

# They Missed the Boat . . .

Both orchids and onions have been dealt by The Daily Nebraskan regarding the miniature UNESCO conference held last week. In totaling up the praise and commendation, we conclude that the UNESCO conference was a great success. The student body and faculty, for the most part, were a failure.

The attendance of spectators at the sessions was pitifully small. Yet the issues presented at the conference and the debate that took place were of extreme interest and importance—matters with which all college students should be concerned. The concern is based, of course, on the supposition that college students and faculty members, too, are interested in world peace.

From the turnout at the conference, it is apparent that students and teachers are not too seriously concerned with what goes on in the international scene. Students used the excuse of "studies." We have noticed that these "studies" never seem to hinder the attendance at University athletic events to any great extent. Why the faculty members stayed away is something they will have to answer. Their excuses undoubtedly are as valid as those offered by the students.

The point to be made is that the UNESCO conference did not suffer the loss. It went off in fine shape and received highest praise from various officials in UNESCO activities.

The losers of the UNESCO conference were those students and faculty members who had the opportunity to attend but did not. In all probability they will not realize their loss. The losing students will continue to keep their interests limited to major athletic events, beer drinking, soshing and occasional movies. Losing faculty members will continue to regard the conference as an insignificant student project which was not of enough importance to warrant their attendance.

The students who did not lose—the ones who served as delegates from the various organized houses and groups and those who were present as observers—have the knowledge of what difficulties are presented by international conferences and understand what lies behind the barriers to achieving world unity.

To these students we say THANKS for a job well done. Whether they realize it or not, it is these individuals and others like them all over the globe who offer war-sickened people the hope that in our time we can achieve the most vital of all goals—world peace.

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## From the Front Page

By Bruce Kennedy.

President Truman's request for a vast expansion of the social security system did not meet the ington. This expansion would approval of lawmakers in Wash-mean almost double taxes for the nation. And according to lawmakers, that i tnwhotat ers, that is not what either they or the people would want. The bill might pass in part but it is almost certain that all some of it will be stricken.

HERBERT HOOVER continued his series on reorganization of the executive department. This time he hit the agricultural expenditures. It was the same old story that the commission's findings have reported before. Too many bureaus and agencies which overlap each other, and which the taxpayers support. The commission declared that this loose confederation of bureaus must be unified.

MIDWESTERNERS are keeping their fingers crossed for a slow thaw this spring. Weathermen report that floods will threaten if the thaw is too quick. Only freezing temperatures at night will prevent rivers and streams from flooding their banks.

CANADA may at last end the ties which keep it subservient to Great Britain. If permission is granted to make the Canadian constitution, everything points to an independent Canada in the near future.

## Dames Entertain Students' Wives

The University Dames will hold a get acquainted party for students' wives Thursday at 8 o'clock in Ellen Smith hall.

Jack Wells of KFAB, pianist and vocalist, will provide entertainment.

Sunday at 2:30, the Dames will hold an initiation tea in Ellen Smith hall. New members will be welcomed.

# Meddling With Melick

By M. J.

"It's not for publication."

That's a familiar phrase often barked at reporters.

This time it was used on a Daily Nebraskan reporter who attempted to get a record of a talk given by Dean T. J. Thompson at a Monday night meeting of ISA.

From various persons who attended the meeting we heard that it was a "rip rousing" denunciation of—but of course we can't say what. Rumor has it however that "faction" was mentioned, but, of course, that's not for publication. We also heard that things were said about the difficulties encountered by unaffiliated students in getting on the Rag staff, but, that too, was not for publication. Again we heard, and of course this was pure rumor, that the speaker made a statement to the effect that if the Publications Board didn't do something about the situation, he would.

We repeat that none of the above is for publication and cannot be confirmed.

If we may say so, how perfectly silly!

If Dean Thompson feels that unaffiliated students are getting a raw deal in student publications, and even we feel that he has grounds for his argument, why doesn't he say so? Why can he speak his mind to the members of ISA but not to the entire student body?

He can't possibly fear treading on someone's toes and surely his opinions on such a controversial issue as this are of vital interest to all the students.

We fail to see why the views of Dean Thompson should be addressed to one segment of the student body and withheld from another.

Explanation please!

# Letterip

Editor, Daily Nebraskan:

The purpose of the Student Council, we understand, is to take action on important issues concerning the student body.

The editorial in the Daily Nebraskan yesterday attempted to reassure us of this fact, when a Council member rose to the Student Council's defense and stated that the group is "taking action" on:

- (1) What can be done about cheating in final exams?
- (2) What can be done to increase the relationship of foreign and U. S. students on the campus?

This is very nice. But . . . what has been done? Where are the results? Where were the miraculous inventions to stop "radaring" last exam week?

The plan to bring displaced persons to the University as students is certainly commendable, but isn't it necessary to establish good relations between the U. S. students and the foreign students already on the campus first? The Council states that it is working out a plan to better this relationship. What is this plan?

The Council must be unnecessarily modest. If they have been concentrating on these problems, there must be some concrete evidence to show that the Council has accomplished something. To this time, the evidence has been well-hidden.

Accomplishments listed by the Council this year come as a surprise. Many students would have liked to know that books were cheaper at Regents before they bought this semester's texts; tickets to student functions were as outrageous as usual. Despite the fact that the Council must really mean "slow" when they say "slow" progress in reference to discrimination in the Big Seven, we're glad to find out that they had the time to set up a skating rink. Hurray for the skating rink.

Provided, we see, from the agenda, are decisive actions on: various scholastic problems . . . what problems and what actions?; securing representation on faculty committee on student affairs and social functions . . . has it been done?

Freedom of discrimination in housing, and fair basis of entrance to medical school, the editorial says, were found to be impossible problems to cope with . . . the limited powers granted in the Council Constitution hinder them, it seems. Unintentionally, I am sure, they pointed to the faculty and administrative incompetence as a reason

for the issues remaining unsolved. If the student representatives do feel that the faculty and administration should be more active in helping with student problems, why don't they do something about it?

An even better suggestion might be to revise the Constitution so that they could handle these STUDENT problems themselves. They would then be safe from the accusations—unfounded, I hope—that there are certain problems that the Council will not handle because they don't have the guts to ponder on any controversial subjects. —Sharlot Maurer.



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