

Destruction of Lincoln's Papers Upheld by Poet

By FRAN SMITH

Carl Sandberg, Pulitzer prize winner for poetry and noted Lincoln biographer, stated in an interview Monday that Abraham Lincoln's son, Robert Lincoln, held back only the very personal letters of those recently disclosed, and that he had every right to do so.

According to Mr. Sandberg these papers added nothing new to the portrait of Lincoln himself. They did give a more clear picture of the people of that time—their thoughts and lingo. A letter in the collection from an Oregon cousin of the President, although illiterate and unpunctuated, is indicative of his people

ISS Delegate Describes Paris in '47

By MARCELLA SLAJCHERT

The seriousness of our summer's undertaking was impressed upon us from the minute we docked at Le Havre harbor. Half-sunken ships were still on their bellies, protruding through the gray dawn that greeted us as we walked down the gangplanks of the Marine Tiger. "Welcome U. S. Army" signs were still hanging in the customs inspection office, an ex-army reception center.

By evening on the Fourth of July we had been received in Paris by the French ISS committee, quartered at the Hotel Observacion at the Cite Universitaire, and briefed on the labor situation in France. Strikes had crippled transportation facilities and the delegation to Italy would have to remain in Paris until things cleared up.

History Comes to Life

All the history we'd ever learned from books suddenly came to life...the Pantheon, a magnificent monument which serves as a last resting place for some of the greatest men of France—Rousseau, Voltaire, Victor-Hugo, Zola—the Sacre-Coeur, old church of St. Pierre...Notre Dame...the Eiffel Tower...the tomb of the Unknown Soldier...the famous cafes in the Montparnasse which Lenin once frequented.

What we might expect to find in Europe was best described by Walter Laves, deputy director general of UNRRA in Paris, at a reception for us held at UNESCO headquarters. Said Mr. Laves:

"First of all, let it be understood that UNESCO is not a monument, nor a world center for the mere collection of statistics. It is a part of the United Nations, and it is in this behalf that we welcome you into our midst. Our job is to be concerned 24 hours a day with the rather intangible problem of international understanding, and to stimulate the mental processes of the people back home to the realities which exist over here...that's where you come in."

Aftermath of War

"It is surprising to view the unanimity with which people view the effects of war, and the lack of unanimity with which these same people prepare to do something about it...chances for solving our problems by agreement now look slim because we no longer trust each other."

"Bear in mind that as Americans, you will be suspect over here. You'll live in a real, grim fashion. You'll be misquoted (how true!) and words will be twisted right out of your mouth. People will point to you as part of the Truman and Marshall plan—even now you're being looked upon as the youthful ambassadors of America."

"People here are tired, on edge, and they'll pounce on you when you least expect them. But over and above it all, understand that their lack of confidence in you is but a reflection of their lack of confidence in each other."

Two days and a hectic train ride later, we had crossed the French border line into Italy and made our first stop at a Jewish DP student camp in Turin.

and sheds much light on the character of Lincoln.

In regard to the UN the author said, "There is, generally, a fine understanding over the country that as long as the United Nations structure stands there is hope." Americans can no longer say that the world outside the United States is none of our business. Although there is not one world politically, there is one world in transportation and communication.

In connection with a possible World War III, he stated that there is now an atomic bomb 1,000 times more deadly in the spread of radioactivity than the one used in World War II. However, if there is not war in the next forty or fifty years, he believes that the scientist will have made such gains that there will be no wars.

Sandberg's popularity in Nebraska has been enhanced by his book of free verse poems entitled "Cornhuskers." Humorously, he said, "There is corn in it from start to finish, but not in the modern conception of the word."

The friendly, white-haired author is now working on an autobiography of an imaginary bacteriologist entitled "Fun and Fungus," a humorous book up to the final chapter which will deal with bacterial warfare.

UN Student Named 4-H Health Awards Winner

The University of Nebraska has a health champion! He is 18 year old James Harmon, freshman in the college of agriculture, who was named as one of the ten national blue ribbon winners at the National 4-H club congress held in Chicago last week.

The Gretna 4-H worker had previously been named health champion of Nebraska at the state fair in September for his outstanding record in personal health improvement and community health activities. As a result he attended the National club congress as a guest of the Nebraska 4-H organization.

"Home Cooking"

Jim attributes his good health to plenty of milk and "good home cooking" and gives his mother credit for impressing upon him the value of good health. He has always been careful to check his diet to see that it was composed of recommended foods. Take notice, home ec majors!

Active in community affairs, Harmon served as president of the junior farm bureau of Gretna. He was instrumental in the success of many beneficial campaigns such as: Tuberculosis

Christmas Seals, Cancer Fund and the March of Dimes. Jim participated in the AUF drive on cam-



pus this year and volunteered to be a blood donor.

When DDT was first introduced some years back, Jim's club took

part in demonstrations and he personally wrote the school board suggesting its use for sanitation purposes in the Gretna high school. Following up his words with action, he and his father and brothers sprayed their barns, chicken houses and other live-stock facilities.

Difficulties

Jim's life has not been a bed of roses in regards to health. He has undergone three operations, one for curvature of the spine which put him under the care of an orthopedic surgeon for a year. At the age of 12, he was operated on to correct an injury which was causing his hand to shrink and, only recently, went through another operation to remove polyps which were obstructing his nasal passages.

The health champ lives with his parents and two brothers on a 320 acre farm in Sarpy county near Gretna. His brothers are also active in health improvement, for they placed among the top six contestants in the county contest. Jim went on to win the state contest and finally to top honors with a blue ribbon in the national contest.



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