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-Tom Rische-Are We Scared?

I am not now, never have been, and have never knowingly and intentionally participated in groups which were communistic or supported communistic aims. I believe in the free enterprise system and believe that each and every American citizen has a right to the freedoms which are guaranteed in the Bill of Rights. In politics, I consider myself an independent with slight Republican leanings.

The above statement is made just for the record in the light of what will follow in this column.

Time was when the average American citizen could say what he thought without fear of being accused of being a member of some subversive group. But in 1946, a man who was elected to the United States Senate by Wisconsin voters changed all that. This man decided that he need not have facts to back up his assertions. All he had to do was defame his enemies on the Senate floor, where he enjoyed congressional immunity. The man gave his name to this new tactic in American politics: McCarthyism,

Since then, most Americans have been afraid to utter or associate with anything that sounded like it might have a pink tinge.

A recent survey by the New York Times indicates that the long-time trend of free-thinking and expression on American college campuses may be dying. The Times concluded that there is a "widening tendency toward passive acceptance of the situation, desire to conform and narrowing of the area of tolerance in which students, faculty and administrators feel free to speak, act and think independently."

The five major areas of fear listed by the Times were:

1. Social disapproval.

2. Criticism by regents, legislatures and friends.

3. A "pink" or communist label.

4. Rejection for further studies at graduate schools.

5. The spotlight of investigation by government and private industry for post-graduate

employment and service with the armed forces. The University of Nebraska was one of the 72 universities contacted in the Times survey, and I happened to be one of the students contacted for the survey at this university. At the time, I come to my attention. Some of them are:

1. A boy living in one of the organized houses on campus was found to have some "pink" a bill requiring loyalty oaths of University emhad hatora the house council and ouizzed



having a "pink" tinge. The copy was rejected and never published.

4. The chairman of the Nebraska University Council for World Affairs model assembly last year, suddenly began receiving a stream of literature obviously communistic in content. She became worried about being thought a "red" and place in the over all strategy that reported the matter to the group's adviser who is Red imperialism. It is not a coin turn reported the matter to the F.B.I. She two countries which normally proof being a communist.

discovered that their program chairman had Red guerrillas who have been see-"pink" leanings. His programs were ignored and sawing back and forth across the a different set installed.

6. Joan Krueger, associate editor of the rest of Asia of vitally needed food. Daily Nebraskan, last spring, set out to gather Indo-China's position on the Asian some material for an oration on the effects of continent. It lies like a road-block the "red scare" in Nebraska. She ran an ad in to Malaya's rubber plantations The Daily Nebraskan requesting information and Indonesia's rich oil fields. The about communism. After a few irate calls from these resources. local citizens and queries from a newspaper, she dropped the matter, but with plenty of material local importance of Indo-China,

for an oration. She had received a few notes, third of France's army is tied either anonymous or in disguised hand-writing. She later learned that the ad had been reported defense of Europe, to the F.B.I.

universities, Michigan and Oklahoma, have had The casualty rate investigations of their so-called "liberal" groups. alent every year to half the grad-

even to this campus. America has had periods of hysteria before, but the senator from Wis- Jean De Lattre de Tassigny, World consin has added to it with a new technique. Perhaps some of the people he has named are red sympathizers, but it has become increasingly obvious that many of his charges are un- aid and interest for his part of the founded. At first, my reaction and that of many others was that if such charges were made by a man in high office, there must be something them. Subsequent events have not proved to this supposition, however.

Are we scared? Apparently the answer to said that I thought that there wasn't much fear this question must be "yes." I do not always say at this institution, but I have since changed my all that I think for fear that it might be held mind. A few examples of this "Red scare" and against me at some future time. I think that most its effects on students at this university have college students, and even professors, react the Mass Meeting same way.

Last spring, the Nebraska legislature passed Scheduled By literature in his room for one of his classes. He ployes, among others. There was no general pro- NU Builders test over it, although one or two individual com

a Student Views the News By CHARLES GOMON

Staff News Writer Nations, like people, sometimes consider that the only important things which are going on in the world are things in which they themselves have a part.

Eighty thousand American casualties in Korea are reason enough for us to be interested in that bit of real estate, but it sometimes irks our allies, the French, when we fail to remember that they have been fighting a full-scale, shooting war against the communists for six years in Indo-China.

Few communist inspired disincidence that Indo-China, one of

country have kept the harvest to a minimum, thus depriving the Of strategic' importance also is

Even if we disregard the down there, making that many fewer troops available for the

In addition, most of France's competent, experienced officers There have been reports that at least two and non-coms are in Indo-China. among young officers is so high that it is equiv-So it goes. The fingers of fear have reached uating class from France's West Point

Under the leadership of General

War II hero sometimes called the country now to get more American fight

It will be interesting to see whether he gets the help he needs, since he holds an opinion of the importance of Asia quite similar to that of General Mac-Arthur, and thus in opposition to the view held by the Truman administration.

