

### Editorial Comment

#### Will Congress Snub Prejudice? . . .

Today, the House of Representatives will consider a bill approved by the armed services committee to draft boys at 18½ years and setting up universal military training later.

Of special concern is the amendment attached by Representative Winstead (D, Miss.) which would give draftees a choice of serving in racially segregated or non-segregated units. When the draftee registered, he would be able to write in whether he has a preference.

This particular provision was not in the draft bill which passed the Senate March 9. Nevertheless, the House committee approved at 21-12.

Race prejudice, it seems, still plagues some of our congressmen.

Oh, no doubt, all 21 legislators who voted for the amendment were not race-mongers. They voted with loyal consciences with the welfare of the country at heart. If the amendment would help "sensitive" soldiers to better carry out their duties, then better add it, they reasoned.

Introduced by a die-hard of the white supremacy dogma, the amendment found a ready acceptance during our war emergency.

Let's face it. Americans have two main battles with which to contend—one against the Reds and the other against discrimination. In both conflicts, we are fighting for a common principle—human rights. We must win both battles if we want a strong and free America. Perhaps the latter will be the toughest; still we are winning.

It's hard to erase the thoughts of prejudice that are still firmly entrenched in some sections of our country. And the situation is not eased any by the tactics of the Bilbos and the Talmadges, proponents of Jim Crowism.

Imagine someone asking the deportation of 12 million Negro citizens to Liberia; calling on "every red-blooded Anglo-Saxon in Mississippi" to resort to any means to keep hundreds of Negroes from the polls!

Such fantastic logic existed in the person of the late Sen. Theodore G. Bilbo of Mississippi. His ridiculous behavior so angered his more ethical colleagues that they contested his right to a Senate seat.

They simply believed in human rights. Also consider the case of Georgia's governor, "Hammon" Talmadge who found his policy of white supremacy backfired. "Mistakenly," Talmadge had appointed two persons to serve on a White House conference committee who were Negroes. Discovering his mistake, Talmadge promptly informed his state chairman for the conference that no Negroes were to serve on the committee. The Negroes demanded an explanation to no avail. Later when these facts were presented to the national committee, it voted unanimously to deny Georgia the right to participate in the White House conference.

A victory for human rights. When two Negroes applied for admission to graduate school at the University of Tennessee last fall, the president rushed to the state attorney general with the question: In view of the Supreme court rulings, would Tennessee take them in. "Yes" was the answer. Rather resignedly, the president stated, "We must bow to the inevitable and go along as good citizens of the U.S." How generous of them.

But consider their defeat another victory for human rights.

It is likely that the amendment to the proposed draft law will be wasted effort. If it were passed, it would point to the smallmindedness of those lawmakers who still are afraid to tangle with the race problem.

Certainly a suggestion by a Mississippian of

the Bilbo caliber: can afford to die for lack of support.

It is a recognized fact that there is a shortage of leaders in the Army. The Korean war has claimed many of the Army's junior officers and key noncoms. There is a definite lack of good ones here in the States to go around.

Army brass seem to believe that segregation is just plain silly in the training divisions. They have found it easier to overcome the leadership shortage with non-segregation.

The color of a man's skin makes no difference in the selection of the ablest men to serve as acting sergeants. Mixed squads led by Negroes are becoming common. It seems that non-segregation is working well, despite the discreditable objections of some Southerners.

The Army isn't running a charm school for anyone's "elite" kids. It's job is simply to train all kinds of men to be soldiers in a very real war, that permits little time for social snobbery. —k.a.

#### UN Conference . . .

Months of preparation will take concrete form tonight when delegates of 52 nations assemble for the opening sessions of this year's model United Nations. Time and effort that Nebraska Council for World Affairs has contributed to this project will be noticeable when Chairman Jack Solomon calls the first session to order.

In a time when the world is faced with major conflicts between ideologies and other less important ones between even the democracies themselves, the United Nations conference holds more significance than ever before. No other time since the end of World War II have college students been so acutely aware of the significance of the world's news each day. Now they know their future depends not just on their own sphere of activities, however important they may be, but on activities and actions of the United States and nations of the world.

