

EDITORIAL PAGE

What Next? Your Guess

First came loyalty investigations. Then came lists of "Communists" in this country. Then came loyalty oaths. Then lists of "subversive" literature and books were published. Then certain speakers were barred. Now, we can be "guilty by association" and guilty until proved innocent. What will be next?

A move which may be interpreted as a step toward devitalizing our democratic foundations was taken by the United States Supreme court last week by upholding a New York "anti-subversive" teacher law designed to "rid the state's schools of subversive teachers." Known as the Feinberg law, the legislation directs the state Board of Regents to draw up a list of subversive organizations, membership in any of which is grounds for dismissal unless a teacher can prove loyalty.

As college youths, we often are called idealistic and impractical, but when the Supreme Court of the United States will uphold a law which actually gives the burden of proof to the accused—the accused who, under this law, is assumed guilty until proved innocent—we feel justified in protesting. The three dissenters on the bill, Justices William O. Douglas, Felix Frankfurter and Hugo L. Black expressed, in the dissent, that the Feinberg law follows a principle repugnant to our society—"guilt by association" and would turn the school system into a "spying project."

"The principals become detectives; the students, the parents, the community become informers," Douglas said. "Ears are cocked for tell-tale signs of disloyalty. The prejudices of the community come into play in searching out the disloyal."

The law, according to the Justice Frankfurter, touches the deepest interests of a democratic society—its rights to self-preservation balanced against a democracy's obligation to permit ample scope for the individual's freedom, especially the

teacher's freedom of thought and expression. It should be admitted that the state's authority to make sure teachers are fit to maintain the integrity of the school "cannot be doubted," as Justice Sherman Minton in his majority opinion observed. Certainly we want competent teachers to help shape the attitudes of youths. But is this a sound criterion? Should a teacher be considered competent only if his beliefs concur with the Regents?

This act supports the premise that all we need to do in this country to fight subversion is put a law on the statutes—which premise certainly is false. No Communist or pro-Communist would hesitate to have his actions meet the requirements of the Feinberg bill. In addition, the act will not adversely affect the real advocates of force and violence, but rather it will affect the "liberal" mind, the actions of any instructors possessing a "liberal" mind.

Unfortunately, just as in case of the McCarran act, the trend of four times will support the Feinberg law and without much opposition. Apparently, the only recourse is a return to reason and when that is found, pressure for repeal.

In the meantime, our foremost question is: What next?—J.K.

Just Stay Away

One paradox of our times is how a congressman should vote on a gigantic military budget when he has promised the folks back home to cut taxes. If he opposes the military, he will be accused of endangering society. If he favors the budget, he is likely to be defeated in the next election for not reducing taxes.

One solution The Nebraskan has noticed is Sen. Hugh Butler's tactic. Just miss the session when there's a roll call vote. Then you can't be accused of anything—anything concerning the vote, that is.—J.K.

Where Is The Battleground?

When Sen. Pat McCarran, author of the controversial Internal Security act, opposed further aid to Europe, he used the following reasoning to back up his stand: "The multi-billion dollar Marshall plan already has raised European economies far ahead of pre-war levels."

What you forget sir, is that the Communist countries would not be content with such a level—in Russia or in satellites. They would be very

content, however, to see western Europe remain stationary in economic progress while they break records achieving higher levels.

The soft spot in the Nevada senator's reasoning is that while he is determined to stop Communist influence in this country, he apparently wants to wait until they get to this hemisphere to counter-act them. However, we increase our own safety, by strengthening our allies across the Atlantic.—J.K.

Cairo's Back To 'Normal'

For the past 75 years, Illinois has had a law against segregation in public schools, but the city of Cairo (pop. 12,400) has never paid much attention to it. To all, it is a southern town sitting well below the Mason-Dixon line at the point where the Ohio and Mississippi rivers meet. Its 4,000 Negroes and 8,000 whites live carefully segregated lives.

