

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Wrong Method of Control...

One of the greatest problems facing Americans today is how the nation can protect itself against communism and other subversive elements while preserving the constitutional liberties under which we have grown strong and free.

The Internal Security act, better known as the McCarran act, passed by congress last September, over President Truman's veto, was an attempt to curb communist activities.

However, we believe some provisions to be unconstitutional in many respects and entirely ineffective in accomplishing their objectives.

In this editorial we shall deal in general with some of the highlights and general affects of the bill. Later we shall consider particular provisions.

A basic objection of the act is that actually it proposes to use a sort of meat ax to hit evils which can be more effectively dealt with by skillful use of a properly shaped scalpel.

While trying to protect the internal security of the United States the act has created evils far more serious than those which it is aimed at remedying.

Some provisions may be unconstitutional; others are impractical.

In considering what should be the most effective action in preserving internal security, it should be remembered that congress has from time to time enacted various statutes designed to protect the government against injury from acts of allies of the world communist movement.

Experience has demonstrated that certain statutes need strengthening. Sections 18 to 21 of the McCarran act incorporate changes relating to the

present espionage statutes, the Foreign Agents registration act and the statute of limitations as it affects prosecutions for violating espionage laws.

In succeeding editorials we shall consider in detail some of the following sections and consequences: the registration provision requiring every communist to register and the possibility of self-incrimination; the direct criminal sanctions; the various penalties of the act; the impractical definition of several terms including "totalitarian governments"; changes in the exclusion and deportation of aliens; changes concerning diplomats and international organization personnel.

We must realize we are living at a time when the American people themselves are becoming hysterical over the communist threat. True, it must be watched closely and controlled. But we must be careful also to guard our precious rights of freedom of speech and the press which the McCarran act seemingly has forgotten.

America has grown great under principles of liberty and equality. So long as we keep our political and economic institutions stable and assure our rightful liberties, we need not fear communism.

Justice Robert H. Jackson made a wise comment a few days after congress passed the McCarran act. He pointed out that the act shows lack of strength in our democratic institutions and only undermines the confidence of the American people in freedom of speech and the press.

—j. k.

Apologies ...

Our apologies to Rev. Rex Knowles.

Wednesday, The Daily Nebraskan used its lead editorial "Beginning of Lent" and ran the article unsigned.

Due to an unintentional mistake, Rev. Knowles was not properly acknowledged as the author of the article, a guest editorial.

The editorial should hold true meaning for every student and it is our intention that its author be given full credit for his contribution.

When President Truman made his State of the Union address on the radio a few weeks ago, a Daily Northwestern reporter thought it would be a good idea to get some professors' opinions on the speech.

However, he was in for quite a surprise. It seems that out of all the profs he interviewed, none of them had an opinion on the speech. As a matter of fact, none of them had heard it.

There is absolutely nothing like being informed.

The Silver and Gold of the University of Colorado reports that the University's winter sport enthusiasts may be disappointed to learn that they won't be able to skate at the University ice rink. The reason for this astounding statement is very logical and simple: No ice!

Remarkable deduction.

How many students on campus have ever wondered if their feverishly-written term papers are really read by the profs.

According to the Hastings Collegian, a student at the college decided to test the profs and see if they actually did read all the term papers required in a course.

As a way of testing one of his instructors, he inserted a paragraph in his term paper stating that he didn't believe teachers read what pupils wrote, and asked the professor to underline that paragraph if he read it. His paper was returned to him—unmarked.

My term paper worries are over at last!

Pledge Slaves ...



Kappa Pledges Settle AUF Debt, Enslaved by Sig Eps

Slaves for a day! That was the experience of the Kappa pledges Saturday when they were forced to serve the Sig Eps for the day. The pledge class had been sold to the Sig Eps at the AUF auction.

Comedy of Errors

By Donna Prescott. The Alpha Phi pledges finally gave their delayed Christmas present to the active chapter Monday night. When you go to the Phi house from now on you'll use the new gold doorknocker.

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SOCIETY

'The Thing' for Spring Is Red Hair, "Rats"

by Jean Fenster. "To dye or not to dye." That is the question which a lot of campus coeds are going to be asking themselves this spring.

16 Groups to Have Booths at Carnival

Coeds of 16 campus organizations are busy this week making plans for Saturday's Penny Carnival. The annual event, which is sponsored by the Coed Councilors, will be held in the Union ballroom from 2 until 4:30 p.m., Feb. 10.

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Advertisement for Gold's of Nebraska featuring 'The DEB Spring Story' and 'Fashion FLATS'. It includes an illustration of a woman's face and a pair of high-heeled shoes. Text: 'The DEB Spring Story Fashion FLATS The Pride and Joy of SMART GIRLS'.