

Atom Vs. Atom

President Truman last week announced that Russia had exploded a second atomic bomb. The fact was confirmed at week's end by "Uncle Joe" Stalin, who assured the world that peace-loving nations had nothing to fear from the U.S.S.R. James E. Lawrence, editor of the Lincoln Star, writing from California, had this interesting comment on the situation:

"Actually these outdoor loving millions here in California paid less attention to the news of Russia's second atomic bomb explosion than the thunder of Bobby Thomson's bat in the closing game of a classic pennant battle. . . . An excited multitude of American baseball fans turned a deaf ear to Stalin's demonstration, reputedly before the top brass of the Chinese communists that Russia was going places in the field of atomic bomb developments. If Stalin and his buddies were attempting to score, Slugger Thomson over-shadowed the whole darned Kremlin pack."

It seems to me that Lawrence himself scored a home run with his observation. The general reaction to the news on campus was a polite "Oh really?" The students, as well as the nation, seem to be rapidly becoming so numbed to news of new and terrifying weapons that they said little if they felt the impact of the latest news. If anything, they shut their eyes a little tighter and crossed their fingers again and prayed that some-

Star-Studded Week

University students and Lincolmites may be a little puzzled over the reasons for the sudden appearance of a number of Hollywood personalities in town.

Announcement has been made that Richard Widmark, Benet Vents, Barbara Rulick and Jesse White, all stars; Jonathan Lattimore, writer of the scripts for Alan Ladd stories, and John Farrell, a director, will be on campus Monday to aid the All University Fund drive. Marjorie Main, who was originally scheduled to appear, had to cancel the engagement since she is extremely busy judging cake contests all over the nation. At the same time, a local theater announced that Jack Derek will be in town Tuesday afternoon in connection with the opening of the movie, "Saturday's Hero."

Not long ago, Charles Laughton, Agnes Moorehead, Charles Boyer and Sir Cedric Hardwicke appeared on the campus in Shaw's famous play, "Don Juan In Hell."

Why all this talent rushing to Lincoln, you ask? Time magazine has come up with an answer that sounds plausible. Here is Time's opinion on the matter:

Cornhusker In Wonderland

How, some way would be found to avoid the use of all these new weapons.

Perhaps it is a good thing that the people had a baseball game to take their minds off the world situation. Most people have long since stopped worrying constantly about the world situation and taken each new development in stride. Perhaps it is all for the best. Probably the best that America's citizens could do is to keep informed on the latest issues. (I know some students who refuse to read the national news because, they say, it makes them sick to think of the mess that the world is in.)

Russia's progandists are busy grinding out official reasons for her actions in the world situation. This is, at least in part, designed to convince the Russian people that they have a cause to fight the United States. American government leaders have not succeeded in convincing the American people just what they are fighting for. It might be well if they could do so.

Hollywood is beginning to recover from the slump in attendance presumably caused by television. These roving bands of movie stars are visiting cities and towns throughout the country in an effort to publicize the fact that movies are here to stay. Their visit is cloaked under the guise of celebrating the 50th anniversary of Hollywood film productions.

Why the slump in TV? Time comes up with this answer:

"Television's existing market is already saturated (look at the cut-rate sales of TV sets) . . . Television's shaggy old movies are already driving people back to the movie theaters (look at the box office figures). Said one spokesman, 'They're getting tired of watching Charles Laughton, as King Henry the Eighth, tossing a chicken bone over his shoulder—smack into a shining bottle of 20th Century beer.'"

Time may or may not be right in its hypothesis. But whatever the reason, Lincolmites are getting to see more movie stars in the flesh in a shorter period of time than in recent history.

Charles Gomon

A Student View's The News

For over 23 centuries the name "Persia" has been synonymous with mystery and intrigue, gleaming mosques and swirling sands, veiled women and daggers. Ever since the first invasion by Alexander the Great, armies have surged across Iran. While armies are not now fighting in Iran, the threat of just such an eventuality is keeping the world on edge.

The latest disturbance, the British-Iranian oil dispute, had its beginning about the turn of the century when William D'Arcy concluded negotiations for a 60-year lease with the Iranian government giving the British concessions in the newly proved oil fields on the Persian Gulf.

Winston Churchill, then an admiralty official, saw the possibilities of using Iranian oil in British ships and persuaded his government to assume a controlling interest in the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company. In 1933, with 22 years still to go on D'Arcy's lease, the British succeeded in getting a new 60 year lease giving them the right to develop 16 per cent of Iranian land.

During this period of British exploitation, the AIOC wells became the largest producers in the Middle East, Britain's largest single overseas investment, the main source of oil for European markets, and the only producing oil properties in a country that is known to have 10 per cent of the world's petroleum supplies. It is not strange, under these circumstances, that the British investors became alarmed when the Iranians began to talk of nationalization early last summer.