Negroes do not go to the theaters where first-class films are shown. They do not eat in the white restaurants, or use the public library; and while the whites swim in the WPA-built pool, the colored folks must "drown in the river."

But two weeks ago Cairo's Utopia of segregated life had been rudely shattered, for fiery crosses burned and the magnolia-lined streets echoed with explosions. The cause: two field workers from the midwest regional office of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People had moved into town to stop segregation in the schools once and for all. Dozens of Negro parents had applied to have their children transferred to schools used by the whites.

The school superintendent saw no alternative but to send the applications through. Other "citizens," however, did see an alternative. By nightfall a ten-foot cross was seen on top of a Mississippi levee near a Negro housing project. Within hours, two other crosses dotted the town.

The "citizens" did not stop with the crosses. A band of hoodlums shot away at the homes of two Negro dentists and bombs were tossed into the homes of several others.

And then finally to put an end to it all, city

Margin Notes

The Nebraskan is hearty and free with praise for fraternities employing Help Weeks. However, it should be remembered that a Help Week should replace a Hell Week, not supplement it. In other words, The Nebraskan believes a fraternity defeats the very purpose of Help Week by holding a Hell Week also. Simply by adding something good, one cannot eliminate the evils of another activity.

A new meat—yak meat—is being tried on the Shanghai market. Let us hope, for the Communists sake, the experiment proves more acceptable than the recent servings of horse meat in Lincoln.

One of the highlights in musical events this season will be the First Piano Quartet sponsored by the Union. The four musicians, who perform simultaneously on four different instruments and who have a reputed perfect fusion, will present a concert Thursday at the Coliseum. It probably will be an evening well spent for those attending.

One place the military might cut corners in its \$1.2 billion dollar budget request for next year is in daily trips from the Pentagon to Capitol Hill by Pentagon witnesses and budget experts who are trying to convince congressmen why they need the gigantic sum.

Mayor Victor Anderson has announced that he "shall be happy to meet with the (City) council and submit" what he has "relative to housing although the information is not complete." Perhaps Council members will be able to help Anderson find the solution to Lincoln's housing problem. At least he will not be working alone on the situation, as he first advocated doing.

France appears to change premiers just as often as a woman changes her mind.

Daily Thought

Question everything at least once in a lifetime.—Descartes.

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What Am I Doing Here?

Hallelujah! Returns from the first presidential in the country this year in New Hampshire show that Sen. Estes Kefauver won all 12 of the delegates to the Democratic National Convention. Why the hallelujah? Well, it seems to me that of all the potential nominees for president, including Eisenhower, Kefauver is the best fitted to hold the position.

All this is my own personal opinion of course. It am just a little bit leery of Eisenhower as a president. I'm a little inclined to go along with Taft's man Ingalls who said that voting for Eisenhower would be like voting for a pig in a poke. That's a little strong but it figures. Eisenhower, as a general, holds the esteem of most everyone. But his abilities as a politician and even more as a president are, to a large degree, untested.

I heard General Eisenhower give the commencement address to the AROTC graduating class at Lowry AFB in 1950. The general, then president of Columbia University, seemed a little older than I thought he would be. But he is a man of tremendous energy and force. This is very noticeable in his speech when he became very impatient when he can't get just the word he wants. Frankly, I was very impressed by the general's speech and his intelligence. At that time, I believe, I would have voted for Eisenhower over anyone.

But since that time, many things have happened. For some reason, and I can't honestly say that I know what it is, I'm just a little worried about a military man being in the White House. Sure, we've had them before. George Washington was a military man. But so was Andrew Jackson and U. S. Grant. In these times with all the pressure from the military anyway it seems advisable to install a civilian as head of our government. Of course, in these times of reserves and what not, it is hard to tell for sure who is a military man and who isn't.

Taft, as far as I'm concerned, is strictly out. I used to have a lot of respect for Senator Taft, who still is one of the most intelligent men in politics today. But anymore, I don't know. It looks to me like Truman has led Taft around by the nose until Taft now has policy of his own, but is "agin" anything and everything that Truman is for. They say that Taft is sort of obsessed by the fact that Truman has never invited him to the White House. Perhaps this is what has clouded; something has, that's for sure.

