

EDITORIAL PAGE

Battle Against Nature

As the Big Muddy turns the Missouri River valley into a grotesquely spectacular ocean, personal and property losses soar continually. It is a tragic tale, and it is a tragedy affecting many more than the valley inhabitants who must abandon homes and property for safety.

It is a catastrophe—great enough to require a special session of the Nebraska legislature. Great enough for the president of the United States to call a special meeting with governors of the seven states affected by the flood waters. Great enough for Gov. Val Peterson to request federal aid for the disaster areas. And it is a personal tragedy to the thousands who must take a last look at homes which needed to be evacuated.

It is a dramatic story also—of courageous workers who have volunteered physical effort and of those who have contributed material help. It is appropriate for the University students to help. Between 150 and 200 of them left Lincoln Wednesday to aid in Omaha.

Only those who have witnessed a flood can ever realize the tragedy and suffering accompanying it. It is just not water invading homes and destroying property, it is filth, mud and a damage which will last for months, possibly years.

During occasional breathing spells in the battle, the thought arises as to how to control this gigantic force which periodically rampages and destroys so much. Someday, (possibly years for it will take time) but someday this force will be controlled. During this second consecutive year for the Missouri behaving in a big way—last year the \$870 million Kansas river flood damage was the costliest in history—the concern is greater than ever.

This editor has faith that someday this menace will be tamed. It will take time and expert

Thousands are homeless and property damage mounts hourly as the raging Missouri continues to swallow everything within its path. The monster has left a wake of ghost towns along its flooded banks and hit Iowa's second largest community, Sioux City, with a record crest. Downstream Omaha and Council Bluffs are frantically raising their levees.

Viewing the disaster area through the windows of a DC-6, this writer had the opportunity to see the destruction caused by the flood monster. Flying over the Missouri Wednesday morning at 5,000 feet, one viewed homes and

study, but it will be accomplished—not overnight. It is not appropriate now to argue which way is the best control method. Efforts now should be directed to the emergency. After that, an extensive and intensive study must be made.

University students have been aiding in many ways. During spring vacation many were volunteers at the dikes or relief centers.

Today, The Daily Nebraskan is providing students an opportunity to contribute to the care and relief of the thousands left homeless from the flood. A week long drive is being started in today's paper to which students may contribute to a fund which will be turned over where needed. There is nothing compulsory about donations. But at least the opportunity is available for students desiring to contribute.

This year's flooding is the result of unusually heavy snow and rain. Months ago, army engineers began worrying about what would happen if a steady thaw would occur. There was little time for absorption of the surplus moisture except in the streams that swelled into the big river. The thaw started and the floods started—in Montana. Now they are in Nebraska. All the preparation in the world could not prevent the flood now, but efforts are being made to withstand the crest.

Truly, the results of the flood are far reaching. Radio stations operate on a 24 hour basis to bring continual flood news bulletins and make special announcements. Mobile units bring on-the-spot interviews and news of disaster areas.

The flood is terrible; the losses tremendous, but the spirit is great. This flood for the most part is a courageous and dramatic fight against nature.—J. K.

Flying Over The Wide Missouri barns which stood out against the raging gray waters. Only chimneys and windmills served as final landmarks for many Nebraska and Iowa farms bordering the wide Missouri.

The only sign of life in the gray carpet was a horse frantically trying to escape the vicious waters which carried him further and further downstream. Here and there, small breakages in the dikes could be seen—the water swiftly sweeping over the once dry land.

Filth, mud, slime and the property of thousands are all the elements making up the ever-growing wide Missouri.—S. G.

McCarthy's Tactics

Joe McCarthy, Wisconsin Senator who has gained much fame or notoriety from his attacks on "un-Americans" and on those who disagree with him, seems to have gained a partner—at least one of his Senate colleagues has picked up his tactics and put them to rather dubious use in his own behalf.

