem to be so well placed and so numerous that the President of the United States has seen fit to disqualify them from Government employment. Highly responsible government positions are filled today only after the nominees have survived a 20th Century trial-by-fire, conducted, among other things, because of known potential strength of this Russian army within the United States.

At the United Nations meetings these two conflicting systems sit before one another in an attempt to bring about World Peace, based upon moral obligations. So far, plain showings of good faith with which to back promises are conspicuously absent.

From this stalemate that seems to exist between the Communist-Capitalist opponents, where next? There is an ultimate result that will surely be reached; these two will not remain deadlocked forever. There are many possibilities to change the set-up and each any every one of them has one thing in common—the elimination of one of the contesting systems. The government and system of Communism could possibly change over a period of time to such a degree that it would no longer be Communism, but rather a Capitalist state; and in the process one contestant would be out. This type of elimination has little chance of happening.

The United States could possibly glide from Capitalism to Communism; thus eliminating one system. This type of elimination is not an impossibility. When this country plods not-too-slowly in the foot prints of England—possibly into the dead-end street that England now occupies—where, it has been said, the door "from the cradle to the grave" protects men from productive work except in time of World Wars;—then initiative is overcome and the distinguishing features of Communism become hazy if not non-existent.

Such change has been brought about in the United States during the last few years to secure many claims of society. When the day comes that a claim of society is acclaimed as such and secured by majority vote alone, without regard to a minority claim, that alone will keep Capitalistic incentive alive, then this country need not worry over the clash with Communism; this country's peaceful entry into the brotherhood of Communism will not be far off.

The third type of elimination is—war. This possibility does not lack probability. This technique has been used for many centuries. With each application, man has come closer and closer to the annihilation of humanity. Now, the physical scientist has, at last, placed at the warrior's-feet the weapon that has great promise of finally gaining the disastrous end.

Now, where do you and I and the children who will follow us enter this picture. We stand to lose—the world stands to lose everything if either one of these two highly-possible ways of settling this conflict with Russia comes about. When the final elimination is complete, the chances are two out of three that we will end up in the Communist machine or merely end up; one chance remains that we will be in business as usual.

What can we do now to increase our chances of survival? We can continue our attempts to block Communism's advances, we can continue our witch-hunts, we can closely check our slide to anti-Capitalistic ideals. These human checks however may be met by counter-movements by our strong opponents and we continue in the deadlock.

Many people believe it is unwise for this country to check the advances of Russia further into Europe, by outright aid. It would appear to me to be allowing the opposition an advantage, to follow any other course than the one now being followed.

In the fight-to-avoid defeat, this country has no other alternative but to use all of the safeguards now at hand; in the attempt to win, we must add another line of attack—namely a new emphasis on the sciences that may solve the problems of man, as an individual, rather than on those sciences that solve the problems of man against nature. With every worthy advance of physical science, has come a corresponding advance in the field of death-dealing devices. We now exist among the luxuries and wonders of the physical sciences, yet never has civilization been so near a self-imposed extinction. I

New Mortar Boards, Innocents

Men Choose 13 Members Stanley Johnson Selected as Head

For the first time since 1943, the Innocents Junior men as new members of the senior men's honorary group at the annual Ivy day ceremonies yesterday. The announcement was made that Dr. R. G. Gustavson was to be tapped as the sixth honorary member chancellor, but since he is in Washington, D. C., the men present to accept the recognition. He will be tapped June 7th at the annual Innocents alumni banquet.

The new president of Innocents is Stanley Johnson, who was tapped by the retiring president, Bill Thornburg. Johnson is president of Nu-Meds, secretary of Kosmet Klub, a member of the varsity swimming team, student council, Sinfonia and Theta Nu. He is a member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity.

The new vice president is Martin Pesek. Past president of Sigma Chi fraternity, Pesek is the '47-'48 Yell King, a member of Corn Cobs, student council, interfraternity council, Xi Phi Phi dental fraternity, and has worked for the Student Foundation. He was tapped by Willard Visek.

Richard Lehr was tapped by George Abbott as the new secretary. Lehr is president of Kosmet Klub, and is a member of the interfraternity council, the Cornhusker staff. His fraternity is Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

The Innocents' new treasurer is Lee White who was tapped by Morton Zuber. White is a member of Corn Cobs, Student Foundation, Student Union board of managers, interfraternity council, Pershing Rifles and a former member of the Daily Nebraskan staff. He is a member of Sigma Alpha Mu fraternity.

Rodney Franklin is the new secretary-at-large. A past president of Kappa Sigma fraternity, Franklin is a member of Corn Cobs, Nebraska Masquers, Pershing Rifles, Alpha Phi Omega scouting fraternity, and is the interfraternity council secretary. He has also worked in University theater productions. Franklin was tapped by Bob McNutt.

