

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Dec. 7, 1950 . . .

December 7—a date few Americans of this generation will ever forget. Just nine years ago today the Japanese surprise attack on Pearl Harbor pulled the United States into a world conflict—"another war to end all wars."

On Dec. 7, 1941, diplomats from Japan were in Washington to confer with U. S. officials about a "peace pact." On Dec. 7, 1950, diplomats from Red China are in Lake Success to talk about "peaceful" settlement of the conflict in Korea.

Since Dec. 7, 1941, the world has gone through a near-total war; set up an international peace organization in the United Nations; readjusted partially to "post-war" problems; and stumbled onto the brink of another world conflict of ideologies.

This day offers an opportunity for college students to stop for a moment and think—where have we been and, most important, where are we going.

Most of today's college students were affected only remotely by the last war. We were in junior high and high school then, and to most of us the biggest hardships we faced were shortages of gas, chewing gum, and candy bars. Only when the war slashed into our families and the families of our friends did we feel the bitter effects of war. Except for the veterans who are still in school, real war came to most of us second hand—through the motion pictures, the newspapers, and the radio.

Today the desperate situation in Korea makes the possibility of another war infinitely real to us. This will be our war.

One college editor has pointed out that the soldiers of the last war knew what they were fighting for—the United States had been attacked by the Japanese. But, he continues, the future veterans of World War III are more cynical, and many of them have no goal. Those who do, doubt that they will ever attain it.

It cannot be denied that pessimism is the easiest course of thought to follow, when each day the newspaper headlines bring more news of Allied retreats in Korea. Some people will argue that pessimism is the only course to follow.

But those who say that the college generation of today has no goal, that it does not know what it is fighting for, take a pretty narrow view of the battle. They say the United States has no business in Korea, that we are just acting like a big brother to the country across the tracks.

These pessimists are forgetting a very big factor—belief and faith in democracy. The word democracy comes in for a lot of vague batting around, but most college students know within themselves what it means, even if they can't define it. In part it means freedom of thought, religion and enterprise—all considered capitalist ideals by the communists.

The war in Korea, it has been pointed out, is but a small part in the world-wide pattern of conflict between democratic freedom and communistic control. The soldiers in Korea are fighting to save that freedom in which even the pessimists admittedly believe. They are fighting to keep the communists from running over another country which, alone, is almost defenseless.

Those who say we do not know what we are fighting for are wrong. If the peace efforts of the leaders of the allied countries fail, and World War III becomes a reality, we will know why we are going to war.

We will be fighting for what we believe in—freedom, not only for ourselves, but for the entire world.—n. c.

The Wrong Slant . . .

John Jarrell of the Omaha World-Herald news bureau in Washington predicted a "state of emergency" declaration by President Truman in the very near future. The exclusive story, which appeared in Wednesday morning's World-Herald edition, went on to forecast a stepping up of the draft machinery.

To most of the male students on the campus this was disheartening news. It appeared that most of us would be in the armed forces before the first semester was out. Justifiable concern was expressed in many places.

The Daily Nebraskan has gathered all information possible in an effort to clear up any doubts that may exist. From all we can learn the situation looks like this: Draft boards are required by law to allow students to finish the current year, which ends June, 1951. This can only be changed by an act of Congress, not by administrative action. Even if the President does declare a state of emergency within the next week, he must wait until Congress changes the present draft law before calling students out of school.

The lame duck Congress is in session now. The new Congress will take over in January. Whether either of these sessions would change the law cannot be determined. They may in case of a state of emergency, but again we must wait for certainty. Nothing can be predicted now with assurance.

The story in yesterday morning's World-Herald (which was not reprinted in the evening edition) was extremely misleading. It sounded as if the state of emergency was already declared and this was the first news of it. It definitely created more of the home-front's worst enemy—pessimism.

We hope all newspapers will refrain from playing up stories that create a more pessimistic attitude than exists now. The people do not have to be shocked into realization of the seriousness of the present situation. They have been aware of it for some time. There is no need for predictions of something that MIGHT happen in big black headlines. Instead, there is a need for less pessimism, worry and concern in the country. And newspapers should do their part in this effort.

