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Business Drop In Nebraska Told By U. of N.

Nebraska business activity, consistently above the national average since the fall of 1942, has finally been equalled by the nation, the University of Nebraska business research department reported late Tuesday.

As the state entered 1948 the Nebraska index stood at 176.3, or 76.3 percent above the business average for 1935-39. The national average the first of the year was the same.

Dr. Edgar Z. Palmer, department director, said the decline in business activity in Nebraska was due mainly to crop failures and lower farm production. The recent break in wheat, corn and other commodity prices is not reflected in the department's current figures.

The physical index of business activity in Nebraska and the nation for 1947, expressed in percentages of the 1935-39 average:

Month	Neb.	U. S.
January	169.9	155.2
February	168.8	156.4
March	167.5	157.4
April	166.9	157.4
May	166.2	159.9
June	166.3	160.5
July	166.2	159.6
August	162.1	164.5
September	172.5	167.4
October	174.3	170.9
November	181.2	178.4
December	176.3	176.3

Laase Named President Of Speech Association

Dr. Leroy T. Laase, chairman of the Speech and Dramatic Art department of the University of Nebraska, is the new president of the Central States Speech association.

He was named at a conference held last weekend in Chicago. Thirteen states are represented in the association.

Theta Epsilon will meet Tuesday, April 6, at 7:30 p. m. in the Ag Union recreation room. Dr. N. H. Cromwell of the Chemistry department will be the guest speaker.

News Print

WEATHER.

Tuesday may bring Lincoln April showers. Considerable cloudiness will continue with temperatures ranging from the upper thirties to the middle fifties Tuesday. Winds easterly.

ARMY DAY.

Mayor Clarence Miles issued a proclamation Monday urging the observance of Army day (April 6).

THE STRIKE SCENE.

Spring violence is not limited to the local TNE's.

One man was shot and two persons arrested in the Omaha meat packers strike Monday. A picket captain at the Armour & Co. plant was wounded in the leg when strikers attempted to prevent two women workers from entering the plant.

The husband of one of the women surrendered to police and admitted firing a shot when pickets started to force him from the party's car.

Company officials and police reported an exceptionally heavy concentration of pickets Monday morning.

Nearly all the 400,000 striking mineworkers seemed bent on ignoring the federal court order issued Saturday ordering them back to work.

John L. Lewis received the order but gave no indication of intending to act upon it. He continued to assert that he did nothing to induce the walkout.

The injunction was directed at Lewis.

Steel production, as a result of the 23-day old soft coal strike, will drop to 75 percent, or less, of capacity, according to secretary of commerce David K. Bruce. He said production sagged to 87 percent last week.

One hundred roving pickets and employees clashed at a non-union mine in West Virginia.

CHESS?

American move? Six American warships, lead by the 27,000 ton aircraft carrier Valley Forge, will touch Norway this month in a good will visit. Speculation links the visit with Russian pressures on the Scandinavian countries.

Russian move? A British transport plane crashed after colliding with a Russian fighter while preparing to land in Berlin. All 14 persons aboard the British plane and the Russian pilot were killed.

British investigators blamed the Russian pilot for the collision. They notified the Russians that RAF fighters will escort British transports unless free passage is guaranteed by the Soviets.

Gen. Lucius D. Clay, U.S. military governor, said American craft will be given fighter escort unless the Russians satisfactorily explain the crash.

THE REPUBLICAN PRIMARIES.

Wisconsin offers the first test

Kibitzing

The Student Union sponsored another Bridge Tournament on March 13, and, for the next few weeks, I will be using some of the hands from that tourney. Instead of making up the hands in advance for the tourney, all players simply played the first hand dealt at each table. In this way the players can't blame me for the distribution, and the results will be based on skill rather than luck.

North	East
S AKQ9	S J 10 4
H J87	H K5
D A52	D K86
C J 10 7	C 86532

West	South
S 8652	S 73
H 10 6	H AQ9432
D QJ743	D 10 9
C Q4	C AK9

North deals.
First of all the hand makes seven no trump. Perhaps there are some who would argue that a finesse should be made in the club suit but I can't see any excuse for this when you can play the three clubs on the last three leads, expecting a squeeze of the person holding the Q. The real problem isn't in the play of the hand, however. I don't believe it's possible to call 7 N T the correct bid; there doesn't seem to be any justification for this bid. I would recommend the following bidding:

North	East	South	West
1 spade	pass	2 hearts	pass
3 hearts	pass	4 clubs	pass
5 diam	pass	6 N T	pass
Pass	pass		

If any of you readers can see another style of bidding that seems preferable to you and one that will enable the north-south team to go to slam, please send your comments to me at the newspaper office. I would be interested in seeing your comments and printing any that seem particularly good.

Letterip

Editor,

In view of the high tide of interest in state and national politics on our campus we jointly submit this letter to the student body.