-Food For Inought Sorority Furore Abates

Ryan, reporter for the Associated Collegiate Press feature service on the results of the showing of the picture, "Take Care of My Little Girl.") By HOWIE RYAN

ACF Reporter

All college students who were interviewed agreed the movie was unfair to the Greeks. Most violent reaction to the film came from a senior in high school. "It wasn't typical of sororities at all," she said. "Sororities are just the thing for a girl who wants to get ahead socially in college . . . Besides, rushing and pledging are fun-not miserable like in the show."

When asked if the movie had changed their attitudes, most interviewers replied, "I don't know anything about sororities." One sorority girl replied acidly, "Well, I don't think I'll turn in my pin, if that's what you want to know".

But a college senior, who admitted he was wanted to take no chances about being accused duces enough rice for export to definitely anti-Greek, remarked, "No, I'm still the rest of undernourished Asia, convinced the fraternity-sorority arrangement is should be torn by civil strife. a good deal, it have these presentable in one cona good deal---it keeps those screwballs in one sec-

> From the standpoint of mere entertainment the movie seems to have fallen short. Fewer than half of those interviewed said they would recommend the movie to their friends. One middle-aged man said he wouldn't have attended it himself, were it not that the inside of his house was being painted and he wanted to get away from the smell. A great many said the show was "all right," but "nothing exceptional." The final question-do you agree with the In-

terfraternity Council's view that the movie was cock" . . . and "Is McCarthy hitting Hollywood now?"

writer concludes that "Take Care of My Little heartbreak for those who can't join."

(Editor's note-This is an article by Howard Girl" was vastly overrated by both Greeks and anti-Greeks in its powers of persuasion

The majority of spectators who knew little of nothing about the Greek system left the movie feeling their knowledge had been only slightly augmented.

As for college students who saw the film, their dominant view might be summed up by one of them who mumbled at the close of the picture, "Just more Hollywood hogwash."

There are indications that Hollywood foll on its face in trying to rouse public sentiagainst college fraternity-severity elements w the Greek-blasting film, "Take Care of My Little Girl."

Falling equally flat was the Interfraternity Research and Advisory Council's chairman who denounced the movie as "Communistically inspired propaganda" which would "give comfort to the enemies of our country."

A recent series of informal interviews in Minneapolis. Minn., seems to indicate that the majority of those who saw the movie were not moved one way or the other in their attitudes toward Greek-letter organizations. And without exception the theater patrons called the "Communist-inspired" charge ridiculous.

Movie-goers interviewed as they left neighborhood theater lobbles included 17 adults who had no college education, three coeds belonging to sororities, two frateralty actives, four som-Greek college students and several high schapi students.

Except for two elderly ladies, all those questioned said they felt the movie had very much Communist-inspired?-brought more laughs than distorted the sorority picture. Commented one 38replies. The popular answer was a chuckling year old family man, "I don't know-I suppose "no." Other answers included: "I didn't see any some of it is true. It seemed awfully silly, though. Communism in it" . . . "Rubbish!" . . . "Poppy- How do they get anyone to join if it's that bad?" Other opinions: "It was one-sided" . . . "College kids aren't that foolish" . . . "Sororities If these interviews are to be taken as at all aren't that bad." An elderly lady declared, "Sortypical of popular reaction to the movie, the orities ought to be eliminated. There's too much

The Nebraskan Salutes

The STUDENT UNION-for its redecorated WORKERS-who will get more than a taste of MacArthur of France, the French cafeteria. The four full color photographs on the ticket sales and work during the year. GENE have been holding their own in walls and western style provide a pleasant dining ROBINSON and JIM DOWNEY-Corn Cobs' new Indo-China. The general is in this room atmosphere. Increased seating capacity of president and vice president, who took over when 145 is appreciated by cafeteria patrons. STU- Del Kopf, former president, left for the armed DENT COUNCIL-for efforts in trying to find a forces. The redecorating job in ELLEN SMITTE parking problem solution. All faculty members HALL. The campus BEAUTIFICATION PROand students who had part in planning NEW GRAM-evidence of this may be noticed on STUDENT WEEK-The program this year pro- grounds south of the Carillon Tower. Studente vided a good foundation for future years. FARM who were selected for UNIVERSITY SINGURS. HOUSE and KAPPA KAPPA GAMMA-for be- WAYNE WHITE and JOYCE KUEHI,-co-chairing top houses in scholastic standings. Every house men of the annual Farmers' Formal. DOG that improved its overall average last year also REICHENBACH-College Days chairman, and his deserves recognition. JUDGING TEAM-Members staff, who will plan 1952 College Days. JOHN of the University team won first place in the DEAN-new student battalion commander of the livestock judging contest at the Intercollegiate NROTC unit. New BUILDERS BOARD MEMnational barrow show in Austin, Minn. DORIS BERS-who assumed responsibilities last week. CARLSON-newly elected NUWCA president, BRISTOL TURNER-for his attempts to form a and other officers who have a big job ahead of strong ISA, MARIAN MCCULLOUCH-University them. FRESHMAN PEPSTERS-You will have a sophomore who appeared on the Horace Meide Builder's first mass meeting of lot of fun in store and the important task of pro- talent scout auditions last week. Each UNIV

as to the meaning of the literature.

studies, since he hopes to be considered for gov- dividual. ernment work in later life.

material which might have been construed as rightist totalitarianism.

plaints were voiced.

since dropped any connection with any group of among the first to sign such a document. They of Nebraska Builders," said Mari-the same nature and now sticks strictly to his are an invasion of the private rights of an in-

McCarthyism has left its mark on America. dents.'

the University to high school students and serve University stu-

ested in Builders should attend pastor and underground leader, spoke.