The model UN conference is sponsored to offer University students a chance to learn, by doing, functions of the United Nations, the international body for maintaining peace and security. Regardless of personal opinions as to how effective this organization will prove to be, all students should take advantage of a chance to become better acquainted with functions and problems the United Nations faces while attempting to maintain peace.

Too many times lay observers are apt to wonder just why nations cannot settle difficulties just as any other two parties must do. Perhaps participating or observing this model conference will enable all students to become aware of the acute differences in background, ideologies and solutions each nation's delegates face in the real United Nations.

There's no frivolous glamour about any conference which deals with so deep a topic as world peace and the maintenance of security. But neither is there with living a military life. Until more students—students of our generation—are willing to contribute some of their life and thought to promoting friendship and be vitally aware of every day's news without the incentive of maybe it will tell whether your draft number is going to come up—we will continue in the state we have for the past generation—conflict and war.

Participation in this conference—its political committees as a whole and the two sub-committees—which will deal with two vital questions of today, Korea and admission of Red China and Spain, will provide opportunity to see model world conflicts introduced, discussed and possibly solved. —j.k.

### Letterip

#### India's Position

To the United Nations Political Committee:

In view of the forthcoming sessions of the United Nations political committee at the Union, April 3, 4, 5 and 6, the Indian delegation wishes to state its position relative to the Korean situation. At no time since the outbreak of hostilities has there been a more pressing need for vigorous, positive action to resolve that conflict in a peaceful yet un-biased manner. A refusal on the part of the political committee to take such action will eventuate in almost immediate global war and international chaos. We are convinced that:

1. The United States is injecting its own narrow brand of chauvinistic imperialism into the conduct of United Nations operations in Korea. A die-hard American militarist is a virtual dictator of U.N. policies at the front, and by his actions and ill-timed remarks is, possibly unwittingly, subverting the stated aims and objectives of the peace loving United Nations. The United States is apparently loath to press for anything but a purely military conquest in Korea at a time when a political solution is a necessity.

2. The Soviet Union, dominated by the bigots in the Kremlin likewise is acting in poor faith in Korea. By its tacit supports both morally and militarily, of the Peiping and North Korean governments it has inspired and perpetuated a bitter fratricidal war among the peoples of Korea. With a stoicism worthy of the Dei Buddha, the leaders in the Kremlin have refused to compromise or concede anything which might hinder their military power. In Korea we are at last seeing the ugly, barefaced face of aggressive, militant international Communism bent on world domination.

The time has arrived when it is the duty of the oppressed and under-fed peoples of Asia and the rest of the world to unite in demanding that this wholly alien East-West blood bath in Korea be brought to an immediate conclusion, and that the Korean people be rehabilitated so that they may take their place among us as a truly UNITED NATION.

The Indian Delegation to the United Nations

#### AG BULLETIN BOARD

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Free move—in the Lounge at 12:15 p.m.

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Wednesday

Discussion Group—meeting on the proposed Ag Council in the Lounge at 4:30.

General Entertainment—meeting in Music Room at 5 p.m.

Dance Committee—meeting in Room 110 at 5 p.m.

## Social Life

### Comedy of Errors

After yesterday's issue of the column, we will again get down to the serious business of telling you who went where when and who are the new twosomes on the campus.

This week-end the Alpha Xi's had their annual dinner-dance in the Cornhusker hotel. Their dates received gold crested knives for souvenirs. Dancing to the music of Albers Sorenson were: Bill Griffin from St. Louis and Jeannie Peters, Jayne Wade and Bill Anderson, Mary Hoffmeister and Don Bever, Bev Anderson and Chuck Deuser, Bill Farrow from Colorado and Jo Fickling.

Recent marriages: Carrie Ann Pederson and Ralph Meston, Kay Dodson and Joe Neal, Milly Richmond and Frank McReynolds, Jim Kirschbaum and Sally Rothenberger, Pat Gaddis and Jim Van Burgh, Bill Drayer and Shirley Fried.