The cost of your rent and food is governed by economics which in turn is increasingly influenced by government. In short, politics indirectly determines what you pay for a meal. The two conflicting theories of economic regulation are represented in our two parties. It is in your interest that you become active in the one of your choice.

Although we differ on domestic affairs, we present a united front on foreign policy. Our opposition to Communism and its Wallace apologists is unswerving. The Wallace group is tailor made for those who would sell our souls to Moscow. These people are not welcome in either of our groups.

We urge all students to exercise their democratic privilege of suffrage on April 13. The registrations in Lincoln and Omaha are closed, but the majority of our students are from other cities and may vote by absentee ballot. The rules for such voting are as follows:

You must apply for your ballot by April 10th to your City or County Clerk. The ballot must be voted in secret, the affidavit on the envelope attested to by a notary public, and the ballot returned to the County Clerk by the day before election.

Form post cards requesting such ballots are now being prepared by our groups and will be distributed shortly. A campus get-out-the-vote drive will also be jointly undertaken by our two organizations.

D. E. Morrow, President,
U. of N. Young Democrats
David Ells, President,
U. of N. Stassen for President Club.

Editor,

For many years when enrolment was much lower than it is at the present time, voting booths have been placed in the Union. Facilities have often been inadequate, and it seems strange that the booths should not be in a more central location.

This year would be an excellent time to move to the Love Library foyer, or better still, to the sidewalk in front of the Library.

Many complaints have been voiced about the number of eligible electors who actually vote—if the Council is really sincere in wanting to remedy this situation, here is something practical that they can do.

Sincerely,
Ben M. Wall.

This is a copy of the original document signed by fifteen members of the University of Nebraska student body who have volunteered their services to President Truman to serve in an international police force under the United Nations.

Harry S. Truman
President,
United States of America
White House
Washington, D.C.

We, the undersigned, students of the University of Nebraska, do hereby volunteer to serve the United Nations as soldiers in an international police force dedicated to guarantee to all peoples of the world the presence of justice, of law, and of order, which we believe are the components of peace.

We do not believe that peace has ever been achieved, or ever can be achieved, by the military strength of one nation and her allies. We believe that world peace can be created and maintained only under a world federal government, universal and strong enough to prevent armed conflict between nations, and having jurisdiction over the individual in those matters within its authority.

Dedicating ourselves to the securing of peace for all men, we do, therefore, through the government of the United States, volunteer our services and our lives if necessary, in making it possible for the United Nations to develop according to Article 108 of its charter, or be reorganized according to Article 109 of the charter, into an organ capable of fulfilling the hopes that were originally placed in it by the common man all over the civilized world. We believe that such a fulfillment can only be achieved by the United Nations' having available to its command an armed force strong enough to enforce the decisions of its bodies, arrived at through democratic processes, respecting minority views and integrity, and representing the views of the majority of the peoples of the world.

We, the people, do not profit from war. War becomes ever more destructive to life and to civilization. We, the undersigned, are willing to fight and die in order to avert the tragedy that will engulf mankind in the event of another conflict between nation-states. We do, therefore, pledge ourselves to aid in the general advancement of society through the establishment of democratic world law, binding upon all, and made by a constitutionally-founded, representative, world legislature with executive and judicial branches.

Kermit Rhode
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John Kurz
Mervyn Chadwallader
Fred Hodek
Eugene Berman

for the principal Republican candidates. Although local supporters are optimistic, both Stassen and Dewey indicate they are confident of second place to favorite son Douglas MacArthur.

Stassen made two last eleventh hour appeals in Wisconsin Monday.

The Tafts, Bob and Martha, opened his three day bid for the Nebraska preferential vote in the panhandle yesterday.

Taft proclaimed the Republican party as for "basic protection" against foreign competition, speaking before western Nebraska sugar beet growers. He reiterated his stand that America's "whole defense" must be built around an increased air force.

In an unscheduled appearance in Torrington, Wyo., Taft said he preferred the campaign for

pledged delegates rather than in a direct primary.

Mrs. Taft opened her tour at Alliance Monday morning. In Hyannis at noon, she praised the Taft-Hartley bill as "the greatest achievement" of the GOP congress.

Arndt Addresses UN Graduate Club

Dr. Karl M. Arndt, university professor known for his humorous approach to international economics, will address the Graduate Club Wednesday, April 7, at 7:30 in the Student Union, Parlor X. Because of his ability to interpret economic problems into "laymen's" language, Dr. Arndt, at the invitation of the Lincoln State Journal, often appears as a guest columnist.

His talk Wednesday will concern the major monetary systems of the world. Dr. Arndt will describe for the group some of the conditions and events which lead to the devaluation of the franc and the debasing of the ruble. A question time will follow while refreshments are served.

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