

EDITORIAL PAGE

Open Or Closed Diplomacy?

On occasion the American people rise up on their Declaration of Independence and their Bill of Rights and shout that their liberties are being usurped, their freedom is being curtailed and their rights revoked.

the truce talks. The American people, the UN officials and member nations, the Allied forces in Korea and undoubtedly the negotiators are fed-up with the nine-months of plodding talks.

The American newsmen is one of the staunchest guardians of these rights and freedoms. When the North Korean negotiators refused to admit the press to truce talks last fall, the American newsmen, the Allied negotiators and the American people balked.

It is inconceivable, at least to The Daily Nebraskan, that any Allied person or organization could suggest that a news blackout could speed the POW negotiations. It is impossible to imagine that the daily inspection by the world of the progress or regression of the talks could speed-up negotiations.

On Thursday, March 20, word came from Panmunjom that Brig. Gen. William P. Nuckols said the United Nations is willing to consider a news blackout on the prisoner of war discussions if it would mean speeding up agreement on an armistice.

The issues are at stake and continuous statements from top Allied officials have indicated that UN negotiators will not give in to Red demands for forced repatriation.

This sounds like shades of last fall when the newsmen were refused entrance to the negotiations. This sounds like shades of President Truman's order that government news releases could be labeled as to their secrecy and withheld from newsmen.

The news blackout suggestion, obviously emanating from some Allied source, would indicate that there is something to the POW question that cannot be told to the public.

However, the fact that is stranger than fiction is Nuckols' emphasis that Communist staff officers in the prisoner of war discussions have not intimated that they would desire such a news policy. This blackout suggestion has obviously not been Communist inspired.

With this issue, comes the question of open or secret diplomacy. With this issue comes the attacks on the "glare of pitiless publicity" and the insistence of free people to know what is going on in every meeting, negotiation and talk of the world's diplomats.

Everything possible is being done to speed-up the

In this instance, whoever or whatever the specific Allied source that made this news blackout suggestion is or are, it would be well to tell the world just how secret diplomacy would speed up the POW talks. It would be well for the Allied officials to take a stand on open or secret diplomacy. This latest suggestion for speeding the truce talks is and will undoubtedly receive protests from the press. But, this time, the protests are not against Communist suppression tactics but against the United Nations proposal. R.R.

A Time To Say 'No' And 'Yes'

By ALVIN M. PETERSON Lutheran Student Pastor

Editor's Note: Each Friday during Lent, The Daily Nebraskan will print a guest editorial written by a student pastor. Lent is currently thought of as a period of negotiations. There are those who find it a helpful season to carry out a minor resolution or two, quite inconsequential and rather unrelated to the tenor of true Lent. It is a time of negotiations but quite different from what is general opinion.

relates with repeated emphasis that Jesus set His face to go to Jerusalem. Why? Because He knew that was the Father's will—that He should suffer and be rejected and die. It was because He had said "yes" to His Father's will, that He could with relative ease say "no" to evil.

Lent is a time to say "no" to selfishness, self-will, falsehood, bigotry and smallness. A time of self denial! It would be refreshing to meet up with stern resolution in many areas—when it comes to cheating in exams, or taking bribes or yielding to the temptation just to get by. Where then is the stern will?

Moral fortitude and righteous courage are not readily acquired, and surely we do not attain these qualities naturally. The need of the individual and society is redemptive in character. Sinful man cannot rise much above his environment by either saying "no" or "yes," for he lacks the power. That is why God sent Jesus into the world, because the situation required intervention. Therefore Jesus came and lived a righteous life. But more, He voluntarily accepted a humiliating death—for a purpose! And that purpose was redemptive—to give to each individual the power to rise above self and sin.

But negation is obviously a negative approach to life. A person has to learn to say "yes" to good before he has the power to say "no" effectively to evil. Jesus was an individual like unto all of us. He was able to say "no" emphatically and when it counted most. Note His encounter in the wilderness when He fasted and resisted temptation. Scripture relates three definite "no's" to the voice of the tempter (Luke 4). Note also His renunciation of evil when the voice of temptation came disguised in one of His disciples (Matthew 16).

The history of Christianity vindicates the validity of what took place at the cross. Witness the rise of the church. Note the changed lives of such as the disciple Peter and the apostle Paul, or of John Huss, Luther and Calvin, or more recently of men like Kal Munk, or Niemoeller or Bishop Ordass. Such men could say "no" when it counted, because they had said "yes" to God and His will.

How had He learned such resoluteness? Early He had said "yes" to His Father's will. At the age of 12 He reflects the will of His Father, "I must do my Father's business." The gospel writer, Luke,

Lent would be quite meaningful to students if they would truly become disciples (students) of Jesus Christ. For He is not only a person to emulate, but He is Christ and Lord, which fact God, the Father, proved on the first Easter morn.

Ammunition For Candidates

Jack Lowe and J. C. Bush, editors of the Sidney Telegraph, western Nebraska semi-weekly, have given Vic Anderson and Bob Crosby plenty of ammunition for their aspirations to the state governorship this week.

torial campaign against the bad roads in Nebraska and against the "pressure groups" which defeated Gov. Val Peterson's road program two years ago. Lowe and Bush lay the blame for Nebraska's "crumbling" roads not with the State Highway Department, but with the "refusal of Nebraskans to provide adequate financing for a good highway program."