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SOCIETY

Coeds Find Novelty Footwear Popular

BY BEV HAGAN

"Innovations in footwear" describes this season's shoe trends. Since Christmas time—the season for dressy affairs—is just a few classes away, why not include yourself on your gift list by buying a new pair of shoes to liven up your wardrobe and make you feel like new.

Trimmings are dainty and there is an air of subtle elegance. Shoe designers have taken a big step away from "showy" styles of the past and have achieved a certain delicacy for the foot. The main emphasis is placed on a lighter, open look with wafer-thin soles.

Opera pumps still maintain their No. 1 position with variations in heels, closed toes, cut outs and color.

Stylish Delman, Millers have a high-fashion shoe with a "crazy toe." The d'Orsay out toe is of lace satin. This new "on your toes" development is a startling and novel treatment. As comfortable as an opera pump, this shoe has that special after-dark look, with open or closed heel.

Lizard Regular Lizard, as dressy or tailored as your costume, is dominant at Magees. With matching bags

they will go with any outfit. A word to the wise: when you polish your shoes, don't forget your reptile bag. Keep the set up to par and they will last forever.

Kidskin is entering a new era of popularity and patent leather is back with new vigor.

Gold's have any style of opera pump you wish—in many colors and in leather and suede. They're still the perfect standby for all occasions.

Tall Girls' Shoes

If your date is rather short and you're kind of tall, Simon's have flats with a slim, smart look about them. They feature styles by Connie, Marquise and Jacqueline, the houses that cater to college fashion on a high note. Many coed agreed, after they were shown Simon's selection, that this is the place to go for classroom shoes and for girls who need no height.

The silhouette is important from head to toe. Coats and dresses draw attention below the hemline and shoes are being selected with more care by style-wise women.

So decide what type of shoe you need. Then take a trip down town where you'll find all the exciting atmosphere of this holiday season.



(This column is written at the request of the Editor of The Daily Nebraskan, but is intended to reflect the other opinion than that of the author.)

The Korean situation is still very much in flux, but the basic contours now seem to be taking shape. It is clear that at the moment the initiative has passed to the Chinese Communists, and that the eventual outcome will very largely rest upon their decision.

It is not impossible that they will be induced to halt short of total military conquest, but that would mean on their terms. Or, they may dismiss such a move as a sign of weakness and press for a decisive military victory. The former is only possible; the latter, probable.

Should evacuation by United Nations forces take place, it will seem to many like an act of aggression. But that would be to misinterpret the whole meaning of the word as applied to the events of the 1950's. We would not espouse, as did Chamberlain, because we thought it meant peace. Quite the contrary. We would withdraw honorably after putting up a fight against insuperable odds. While rightfully indignant of the perfidy practiced by the enemy, and properly alerted to danger in the future, we should have the fortitude of a Joe Stilwell, and simply admit that "They gave us a hell of a beating." Peace was not won in a beating; it was won by a single battle.

Assuming this dark alternative we should view events against certain basic considerations which geo-strategists of both the stival-chair and arm-chair variety cannot afford to overlook.

First, we are living in a revolutionary era which makes the hope of a just settlement of all issues very difficult. Many states would protest that a settlement was being made with only their present power taken into consideration, with their potential power disregarded. Specifically, Communism China will not tolerate treatment as a second-rate, or third-rate, power.

Second, we are still living in a power-motivated world. Only majority decisions which are enforceable, make sense. Every power is concerned basically with its own self-interest.

Third, geography makes Korea strategically untenable for any power except her neighbors, China and the U.S.S.R. That little peninsula is no place to call the Communist bluff, if it is a bluff, and especially so if it is not a bluff.

Fourth, the base of American power is this continent. With our world-wide commitments the amount of power which we can pour into an area some 6,000 miles away is infinitesimal. To jeopardize it in a generally hostile area is to place small value on human lives. Our present concern should be—and seems to be—to save American lives, and not try to do the impossible in a military sense.

Fifth, we are in no sense of the word prepared to take on a major antagonist, namely, Communist China and Soviet Russia. It is only incidental that they themselves are not ready for total war.

Sixth, we must face realistically the disheartening prospect that even if we had been permitted to unite Korea and establish a state of our own liking, it would undoubtedly have gone through a quick transformation after our departure. One of the penalties of being a small state is that it has little prospect of determining its own future. It is inconceivable that Korea could have long maintained a course diametrically opposed to that of her big neighbors.