Richard Folds, former president of Kosmet Klub, was tapped by Dick Hagensberger. Folds is president of the interfraternity council and Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity. He is a secretary of the men's point board.

The seventh new Innocent is Avrum Bondarin, business manager of Kosmet Klub. Bondarin is a member of Corn Cobs, Nebraska Masquers, Alpha Epsilon Rho, honorary radio fraternity, and the University theater. He is a member of Zeta Beta Tau fraternity. He was tapped by Ren Bukacek.

Duane Munter was tapped as a new Innocent by Morton Zuber. Munter is a member of Kosmet Klub, Corn Cobs, Ag Exec Board, and the interfraternity council.

History Teachers Schedule Annual Meet Activities The Nebraska History Teachers association will hold its 34th annual meeting here next Friday and Saturday.

Principal speaker will be Dr. Marshall M. Eneppen, historian and political scientist at Michigan State College. He will address the association at a university convocation Friday at 11 a. m. in the Union ballroom, the annual banquet Friday evening in the University ballroom, and the morning session Saturday, Saturday morning the history teachers will hear Dr. Edgar N. Johnson, university historian.

Miss Florence Jenkins, Lincoln, is president of the association.

Alpha Kappa Psi To Hold Smoker Alpha Kappa Psi, bizad fraternity, will hold a smoker and general discussion meeting in the Union Tuesday, May 6 at 8 p. m. A formal pledging of new members will precede the smoker, which is being held in honor of the new pledges. Mr. John Campbell will be the principal speaker.

Recently elected officers are Ronald Leigh, president; Ted Schestiger, vice president; Jack Ruetz, secretary and Jerry Gosnell, treasurer.

do not believe a solution to our present conflict problem is to be found in further advances of physical science.

If there is a solution to the great problem confronting us, I believe it lies in those fields of knowledge that aim toward the goal of co-operation among individual men. Such fields are covered by the so-called social sciences. The potential solution must be reached by furthering our techniques and understanding of economics, sociology, psychology and the like. If we can solve fundamental problems of human conflict or problems from which human conflicts arise—such as the efficient distribution of surplus foods to famine areas—I believe we will be well on the way to understanding among men and countries.

Doubt exists as to the ability of such social sciences to solve conflicting problems. Whatever the fact may be as to the possibility of success by following this new emphasis on social sciences, I believe we are forced to place our faith in them. For if no solution is possible from that source, I believe the chances for civilizations end will continue to be two to one. If great advances are not encouraged and realized in a short time from those sciences, I am convinced that Communist domination or total war will be forced upon us within our lifetime.

Fred Steiner



They planted the ivy.

Traditional Ivy Pageant Returns

With the return of Innocents and full participation in the interfraternity sing, the 47th annual Ivy day festivities returned to campus with all the color, splendor and excitement of former years.

Hundreds of spectators, parents and students thronged the site of the old campus at 9 o'clock as the University band heralded the opening of the traditional all-day affair.

Then, with all the pomp and pageantry of a Continental coronation, the 1947 Queen of the May, Miss Shirley Ann Hinds, preceded by trumpeters and flower bearers and attended by maids of honor, proceeded across the mall up to the May Queen's court.

After revelation of the May Queen, came the annual Inter-sorority sing. Girls, attractive in slim pastels and whites, vied for the much-coveted loving cup which goes to the first place winners. Results of the judging were not announced at once, however, but were kept secret until the afternoon.

Traditional planting of the Ivy by senior and junior class presidents was done by Don Chapin and Dale Novotny.

In the afternoon the May Queen assumed her throne and presided over the interfraternity sing. Men chose contrasting coats and slacks, except the DU's, who appeared in white dinner jackets, and the Sig Eps, who sang under a sweatering sun in tuxedos.

The annual rain which threatens to dampen activities but always clears up just before festivities begin, and is almost as much a tradition as planting of the Ivy, failed to materialize this year. Skies were sunny and temperatures reached the high eighties in the afternoon. Old Sol sunburned quite a few in the afternoon ceremonies.

Following the interfraternity sing, results of the morning sorority sing were announced. Alpha Phi, a runnerup for two years, was declared first place winner, and the girls returned to sing again the song that won them honors.

Kappa Sigma fraternity was declared first in the interfraternity sing. It was almost a personal tribute to leader Aubrey Pettit, school of Music student.

Masking of Mortar Boards set a new record this year as an unprecedented twenty junior women were chosen.

Then came the staking of new innocents. Hooded, dressed in long gowns, the Innocents chosen in 1942, spotted, stood back and made running tackles of new innocents. Innocents are limited to thirteen annually.

Fraternity-Sorority Sing Judges Give Ivy Day Alpha Phi's Take First Place Cup

Alpha Phi took the coveted first place in the inter-sorority sing Saturday morning with "Two Bright Stars" directed by Barbara Jean Olson.