Shirley Coy, membership chair-

"America's methods at the Japanese peace man, will give the welcome and treaty conference were similar to those used by ntroduce officers, board mem- the Soviets," he said-"discussion only on rules Miss Coupe will outline Build- of procedure." He also charged that the Korean

ers' fall program at the meeting war was being used "to keep the pace of re-Last year's editorial columns of The Daily time necessary for each office, the point system and introduce Dr. Alfred Hitch- armament progressing."

represents the views of many Europeans, if dis- Russian tactics.

1951 will be Wednesday in Union moting Husker spirit this fall, NANCY NORMAN SITY STUDENT-who is attending school this 2. One of the campus leaders in the 1948 My own feeling on the matter is that loyalty Progressive party campaign in Nebraska has oaths do no good, since a communist would be "The purpose of the University in Atlantic City, N. J. New KOSMET KLUB will play its opener Saturday. -who was Miss Iowa at the Miss America pageant fall. CORNHUSKER FOOTBALL TEAM-which

-Fatal Fag-

Fragile Democracy?

The charge that communist tactics are being patches from Europe are to be believed. Our 3. A campus departmental publication re- It may be anti-communist, but threatens to de- She added that all upperclass- used to fight communism was voiced on campus European neighbors greatly doubt our motives in ceived a contribution which contained some liver this country into something equally bad: a men and male freshmen inter- last week, as Andre Trocme, French educator, the Korean struggle. A great cleavage between the thought of the old and new worlds exist.

Somehow, that cleavage must be breached The assertion by a local editor that the only way we can reconcile ourselves to communism is by letting them have their own way, answers nothing. It suggests that in whatever we do, the end justifies the means. We can be firm, but honest in our dealings, which does not mean that we Fortunately, or unfortunately, Pastor Trocme must alienate the rest of the world by copying

Nebraskan devoted a great number of inches to will be faulty at the beginning. It is impossible cock. He will speak on "Connec-tion of Builders with School Endiscussion of the AWS point system. Advantages to expect AWS board members to determine rollment." and disadvantages of the existing women's point proper pointing scales without a fair analysis Following the introduction of system were review frequently, Friday, Asso- from the president of each organization. ciated Women Students announced that the new point system will be revealed Oct. 29.

wisest AWS has made in recent years. The pres- with the board before it becomes official, there of the meeting. ent system has been infested with loopholes, un- is one final character for our and correct Library Opens zation should impose on a coed who has the interest and capabilities of progressing in activities on the University campus. Any coed who can advance in activities here must have something from the cut and dried point scale so that on the ball somewhere along the line, and this individual cases may be considered on basis "something" probably includes a slight capacity of scholastic average, health, outside work and to judge the amount of activities she can carry present activities. For this innovation we salute and yet thoroughly perform each job assigned. . . .

classmen for a job and who can maintain good health and scholarship. But be that as it may. The task this fall is revision of the system, and the method employed to revise it.

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t system will be revealed Oct. 29. Since heads of organizations will have op-The move to revise the system is one of the portunity to discuss the tentative point system Builders' committeees at the close Wednesday

Praise is due AWS board members on one point especially-even before the point system In Unionis established. That is the new idea of appeal AWS.

The present point system allows no con-sideration of individual capabilities of a girl who wants to continue in activities, who can perform each well, who can help train underassmen for a job and who can maintain good to the advantage of each organization to do so. We are complimenting AWS on its realization the task this fall is revision of the system, ad the method employed to revise it. After various meetings last spring, including After various meetings last spring, including to come one AWS made plans to contract the including the task this fall is revision of the system. After various meetings last spring, including

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Puff That Cigarette-YWCA will "roundup" upper-classmen at the rendezvous in Ellen Smith hall Wednesday from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Enjoy It If You Can!

YW 'Roundup'

(Editor's note: The followin tees. A student-faculty coffee tees. A student-faculty commercial was plotted at a student-faculty bound of the student addition this year. Other groups monitors which are ever on the monitors which are ever on the

committees include member-to assure the paper constant touch

rant publication.) Hello, ladies and gentlemen! This is Joe Schmoe, speaking to you from the University of Ne-

"The purpose of BABW," ac-cording to Jo Huff president, "is present cigarettes in your left to encourage unaffiliated women hand and one of our cigarettes to participate in campus affairs." (hand him the asbestos gloves,

Al) in your right hand, and then light up whichever one you choose. (Prompt him on which one to light first, Al.)

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