In order to understand the reasoning of the Iranians on the question of nationalization of British oil holdings, it will be necessary to look into some of the background of this explosive country.

Justice William O. Douglas of the U.S. Supreme Court recently returned from an extended visit to Iran. He reported that four basic problems face the country:

First, with the exception of the Shah, who is progressive but bound by tradition and frustrated by incompetence, the central government of Iran is hostile to the interests of the people.

Second, officials throughout the country are notoriously corrupt.

Third, the army has proved to be a brutal, ravishing force on many occasions.

Fourth, millions of people live in extreme poverty. According to Justice Douglas, there will be unrest until these grievances are righted.

Despite their poverty and illiteracy, the Iranians are a proud people and their nationalism is intense. The Russians appreciated this and took advantage of it in the disturbances of 1946-47 when they instigated revolts in the northern pro-

vince of Azerbaijan and Kurdistan. In these areas peasants were greatly impressed with the land education and government reforms attempted by Russian puppets, and were bewildered by the terrorism employed by the Iranian army of liberation which threw out the reds. One of the great mistakes of the Iranian central government was in failing to follow up the communist propaganda victory with a better campaign of its own.

One of Iran's bitterest charges is leveled against British imperialism in general. This resentment boiled over soon after the U. S. agreed to split profits from oil concessions in Saudi Arabia and Venezuela on a 50-50 basis with these governments.

The AIOC has been accused of paying more to the British government in taxes than is left in Iran for payrolls. Britain's prestige did not rise when Patrick Hurley, special envoy for President Roosevelt during the war, reported from Iran in 1943 that the British were using American lend lease goods to strengthen their position in Iran.

In recent weeks the British have made several attractive offers to Iran, but it seems that the fire of nationalization has been allowed to get beyond control. The blind fury with which some elements of the Iranian population fan these flames indicates that they consider nationalization a panacea for all the ills of their economy, and in a country where a sizeable portion of the people must be nomads because of the desert climate, this position might well be foolish, if not suicidal.

Unfortunately, American interest in Iran has been almost nil. Promises of aid made during the war by President Roosevelt and since the war by President Truman have been whittled down by the International Bank and our own Import-Export Bank to trifling sums compared to what is being spent in other sections of the world. Iran long looked to the U.S. for understanding, and was disappointed at our seeming lack of interest in her problems. The Shah recently said that his people could not understand why we gave billions to former enemies but had nothing to offer former ally.

The actual outcome of the oil dispute may not be known for months or years, or it could bring us to World War III in a matter of hours. If Russian influence becomes sufficient in Iran to take over the government, we may once more find ourselves on the outside looking in, as we do even now in China.

Should this happen, the Russians could afford to discount the difficulty of transporting Iran's vital oil over the mountains to the Soviet Union, and could chuckle into their collective beards over another communist victory by western default.

Dear Editor...

Reader Amazed...

Dear Mr. Rische:
A week or two ago in glancing through a copy of The Daily Nebraskan I happened to glance at an editorial. It looked interesting and I read it through. Frankly, I was amazed. A day or two later I had the same experience. Since then it has happened a time or two again.

What caused my amazement? For approximately 15 years as an undergraduate, a graduate, and then as a faculty member I have been reading college newspapers, and for the first time in those 15 years, I found an editor who had the ability to think and even more the courage to write what he was thinking, despite the fact that it might run counter to certain trends of thought which were popular, and which might have the effect of arousing some of the powers that be.

In reading yesterday's paper I saw the letter from the student who did not agree with you. I would certainly be willing to hazard the conjecture that the individual who wrote the letter and who did not have the guts to give his name was an individual who found that "the shoes fit" and probably pinched plenty too.

Will you kindly accept my sincerest congratulations for the splendid job that you are doing. I sincerely hope that you will continue to write the editorials of the type that you have written thus far, and I sincerely pray that if one of your editorials runs counter to some of my pet ideas, or pinches hard and makes me realize that after all I'm still a pretty small boy in many respects, that I can still feel that you're doing a mighty fine job.

Sincerely,

P.S. This letter is written to you personally and not for purposes of publication. If you desire to let the readers of your paper know how some people feel about your editorials, you are welcome to use the letter, but will you kindly exclude the name. Thanks. (Editor's note: We did so desire, and are complying with the request of the reader.)

'One Too Many'...

An open letter to Vance Hansen:

After reading of your rather uncomfortable position concerning the disbursement of our coveted campus publication, namely The Daily Nebraskan, I felt compelled to take some sort of definite action on the matter. This I have done.