Sen. Pat McCarran, head of the Senate judiciary committee, has taken issue with the Las Vegas Sun, Nevada newspaper. And Senator McCarran has found that the Sun's editor, Hank Greenspan, has taken issue with him to the tune of a million-dollar law suit.

McCarran's tactics parallel those of the illustrious McCarthy in that neither man feels any scruples about pressuring advertisers to destroy

or to bring into line publications which run contrary to their own interests.

Senator McCarthy made an extremely underhanded plea to advertisers of Time magazine which had made him look rather ridiculous in its news columns. For various reasons, rather similar, Senator McCarran has induced several Sun advertisers to withdraw their accounts from that paper.

The Sun picked up a few news items, and commented editorially, on revelations brought by the Kefauver Senate crime investigating committee. This, in itself, must have aroused the anger or at least flushed the face of the Nevada Senator. To add insult to injury, the Vegas Sun, under the pen of Editor Greenspan, supported for the Senate Tom Mechlign, who was challenging McCarran. McCarran defeated his opponents and went his merry way back to the Senate but obviously never forgot the audacity of anyone presumptuous enough to contest his Senate chair.

McCarran's anger hit the boiling point when he began phoning Las Vegas gamblers and demanding that they withdraw their advertising from the Sun. His command was particularly effective when he included the warning that he could ruin gambling in Nevada if they did not comply with his request.

Some of the gamblers so contacted by McCarran went along with his tactics and withdrew their accounts from the Sun. But Editor Greenspan obviously was not one to take this sitting down or remaining quiet. He has filed a million-dollar suit for restraint of trade against the Nevada Senator McCarran, his secretary Eva Adams, and various members of the Las Vegas gambling world.

Greenspan undoubtedly has quite a fight on his hands, as does Senator McCarran. But the Sun's editor obviously likes to fight such things as advocated by Senator McCarran who now has to fight, in court, for his actions.

McCarran, as McCarthy, has applied the age-old economic pressure to change the policies of a free press. And McCarran, as McCarthy, realizes that without economic freedom, no free press can exist. Hank Greenspan will not be fighting primarily for that million-dollar settlement. His main cause will be the right of a free people to express themselves without benefit of McCarthys and McCarrans.—R. R.

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Margin Notes

From sounds of Editor Shirley Murphy's plans, the 1953 Husker Handbook will be an extremely attractive and original publication. Miss Murphy and staff, Agnes Anderson, Janice Harrison, Muriel Pickett, Beth Rohwer and Marv Stromer, have divided the Handbook into: activities, social life, residences, finances, University services, sports, classes, campus rules, traditions and the year's schedule. Attractive titles for the sections indicate that much thought and work has gone into making the Handbook truly representative of the University and of real value to incoming students.

April 26 should be a mighty colorful day on the University campus, according to Ag college plans for the 1952 Farmers Fair parade. Eighteen Ag organizations have entered floats in the parade and 13 entrants are scheduled for the midway carnival which will bridge the time between the parade and the rodeo. A real Mardi Gras atmosphere could be created on the campus if the float designers and midway booth creators, figuratively speaking, "lose their heads" on decorations. Such a show would add to campus tradition and color, at least for a day.

Slight reminder of the short life of College Days comes in the announcement that Engineer's Week will begin April 24. Exhibits in departmental open houses, a convocation, field day, picnic and banquet will provide two days of festivities and education for the engineers. It seems extremely unfortunate that other colleges of the University—and perhaps even the entire University—cannot reflect the strong spirit that moves Engine college through administrative red tape to their annual E-Week. The defunct College Days might benefit by adopting some such "nationalism."

Prof. J. P. Colbert, University director of veterans affairs, has announced that vet enrollment stands at 868 today as compared with 5,603 in 1947-'48. Perhaps there will be another surge of veteran enrollment to the University—Korean veterans, not, we hope, World War III veterans.