As for the Democrats, I think that Truman's record speaks for itself. While I don't condemn his administration as much as a lot of people, I do think that it would be a sorry thing if he were re-elected. Kerr and Russell don't have a great deal to recommend them. Russell is a good senator but he is strictly a sectional candidate. I don't think that Kerr is even a good senator and who wants to back a man who says that if the boss runs he won't. So that leaves Senator Kefauver of Tennessee.

A lot of people seem to forget that Senator Kefauver has ever done anything in Washington besides appear on television and investigate crime. To give some indication of the esteem in which Kefauver is held by many, one of the large pictorial magazines, at different times, picked him as one of the ten best members of the House, and as one of the ten best Senators. At another time we'll go into more detail concerning Kefauver's activities.

Little Man On Campus

By Bibler



"He's actually a big help—Professor Snarf lets him grade all his papers."



After a particularly trying day for both my PE teacher and me, I offered profuse and silent apologies to the long-suffering woman and made my way back to the locker room. There my colleagues and I encountered a fellow student who was looking for her purse. It seems it had disappeared while she was enjoying a rousing game of badminton.



Mangold

In the words of the familiar old strain, "There is no honor system at NU."

The University of Virginia's honor system, considered one of the best in the country, is apparently a bit weak in one spot. An irate student writes to the Cavalier Daily:

"Why is it that the honor system is not obeyed in Memorial gymnasium? Monday afternoon I had almost \$10 stolen from my locker... and I know of similar things hapuening to others there."

Short And Sweet

When suffering through the turmoils of the coming, impressively

Book Notes

'Intermission' Confusing Story Of Reunited Brothers

After five years of post-war separation, the Whittaker brothers of "Intermission," by Calvin Tomkins, struggle to renew a brotherhood bond which never existed. Jay Whittaker, who tells the story in first person, is a confused young man who disapproves of his brother Elliot's friends. In college, Elliot has found a friend, Roger Faxon, whom he worshiped, although Roger had caused Elliot to become involved in several shady escapades.

dents for which there are no motives and no preparation.

The jacket blurb on "Intermission" explains that the book initiates a young man into the confusing world in limbo. It's easier to believe that young Whittaker deserves to be confused because the reader is never convinced that he is worthy of more congenial treatment. "Intermission" is an intermission of garbled comments and events which never seem to prove a thing except that the reader becomes tired easily.

Throughout the book, Jay traces Elliot's reverence for the va scillating Roger, who has settled in Santa Fe with a mistress, her wealthy estate and without a job. Jay and Elliot journey to Santa Fe upon Roger's invitation to ski at a nearby resort. From there, the plot becomes entangled with the Whittakers' mixed opinion of Camilla, Roger's foreign mistress, their changing attitudes towards Roger, and general misunderstanding of family relationships.



Worrall

The book sounds like and is Tomkins' first novel. When Elliot becomes engaged to a local New Jersey girl, the reader has hardly been aware of the fact that Elliot had been dating, and the proposed marriage comes as a shock. Similarly, the reader follows Jay, Roger, Camillae and Elliot through many inci-

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To the Editor: We have noted the splendid coverage which The Daily Nebraskan affords to weekly church announcements and to religious activities. Especially significant was the fine way in which the Student World Day of Prayer was publicized. We wish to thank the staff for this cooperation. Workers Association For the Religious PASTOR ALVIN M. PETERSON Chairman

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Stolen Goods

Phys Ed Locker Room Thefts Prove 'No Honor System At NU'

Marilyn Mangold

entitled "Midterms" perhaps some of the readers will find a method employed by a Chapel Hill student helpful.

At the university a few years ago, a psychology student finished his exam in five minutes. The exam called for definition of summary of a particular course in psychology. The student wrote, "Psychology is the science of pulling habits out of rabbits."

Then said student went out and had a few beers. His grade on the exam? "A."

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