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## From the Front Page

BY BRUCE KENNEDY

AS WAS EXPECTED the grain market steadied Thursday as government buyers stepped in to halt the falling grain prices. Secretary of Agriculture Brannan said that the government would have to "pick up some 40 million bushels of grain" in order to meet the goal of 565 million bushels shipped overseas by March 31. And Secretary Brannan had some comforting remarks for the farmers. "We still think that the outlook for farmers in 1949 is good."

GEN. DOUGLAS MacARTHUR revealed Thursday a daring and successful soviet spy ring that operated in Japan during the war. Probably the most successful espionage in history, this ring supplied the Russians with information that helped change the war. The Army added that the spy ring of the war years could easily, and probable with just as much success, be operating in some other country at the present time.

MILITARY AID in the north Atlantic Defense Alliance program might be stricken from the draft. The United States proposed that no reference to military aid be included in the pact. This would mean that if Norway does expect any military aid from the United States when she joins, she will have to look somewhere else. The expected question that Minister Halvard Lange would ask Secretary Acheson last week seems to have been answered.

PRESIDENT TRUMAN officially denounced the trial of Josef Cardinal Mindszenty in what he termed as "infamous." The President said that the trial of the Cardinal was just a kangaroo court which will go down in history as a blot against Hungary. An investigation, he said, of the trial as a violation of the Hungary Peace Treaty is now being made.

## Meddling With Melick

By M. J.

Every one seems to be setting forth resolutions for the new semester in these editorial columns, so far be it from us to neglect lofty aims and aspirations.

Therefore this column will: (1) attempt to get itself written more than once a month, (2) contain just as many misspellings and poor usages as last semester's, (3) continue to use editorial "we" in spite of words of warning from our journalism prof, and (4) go right on attacking things we don't like no matter how catty we sound or how flimsy our facts. In other words if you couldn't get through it last semester there is no hope for the future.

Of course, we have a lot of pet gripes. Number one is campus organizations which just exist with out any real service to this old institution. Number two is campus groups which operate efficiently and effectively for the honor and glory of politics. Occasionally we may even commend some worthy endeavor.

Although we pretend to know all the answers, we are going to

have to own up that we don't. One question which perplexes us no end is the forthcoming UNESCO conferences. Is it going to be a success? If so, will it serve any real purpose, or will it be just another event to add to the already impressive list of half-flops?

We grant that UNESCO is a worth while organization, at least in theory, but is it tangible enough to be initiated on the student level? The issues stagger us.

Presuming that someone is bright enough to understand and loquacious enough to debate the issues set up by the procedure committee, what is the net result? Perhaps a few house chairman will come up with some miscellaneous information about specific countries that will serve as an impressive item at the weekly bridge club or dazzle the boys in an all night poker session, but beyond that, who learns anything about "this chaotic world?"

We have heard that UNESCO can be a great experiment in education. It can?

## Editor Shakes Fist at Poet's Corner Offer

"For the last time, we will not have a poet's corner in the Rag," shouted the editor. "And that's final!" With these words ringing in her ears, Shirley Sidles, member of the Union dance committee, walked out of the Daily Nebraskan office.

A PERSPICACIOUS reporter, eager to find out what was troubling the comely Miss Sidles, followed her into the hallway only to find her tearing into small bits a sheet of copy paper. One by one she dropped the pieces of paper into a Union waste can. A tear trickled down her left cheek.

After she had made her departure, the reporter jumped into the waste can, rescued the bits of torn paper, and put them together in a secluded corner, crouched as he was beneath the basement drinking fountain.

HIS EFFORTS were not in vain. An unknown Daily Nebraskan reporter is credited with preserving the following poem for all humanity. It reads:

For All Who Party  
Here's your chance to party,  
The best of us all do;  
So if you like to dance and play  
This is something new.  
Four to six on Tuesdays,  
If classes are all done—  
Just bring your favorite date along  
And really have some fun.  
There's Krupa, Beneke, Herman,  
Kenton, too, will play.  
So for your dancing pleasure  
Dance the "Union way!"  
They also play on weekends,  
So come both night and see.  
We're sure you'll find enjoyment  
For the Union's the place to be.