After taking careful count of the members of our house, (68), and then conducting an equally cautious survey on the number of Daily Nebraskans delivered to our door (89), I find that through a simple process of subtraction, easily understood by you I'm sure, that we have been allotted one paper too many. This extra copy undoubtedly is yours, and as such, we of Phi Gamma Delta hold no claim to it.

If you would be so kind as to drop by and see me some afternoon at 1425 R St., I'm certain that we can work out something to our mutual satisfaction.

Respectfully yours, JOHN W. SINCLAIR.

NU BULLETIN BOARD

Monday
YW World organization group meets 4 p.m., Ellen Smith dining room; topic World Student Service fund; Susan Riehnardt, leader; Nita Helmstadter, group leader.

Tuesday
Ag students interested in Civil Service appointments meet in Room 301, Dairy Industry building 7:30 p.m.

Thursday
Scabbard and Blade will meet all interests juniors and seniors in advanced army, navy and air force ROTC at 7:30 p.m., Naval Science building lounge.

Cartoon Contest Ends Friday

Friday is the last day University students may cartoon their way to fame—and aid AUF at the same time.

Until then pen and ink artists may submit 3 by 5 drawings in the AUF's cartoon contest and compete for the grand prize. The winning drawing will appear on posters during next year's fund drive.



1800 Migrate To Kansas State Game



BOUND FOR MANHATTAN... Shown leaving Friday for the Nebraska-Kansas State game at Manhattan, Kas., are (l. to r.) Howard Herbst, Joanne Yeager, Dick Smith, Diane Smith and Don Rauh. The five, leaving from in front of the Sigma Nu fraternity house, were among 1800 University students who went to K-State for the annual football migration. Of the 1800, more than 300 went by way of the chartered migration train, which left at 6:15 a.m. Saturday and returned Sunday at 1 a.m. The entire University ROTC marching band, which includes more than 100 members, also took the train.

Connie Gordon

Lots Of Work For Lots Of Workers In Student Union Activities Pool

Attention all workers! The Union needs you! Students interested in the Union activities pool can sign up today in the Union activities office. Students in the pool have the opportunity of participating in the activities and plans of the different committees.

Duties of the various Union committees are listed below:

The house committee, headed by Marilyn Moomey, is in charge of all art exhibits and programs in the main lounge and supervises book reviews and craft lessons held during the year. The committee also handles the picture lending library and enforces house rules.

The program committee, headed by Charles Widmaier, is in charge of facility and program evaluation, activities reports and evaluations of new ideas. Activities accounting is also under its direction.

The activities pool and orientation program plans are included in the duties of the personnel committee, also headed by Charles Widmaier.

The artist series committee is the planning board for all major fine arts. This committee also arranges coming campus attractions, from bands to speakers.

The public relations committee handles all Union publicity. Its duties include weekly events posters, pamphlets and newspaper and radio releases.

Keeping the Union office in order is one of the duties of the office committee under the direction of Anita Lawson. Other responsibilities of the committee include assignments to the ac-

tivities pool, all mimeographing and keeping the Union scrapbook up to date.

The social dancing committee, under the direction of Jack Greer, sponsors all ballroom dancing lessons. It also plans the large orchestra dances, which include the Pep Dance and the Shenanigans dance.

The folk dancing committee under Jack Greer plans all square dance lessons. Exhibitions of national and foreign dances are also included in the duties of this committee.

The convocations committee under the direction of Bob La Shelle serves as a member of the University convocations committee. Its duties include planning and publicizing all University convocations, discussions and coffee forums.

The recreation committee plans table tennis tournaments, bridge lessons and tournaments, game exhibitions and chess lessons. The committee is headed by Nancy Weir.

The general entertainment committee is under the chairmanship of Betty Roessler. Duties of committee include pigskin parties, TV programming, Sunday night movies and flicker nights. The talent show and talent file are also included in this committee.

The music committee headed by Sara Devoe plans faculty recitals, the fall symphony concert and various concerts during the year. Providing records for the Crib is also included in its duties.

Workers can sign up as Union pool workers until Oct. 22.

Your Union needs you!

Parliamentary Lectures Open To Students

Two one-hour lectures on parliamentary procedure will be offered by the speech department during these next two weeks. The sessions will be held Tuesday, Oct. 9 and Oct. 16, at 7:15 p.m. in Room 203, Temple.

Bruce Kendall, director of debate, explains that "during the past year the department of speech has had many requests for meetings dealing with parliamentary procedure for officers of student organizations."

At the two lectures, duties of officers will be discussed as well as general rule of parliamentary procedure. While the meetings are designed primarily for officers of organized houses and campus organizations, anyone interested may attend.

Arnold Air Society To Meet Tuesday Night

Arnold Air society will meet Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the lounge of the Military and Naval Science building.

Lt. Col. Alex C. Jamieson will present a short talk at the meeting. All advanced students in air science are urged to attend.

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