The Sidney paper has begun a blasting edi-

Both Republican candidates for the gubernatorial office have mentioned road programs in their platforms. Both favor a highway commission of some sort. Anderson would like to have the governor head a road commission and work out a compromise among advocates of various road plans. Crosby favors a road commission completely divorced from the governor's office.

Margin Notes

It has long been a discouraging truth that classrooms at this institution are way under-populated with pencil sharpeners. It is a bother to have to walk to the end of the hall every time a pencil lead breaks.

Jack Lowe and J. C. Bush are demanding that something be done about Nebraska's "crumbling" roads. Anderson and Crosby will undoubtedly pick up this editorial fire and use it as ammunition in their future comments to would-be-backers concerning taxes for a state highway commission, the set-up of the commission and the future of Nebraska's roads. R.R.

The Daily Nebraskan has inquired and discovered that it is purely up to the different departments as to whether a room has a pencil sharpener or not. Pencil sharpeners are available on order to be purchased on the department's budget.

The Nebraskan believes that if more instructors and department chairmen realized the procedure, there would be more pencil sharpeners in classrooms. Surely, budgets could stand the pressure of a few pencil sharpeners.

Supreme Headquarters of the Allied Powers, about 12 miles outside of Paris, had all the fever of an election headquarters Wednesday as returns from the Minnesota primary election were stacked on Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's desk.

He would give no comment to the swarms of newsmen on the news that he had pulled 198,512 write-in votes against native-son Harold Stassen's 127,630 X marks.

This is the first time in American history when the candidate for a presidential nomination handled his campaign from such a distance.

The original director of the School of Music died Wednesday in Corpus Christi, Tex. He was 72.

Howard Kirkpatrick, who began his service to the University in 1900, will always be remembered for his many contributions to the School and the University.

The mother of the designer of the Carillon tower has entered the news as Kansas' Mother of the Year. Mrs. Joe B. Kunka, whose son George drew plans for the tower, received the honor Wednesday.

George and his two brothers are graduates of the University.

Daily Thought

The art of every age is the clearer phrasing of its increased awareness of truth. Philip Wylie.

Barbed Wire



Barb Wylie

After the last two days of seemingly spring weather, University students can look forward to at least three more weeks of rain, sleet or snow before the picnic weather is here to stay. Seems the weatherman gives us just a taste of good weather now and then to keep us going.

A headline in a local paper recently caught my attention. It ran: "McCook Key City In Kefauver Drive." Upon reading the story I was amazed to find that the council (city, evidently) had approved plans to purchase 9,000 pounds of DDT to combat the cankerworm. Ah, yes, modern journalism.



Wylie

It is a funny thing, but everybody does it. When there is a new baby being cuddled, someone always says, "He has his father's nose and his mother's eyes." Yes, and if grandpop doesn't stop leaning over the crib it's going to have his teeth.

A word to the wise: If someone tells you that your girl has been kissed by every guy in town, just give him your smuggest smirk and say: "It ain't such a big town!"

Speaking of students with ingenuity, and we might as well, there's the story of the coed who dyed her hair red so she could go out with a Kappa Sig pledge Wednesday night. It seems the actives of said organization required their pledges to have red-headed dates that night. What some people won't do for entertainment.



NU BULLETIN BOARD

Friday Dr. Harold Urey speaks at 8 p.m. in Love library auditorium. Estes Carnival, College Activities building, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday Entries for Farmer's Fair parade due at 5 p.m. Ivy Day Sing entries due today.

Sing Entries Due

Ivy Day Sing entries are due Saturday, Associated Women Students and Kosmet Klub announced.

The Sing will be held May 3, and winners will be chosen in both men's and women's divisions. Entries must contain the name of the song, name of the director, expected alumni help and a \$3 fee.

Year Book Completed

Work has been completed on the 1952 Cornhusker, according to Adele Coryell, managing editor. Miss Coryell said the only thing which remains to be done is correcting proof when it is returned from the printer.

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Open Letter

This is the first in a series of open letters to students by members of the Junior and senior class presidents. The letters will be weekly features of The Daily Nebraskan and contain reports of the week's activities of the Council. The first was written by Martin Lewis, junior class president. Next week, Joe Gifford, senior class president, will report on progress.

When first planning this year's Junior-Senior prom, many suggestions were brought before the Junior-Senior Class Council. The majority of these suggestions favored having the Prom at some off-campus location.

Joe Gifford and I spent the next two weeks talking to various faculty members. Our main talking point was the fact that the A.U.F. Charity Ball was held off-campus; so why couldn't the Prom be held off-campus?

Upon presenting our case to several members of the faculty committee on social affairs, we received this information. "Though the A.U.F. Charity Ball was successful, both financially and socially, it was very evident that if the majority of those attending had known in advance of the tight restrictions that were imposed, the Charity Ball would have been a financial loss." Thus by having the Prom off-campus we would be endangering our low class funds. Whether this answer has any causal relation to our case has yet to be proven.

Due to this turn of events, we had to abandon our original plans and keep the Prom within the city of Lincoln. Remember, the Junior-Senior Prom will be held Saturday, May 3, at the Lincoln Hotel. MARTIN LEWIS Junior Class President

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