## Our Policy:

If we are to sit in this cubicle known as the "editor's office" until June (and it is our intention to do that) to try our hand at bringing The Daily Nebraskan closer to the wants of the students, it would probably be a good idea to state our policy.

As the only campus newspaper, it is our duty to print all the news and print it as impartially as our staff members and reporters can make it. To re-emphasize a previously made point, let us say again that it is our hope that we will be able to give adequate coverage to all phases of campus life.

One must not construe the statement of "impartiality" of news to mean that our editorial policy is one that won't allow editorials to take sides. On the contrary, we will be taking sides on many issues.

The question arises, "on what basis will The Daily Nebraskan take sides in any controversial matter?" Our answer to that can be only this: The Daily Nebraskan stands for the good of the University and its students.

Accordingly, we will favor those things which we feel are for the good of the whole University and the majority of its students and condemn the things which are not for the good of the school nor for the major portion of its student population.

In the first place, as long as we purport to be living in a democracy, it would be well if we would practice democracy in our immediate realm — especially if we intend to sell the idea to nations teetering between "our way" and something the Russians are convinced is better. It is our intention to look into three fields — academic, social and political — to see if something closer to democracy can be achieved than what exists at present on the campus.

In the field of academics, we find that in applying for entrance into the University and in registering for courses one is asked to state his race — white, Negro, Indian, etc. The obvious question is, "Why?" Does it make a difference? And, if so, where? If the administration declares that it doesn't make any difference, then we ask, "Why is the student asked to state his race?" If the administration's answer is that it does make a difference, then we are entitled to know in just what way it does.

Another matter which needs to be looked into is the selection of students for Med school. If the administration realizes the amount of student concern on this point — the constant questioning as to why one person is selected and another is not — it should feel the obligation of making a clear explanation as to how students for Med college are picked and whether it is done on a democratic basis or not.

A point we have never had clarified for us is whether or not a student has any right of appeal in the field of academics. From our own experience, we are convinced that the vast majority of professors are pretty square shooters and are more than willing to give the student every opportunity to make good in his courses. However, every now and then we hear of incidences where professors have without just reason flunked a student or given him a grade much lower than what his work would credit. Is there a source higher than the professor to which the student may make an appeal? We know to what such a system of appeals might lead — an endless number of complaints from students who, if they faced facts rationally, should know the fault is their own. Nevertheless, we are fully convinced that there should be some kind of arrangement whereby a student is given some academic protection should he run up against a professor not possessed with complete classroom objectivity.

Our concern with the other two fields, social and political, we will consider at a later date. For the present, we urge students who have any gripes along these lines, or protests, or complaints, to put them down on paper, sign them, and send them off to THE DAILY NEBRASKAN. Remember, our most popular columnist, the one who fills the "Letterip" spaces, is YOU.

## IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE!

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## Burr Addresses Ag College Group

W. W. Burr, retired dean of Ag college, commented on German food conditions Tuesday afternoon in an address to Gamma Sigma Delta, honorary agricultural fraternity.

"Food is the number one problem in Germany," Burr said. "In 1948 in the American zone, the Germans produced about 50% of their food needs. At the same time, population in that area increased." He does not believe that Germany will be able to produce enough food to meet her domestic needs.

## Planes Scheduled For Swiss Trip

The planes for the student trips to Switzerland will leave Bradley Air Fields, Conn., June 18th, and July 5th, 8th, and 9th, according to Dr. A. Dombrowski.

Under the plan for inexpensive student trips, a trip to Europe and return, with a four weeks tour of Switzerland on an all inclusive basis may be made for \$520. Travelers may stay another two and six weeks in Europe on their own, make a group tour in France, or attend a college course of German in Tyrol, Austria.