EDITORIAL PAGE

Open Or Closed Diplomacy?

their Declaration of Independence and their Bill ficials and member nations, the Allied forces in of Rights and shout that their liberties are being Korea and undoubtedly the negotiators are fed-up usurped, their freedom is being curtailed and their with the nine-months of plodding talks. Lives may rights revoked. And, on occasion, the American be saved and a world crisis may be averted by people point to themselves and their land of free a successful conclusion of the armistice negotiaspeech, free religion, free assembly and free press. tions. They ask the rest of the world to look to their democracy and their freedom.

The American newsman 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 newsman, the Allied negotiators and the American people balked. They stood on their Bill of Rights, their democratic principles and refused to negotiate until the newsmen were allowed access to the talks,

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 forced or voluntary repatriation of POWs issue has deadlocked the truce talks and Brig. Gen. Nuckols has said no possibility of speeding up the talks should be overlooked.

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

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. The story is cloaked in the words that "the United Nations is willing to consider . . ." Brig Gen. Nuckols released the news, commented on the validity of the suggestion and emphatically took any Communist backing from the idea.

Everything possible is being done to speed-up the United Nations proposal. R.R.

On occasion the American people rise up on the truce talks. The American people, the UN of-

It is inconceivable, at least to The Daily Ne- seemingly spring weather, braskan, that any Allied person or organization University students can look could suggest that a news blackout could speed forward to at least three the POW negotiations. It is impossible to imagine more weeks of rain, sleet or that the daily inspection by the world of the prog- snow before the picnic ress or regression of the talks could speed-up ne- weather is here to stay. Seems gotiations. The issues of the prisoner repatriation the weatherman gives us just issue are known to the world. Newspaper readers a taste of good weather now are aware of the fact that the Allied truce talkers and then to keep us going. desire voluntary repatriation of all prisoners and that Communist negotiators desire a forced exchange of all prisoners.

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.

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

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.

In this instance, whoever or whatever the spe-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 always says, "He has his father's ties building, 7:30 p.m. world just how secret diplomay would speed up nose and his mother's eyes." the POW talks. It would be well for the Allied and if grandpop doesn't stop leanofficials to take a stand on open or secret diplo-his teeth. macy. This latest suggestion for speeding the truce talks is and will undoubtedly receive protests from the press. But, this time, the protests are not tells you that your girl has been against Communist suppression tactics but against kissed by every guy in town, just

A Time To Say 'No' And 'Yes'

By ALVIN M. PETERSON Lutheran Student Pastor

· (Editor's Note: Each Friday during Lent, The Daily Ne-braskan will print a guest editorial written by a student pastor.) Lent is currently thought of as a period of negations. 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 negations but quite different from what is general opinion.

Lent is a time to say "no" to selfishness, selfwill, 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?

But negation is obviously a negative approach to life. A person has to learn to say s" 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 temptor (Luke 4). Note also His renunciation of evil when the voice of temptation came disguised in one of His disciples (Matthew 16).

He had said "yes" to His Father's will. At the age of 12 He reflects the will of His Father, "I must late, but He is Christ and Lord, which fact God, do my Father's business." The gospel writer, Luke, the Father, proved on the first Easter morn.

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.

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.

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 Kai Munk, or Niemoeller or Bishop Ordass. Such men could say "no" when it counted, because they had said "yes" to God and His will.

Lent would be quite meaningful to students if How had He learned such resoluteness? Early they would truly become disciples (students) of Jesus Christ. For He is not only a person to emu-

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.

The Sidney paper has begun a blasting edi-

-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,

ments as to whether a room has a pencil sharpener or not. Pencil sharpeners are avaliable 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 sharpners in classrooms. Surly, 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 196,512 write-in votes against native-son Harold Stamen's 127,630 X marks.

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

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

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

The mother of the designer of the Carillon wer has entered the news as Kansas' Mother of Wear. Mrs. Joe B. Kuska, whose son George ew plans for the tower, received the honor

George and his two brothers are graduates of the University.

Daily Thought

art of every age is the clearer phras-its increased awareness of truth.

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."

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 The Daiy Nebraskan has inquired and discov- out a compromise among advocates of various road ered that it is purely up to the different depart- plans. Crosby favors a road commission completely divorced from the governor's office.

> 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.

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Barbed Wire



After the last two days of

A headline in a local paper recently caught my attention. It ran: "McCook Key City In Drive." Upon reading the story I was a mazed 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.

It is a funny thing, but every-

A word to the wise: If someone give him your smuggest smirk and say: "It aih'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 NEXT FRIDAY





Year Book Completed

the 1952 Cornhusker, accord-

ing 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.

Work has been completed on

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Dr. Harold Urey speaks at 8 p.m.

Entries for Farmer's Fair par

Sing Entries Due

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

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Open Letter

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 could-n't the Prom be held offcampus?

Upon presenting our case 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.

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