Since Gen. Dwight Eisenhower can now lay claim to most of New Jersey's 38 delegate votes, Taft forces will undoubtedly claim a moral victory for the Senator so defeated in this latest seacoast primary. However, perhaps Senator Taft will not lose in prestige too greatly since he tried with such diligence to remove his name from the New Jersey ballot. Against the backing of New Jersey's Governor Driscoll for "Ike" the Ohio Senator would not campaign for the 38 convention votes.

Daily Thought

We hate some persons because we do not know them; and we will not know them because we hate them.—Colton.

Letterip

Mistake?

To the Editor: Your editorial, "The China Question, A Mistake," on April 9 by Dr. J. M. Reinhardt pointed out that the U.S. made a mistake in supporting Chiang Kai-shek on Formosa and not recognizing the Chinese Communist regime at the right time. As a Chinese student on this campus, I wish you will allow me to present a few of my views on this matter.

I agree with Dr. Reinhardt that recognition of a government does not constitute a matter of honor, but I doubt very much that recognition of the Chinese "People's Government" at any time will serve American interests. Great Britain recognized the Communist regime for more than two years and she gains no compensating advantage so far. She could do nothing about the confiscation of the Shell Oil company in China and she has not yet been recognized by Red China.

The U.S. recognition will certainly not influence the course taken by the Chinese Communists. It seems rather naive to assume that an offer of economic and technical aid will change Mao Tse-tung's mind. If Mao was so reasonable, then he would not have plunged into the Korean war and let Chinese economy deteriorate. Whoever entertains the illusion that Mao could be another Tito is just engaged in wishful thinking and fails to comprehend the true nature of Communism. Besides, who is sure of where Tito stands?

Dr. Reinhardt mentioned the winning of Chinese people's confidence. But the truth is that Chinese people have no voice in the Communist government. The P.C.C. regime does not rule with the people's consent. It succeeded in driving out Chiang Kai-shek not because of people's support of communism but because of the bankruptcy of the nationalist government.

After so many years of war, Chinese people were then wishing for peace, which is still denied them by the Communists. Nobody can believe that the Red troops in Korea are "volunteers." In China, the people often suffer from one bad government after another with the inability of effecting any change.

Regarding the continued aid to Chiang Kai-shek, I think that it is justified by the strategical value of Formosa, which served as a springboard for the Japanese adventure in the Pacific in World War II. There is no indication that the U.S. wants to do more for Chiang than just protecting the island from a Communist invasion. It seems unrealistic at present to denounce Chiang as if he is worse than the Communists. Chiang is just human. He made mistakes and hence was driven out of the mainland. But he also served China for quite a few years.

Without him, there could not have been any organized Chinese resistance to Japanese invasion in 1937, for years before the Pearl Harbor attack. To throw him out of Formosa and let the Chinese Reds have that island will certainly not conform to the best interest of the U.S.

Chiang may be unrealistic in insisting the Japanese acknowledgment of his status as the head of the sovereign state of China, and Japan may need to trade with Chinese mainland. But, under the present circumstance, her trade with Red China will only harm the UN cause in Korea and she will not please the U.S. as she negotiates the peace treaty with the Reds. General MacArthur said: "The greatest political mistake we have made in a hundred years in the Pacific was in allowing the Communists to grow to power in China. . . I believe we will pay for it, for a century." The U.S. is now paying directly in Korea and indirectly in French Indo-China. If one has any hindsight, then it should be easy to expose the evils of the U.S. policy in China. Or, perhaps, as Dr. Reinhardt said, we don't learn. (Name withheld on request).

Appreciation

To the Editor: On behalf of the Search Week Executive Committee, I wish to express our sincere appreciation for the fine cooperation given us by the committee chairman, committee advisors, committee members, campus organizations, the University administration and The Daily Nebraskan. The team work exemplified by all gives ample evidence that there is great concern for the intellectual and spiritual well-being of our University community. The success of future Search Weeks is well assured by this spirit. Sincerely, RICHARD W. NUTT Co-Advisor

Don't Vote

To the Editor: I believe it is time the independents on this campus woke up

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Little Man On Campus

By Bibler



Hey, Joe—Bring Helen another straw.