Placing second was Alpha Chi Omega, directed by Peggy Shelly. The Alpha Chis sang "Toast of Alpha Chi Omega."

Receiving third honors was Gamma Phi Beta singing "Gamma Phi Beta Sweetheart" under the direction of Dora Lee Neidenthal.

Winners were chosen on the basis of total effect, tone, blend, pitch and general appearance. Judges were James Vail, director of Fremont high school music; Miss Lucille Riley of Beatrice high school and Hugh Rangelor of Lincoln high school.

Participants. Other groups participating in the sing and their directors were: Alpha Omicron Pi, Donnie Wage-man, "Beautiful Lady of Alpha Omicron"; Towne Club, Anna Sorenson, "Pearls of Friendship"; Kappa Kappa Gamma, Shirley Lierck, "I Love You Truly, KKG"; Delta Delta Delta, Betty Nicodemus, "Deltas Mine"; Alpha Xi Delta, Barbara Vesely, "Whether Her Hair Be Gold or Brown"; Sigma Delta Tau, Annette Jacobs, "When Life's Setting Sun"; Terrace Hall, Hous May Harney, "Terrace Hall Girl."

Sing Groups. Sigma Kappa, Jean Lock, "Sigma Kappa Loyalty Ode"; Chi Omega, Margaret Ann Amend, "A Chi-O Girl Who Wears a Pin of Pearl"; Residence Halls, Arlene Kostal, "Sweetheart of Raymond Hall"; Howard Hall, Rosa Bouton Hall and Wilson Hall singing together, Gladys Kasal, "Smoke Cets In Your Eyes"; Kappa Alpha Theta, Jo Ackerman, "Would That Wishes"; Love Memorial, Florence Arnold, "Why Do I Love You"; International House, Laura Wilterdink, "It's Spring Again"; Delta Gamma, Mimi Hahn, "DG Girls"; Carl Hall, Rita Maginn, "In the Still of the Night"; and Phi Beta Phi, Marilyn Nelson, "Sweetheart of the Wine and Blue."

The winners were announced at the conclusion of the interfraternity sing Saturday afternoon. Jane McArthur was general chairman of the inter-sorority sing.

tion as announced by Head Master Herman Christensen were: Robert Strahl, Gilbert Smith, and Forrest Blood, Jr., faculty members; LaVern Baumgart, Adam Brehm, Harry Campbell, Howard Dolen, Joe Fiala, Warren Hinz, Ernest Fruhbauer, Robert Larson, Melvin McLean, Melvin Rumbaugh, William Samuelson and William Stephens, undergraduate members.

The new members admitted to the professional bizad organization

Delta Sigma Pi Holds Initiation The formal initiation ritual of Delta Sigma Pi fraternity was held in the English room of the Hotel Lincoln early Sunday morning. The initiation was followed by a congratulatory breakfast in the Chinese room.

The new members admitted to the professional bizad organization

Coed Counselors, YWCA and Phi Beta Phi.

Newly elected director of the All University Fund, Beth Noer-berg is also a member of Home Ec Council, Alpha Lambda Delta, YWCA and ag Student-Faculty Council. She was masked by Carol Bridenbaugh.

Joan Fankhauser, masked by Lorene Novotny, is managing editor of the Cornhusker, and is a member of Coed Counselor Board, Sigma Alpha Iota, YWCA Cabinet, varsity band Kappa Kappa Gamma.

Lorraine Landeryou is president of the Student Foundation, member of YWCA and Delta Gamma. She was masked by Mary Claire Phillips.

Twelfth. "Twelfth Mortar Board to be selected was Bernice Young, president of ag YWCA. She is also a member of the Publications Board, Home Ec Club cabinet, Student-Faculty Council, Phi Epsilon Omicron, Alpha Lambda Delta, ag YW cabinet and Chi Miss Young.

Mary Estner Dunkin is a member of Tassels, YWCA Cabinet, Religious Welfare Council, Student Council, Phi Lambda Theta and Delta Gamma. She was masked by Mimi Ann Johnson.

President of the city campus YWCA, Shirley Schnitker was masked by Phyllis Teagarden. Miss Schnitker is also a member of Alpha Lambda Delta, Tassels, Phi Chi Theta and Delta -2113 Delta.

Marianne Srb is editor of the Cornhusker Countryman, vice president of ag YWCA, secretary of Ag Exec Board and Home Ec Club and a member of Phi Upsilon Omicron, Panhellenic Council and Alpha Omicron Pi. She was masked by Marolyn Hrt-sook.

Campbell. Mary Ann Campbell was chosen by Eleanor Knoll, Virginia Demel and Merrill Grant. She is president of BABW and a member of the Unaffiliated Students Association and Towne Club.

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