The above may not provide much satisfaction for those of us who hoped for better things, but they are important for a proper evaluation of the entire Korean episode. If things go better than anticipated here, this writer will be one of the first to concede a miscalculation of the situation. Meanwhile, this column will be open to any responsible person who wishes to take issue with any of the above premises.

NU Bulletin Board

Thursday Teaching position candidates meeting at Love auditorium, 4 p.m. Very important to all those interested in teaching next year. Come prepared to take notes.

Religious welfare council will hold its monthly meeting at 6 p.m. in the Cornhusker room of the YMCA.

Alpha Zeta initiation Thursday, 7 p.m., at the horse barn.

Van's Vine

by Joan Van Valkenburg

Beware if an AOPi asks you to the Mortar Board ball. It seems the reservation for a party of 12 at the Acme Chili parlor is only the beginning of their date's plight.

Other coeds on campus are also now busily scheming for the turn-about event.

A group of Alpha Chi's were busy last night concocting weird corsages. Mickey McKie is rather hoping Val Hammond hasn't a sweet tooth, or hers won't last too long at the dance. Claire Raish's only hint to Jim Massey is that she hopes he'll be thirsty, and Jean Steven wonders if hers will give Sid McVickers claustrophobia.

Laura Scherff, Nancy DeBord, Cathie Cox, and Bev Smith will also adorn Bob Waters, Leon Pfeiffer, Chuck Duger, and Don DeVries with their masterpieces of originality and workmanship.

Before the basketball game Monday night, there were a couple of hurried candy passings. The message revealing the name of the candy owner at the Chi Omega house was hidden in one of the chocolates which could be found only by biting into it.

After considerable suspense and the paper falling into the catpaw, the engagement of Art Bryant and Janice Hannaford was disclosed.

Their plans for a wedding are as yet indefinite. Bryant is a junior and Miss Hannaford will graduate in June. They are both from Beatrice.

The ATO's marched to the Alpha Phi house for the pinning of Marilyn Ogden and Carl Brasse.

Poor "Mo" has been secretly pinned since August, but was waiting until Carl was through with Monday night football practice to pass candy.

The couple have gone together for several years, and are both sophomores from Omaha.

Recent steady couples are Ruth Raymond and Jerry Warren, and Trish Mayer and Charlie Talbot.

A new diamond is now in the AOPi house. Lucille Anderson received it from Paul Leineman. Leineman is a Beta Sig now serving in the armed forces. No date has been set for the wedding.

A buffet dinner will be given for active Alpha Chi's and their parents Sunday, Dec. 10 at 5 o'clock.

Jan Lindquist and Joyce Caha, and others will give a few skits. "Snooky" Coryell is going to entertain guests with a dance.

The Kappa Alpha Theta District President, Mrs. Marvin Schmitt, will be the guest of the chapter next week. Mrs. Schmitt will arrive from Omaha Monday. Correction and addition: Frankie Carle was the guest of Earl Burnett at Arbor Manor Saturday night. Present was Bob Conover, also a Delta Sig, as well as George Wilcox and Mary Hubka.

Actives of Gamma Phi Beta made a hurried departure from the Crib last week—without even paying the bill.

But it wasn't because they wanted to! They were drug out by mischievous skipping pledges.

Taken out in the country to return home by foot were Barb Young, Barb Wiley, Gerry Kirk, and Mary Pitterman. A car of actives hot on the trail picked them up shortly however.

Dining outside of town, the pledges were foiled in their plot. The air was let out of their tires, making escape an impossibility.

The Crib's been squared, and peace again reigns in the chapter.

Net Champions . . .



VOLLEYBALL WINNERS—Members of Kappa Kappa Gamma's championship team are: front row (l. to r.) Kelly Cumberton, Joan Fike, Patsy Peters, Andy Huntington and Mickle Fike. Back row (l. to r.) Jody Loder, Marli Mooberry, Mary Ryons, Nancy Moore and Jean Wilson.

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Husker: "Military Academy," 1:30, 3:38, 6:26, 8:54. "Hostile Country," 2:38, 5:06, 7:34, 10:02.



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