Fries To Perform Acrobatic Twirling Throughout Nebraska

By SARA STEPHENSON Staff Writer

Ten years of experience and professional training in baton twirling are again paying off for Shirley Fries, sophomore from Geneva.

From April 29 through May 1 Miss Fries and her energetic baton will become business promoters for Lincoln. Mr. Richard W. Chapin, president of the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce, has asked her to perform her acrobatic twirling stunts with the Lincoln Sowers on a three-day trip to 35 Nebraska towns.

This won't be the first time that residents of Nebraska towns have been fascinated by Miss Fries' amazing feats of twirling. She will be making her second trip with the Lincoln Sowers and has done other professional and amateur twirling for many years in Nebraska.

Miss Fries has built a fantastic repertoire. Some of her favorites include head twirls which are accomplished by an intricate maneuver that enables her to balance a twirling baton on top of her head. Another twirl, the finger twirl, is performed by spinning the baton on her finger tips.

Miss Fries' greatest achievement and her "show stealer" is the hard and sometimes dangerous feat of twirling two fire batons simultaneously. The batons are covered with asbestos and soaked in gasoline. She still performs all her usual feats even though the heads of her batons are balls of flame. "The

to the fact it is old fashioned to vote. If we independents were smart and not idealistic, we would stay completely out of the Student Council elections this spring.

For everyone knows that the faction will win again. Naturally, it is too bad. Why should we take the time to vote when our vote makes little difference between the usually "whopping" majorities the fraternity machines ring up.

I for one am not going to go near the polls this election. I'm through beating my head against a stone wall. And I urge all other independent students with good minds to do the same. There are many other fields in which the independent can prove his worth. Apparently campus politics is not one of them.

Yours for another machinery election. DISGUSTED.

Main Feature Clock Schedule Furnished by Theaters Varsity: "African Queen," 1:17, 3:18, 5:19, 7:20, 9:22. State: "Hold That Line," 2:18, 4:51, 7:24, 9:57. "Rodeo," 1:10, 3:43, 6:16, 8:49.

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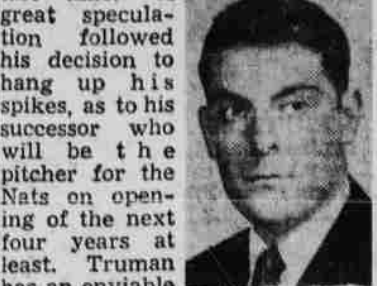
What Am I Doing Here?



—Bob Reichenbach—

It's really great to be back, isn't it? It would appear that quite a few didn't make it back. One of the most frequently heard expressions around campus is "if the levees hold." Let's hope they do.

Quite a few things happened over vacation what with the flood and the opening of the baseball season and all. President, the most consistent winning pitcher the Washington Senators have had for the past seven years, threw out the first pitch, apparently for the last time. A great speculation followed his decision to hang up his spikes, as to his successor who will be the pitcher for the Nats on opening of the next four years at least. Truman has an enviable won and lost record on opening day. He didn't come out so good Tuesday, though. His first game earned run average is slightly phenom. It's something like 0.00. He doesn't have a very large number of victories what with starting only seven games.



Although Mr. Truman pitches for the Senators on opening day he spends the rest of the year on the other side of the field, pegging them in to the Senators who have the 96 oldest men in the Big League. Truman even seems to have trouble winning against the Senator's farm club, the House of Representatives. Both of these outfits are loaded with sluggers who delight in running pitcher Truman up to a count of 3 and 2 and then parking his payoff pitch in the center-field bleachers. While no actual computations have been made, it would seem likely that Truman's regular season earned run average is something like 10.997. At the park up on Capitol Hill he is generally believed to be more of a slugger's pitcher than Ralph Branca, even. Yessir! Baseball's in the air all right.

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