The Phi Psi's had a date dinner Sunday evening given by the alums. Dates were: Dick Hollander and Jane Jackson, Paul Kruse and Barbara Adams, Butch Wells and Jean Wilson, Sandy Crawford and Sandra Walt, Brick Paulson and Jo Johannas.

The Theta Xi's also had a date dinner Sunday evening. Dates were: Lois Anderson and Paul Laase, Joyce Hays and Allan Blaha, Art Dickey and Pat Nolan, and Jim Parmalee, and Micky Wyatt.

Engagements include: Bonnie Varney and Bill Mullneau from Broken Bow, Susie Marshall and Bill Cronin, Marilyn Mooney and Dale Hueske, Marilyn Lafter and John Anderson.

At Arbor Manor Saturday evening, there was a small party. Those attending were: Ted Cannon and Susie Reinhart, Bob Swain and Jo Finney, Jerry Robertson and Dolly McQuistan, Bob Schleiger and Jo Stroble, Wayne Eisenhart and Barb Yeager.

### New Perfume Introduced

Eleanor Nangle, fashion expert, says that something truly spring-like has come to town. A fanciful, fragrant liquid called a "mist." It has managed to capture the most algie charm of all the spring flowers of the seasons.

These new colognes and perfumes contain the elements of rose, jasmine, lily of the valley, carnation, lilac, apple blossom, lavender, daffodil, tube rose and honeysuckle.

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### Battered Buildings Illustrate NU's Inadequate Funds

By Rod Riggs

Ever complain about the old structures where classes are still being held, at apparent peril to life and limb? And none of us like the way the quadrangle looks, with the temporary buildings and a battered student building standing in the middle of it. The need for new and larger buildings has been obvious to us all.

It seems that since we have all taken it upon ourselves to come to college, that the college could at least welcome us with new and permanent buildings and spacious facilities.

The fact that our school administrators are settled in a building that is creaking to its foundation is in itself indicative of the facilities of our school. The whole problem seems to stem from one cause: not enough money.

When parents send their children to college, their usual reason is to further the education of their offspring. They pay the bills and expect a reasonable return from their investment. But they do not do enough!

The people of the state do not seem to realize that, for a small additional investment, their returns could be increased many times.

It is true that earnings are higher now than at any time in the past in Nebraska. So are taxes.

But the future of the country lies, as has been said times without number, with the youth of the country. It is the duty of the older generation to prepare the youth in the best way possible for their tour of duty.

College "kids" are more mature now than ever before. Perhaps as a reflection of the times, they more willingly accept the responsibilities that are thrown to them. But they must be more adequately prepared to discharge these duties.

The University needs more money. There are many problems to be investigated, questions to be answered, solutions to be found. For this work, the University needs increased facilities, more equipment, new buildings.

There is only one place from which the money can come. Taxes are already high enough, but there should be increased appropriations for educational purposes in general and for the University in particular.

The waste of the mature, experienced minds of the faculty and of the eager, inquisitive minds of the student body should prey upon the people just as the waste of their other natural resources irritates them. Maybe this would be one way to keep the young people in the state.

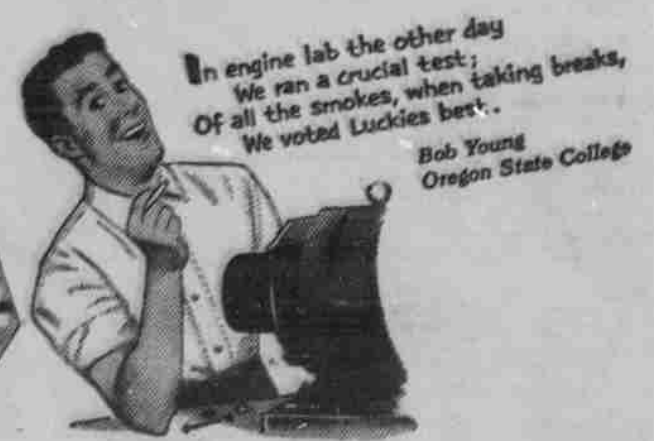
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