

EDITORIAL PAGE

Rally Night?

The necessary spirit for a successful Homecoming weekend is being aroused on our campus—not through any efforts of the administration to declare a Student Holiday, nor through any previous efforts of the rally committee, under the dictates of Corn Cobs and Tassels, to have a rally Friday night—but from the students themselves.

The decision—presumably by the rally committee, was announced in Wednesday's Daily Nebraskan that just one rally would be held this week—not on the traditional Friday night but Wednesday night. Reasons advanced for the schedule change were that motorists viewing the Homecoming displays might get mixed up with the rally crowd and that attendance at the rally would be seriously hampered by persons working on their house displays.

Happy Birthday

Nov. 7 was an anniversary and we overlooked it. It is one of the most highly significant birthdays in history. Because on the seventh of November, 1917, thousands of angry Bolsheviks under the leadership of Nikolai Lenin took over the government of Russia. Theirs was the second Russian revolution within nine months.

That Bolshevik revolution placed a government in office which now dictates history to the rest of the world. The entire non-Communist world sits, waiting and watching, while Russia and her satellites flex their muscles. The foreign policy of nearly every Western country is concerned with defense against Russian Communism. In the 35 years since 1917, Soviet Russia has grown in power and influence until she is the near-hub of the world's activity.

The Daily Nebraskan would like to compliment the Russians on their physical growth. We are firmly convinced that this same growth—maybe even more significant growth, could have been achieved under another form of government. Nevertheless, the Russians have come a long way from the primarily-agrarian nation which underwent such a change in 1917.

We quarrel, and the entire Western Civilization quarrels, with the methods which Russia under Lenin and Joseph Stalin used to achieve this progress. Most students have had at least one course in history and the Russians have made themselves so important historically that nearly every course in history touches on them. So the extent of Russian progress is not unknown to the University population. The methods are not unknown either.

There is always the danger when talking about the methods which Soviet Russia uses to achieve what she wants that we might be implementing the same tactics she does. It wouldn't take much reading to see what Russian propaganda has to say about life in our country. Maybe—because we have learned to condemn Russia and Communists—we in this country get carried away when we write about life in Russia. It seems almost impossible that conditions could be as bad as some say they are.

The Daily Nebraskan fully realizes that these words are slightly comparable to beresy. We understand what happens in this irrational age of McCarthyism when someone makes a statement about Russia that isn't completely scathing.

is being generated in the entire student body—and, as such, is finding proper action in student leaders.

It seems unfortunate to The Nebraskan that the rally officials—despite precedence set in past years, let two seeming problems direct their decision to have the rally for the Saturday game on Wednesday. The traffic situation has obviously not been too great of a problem in past years; the number of persons attending the rally is something on which rally officials must gamble—and for some reason, for this particular rally they expressed apprehensions about not having sufficient turn-out to make the rally a success.

Student opinion has gotten to the rally officials; and by this we mean all Cobs and Tassels having to do with the formulation of rally policy. Students have expressed the desire to work their way through the Friday night traffic and to leave their house displays long enough for a rally.

To those in charge of instilling spirit into the ranks of the University body: The Nebraskan hopes to see a Friday night rally, complete with football team, torchlight parade, burning of the Gopher and real inaugural spirit for the Homecoming weekend.—R. R.

Nevertheless, we have read the reports of life in Russia. We have studied an editorial in Life magazine about the birthday of the Bolshevik revolution. The tone of all American propaganda—and propaganda from most Western countries—is completely anti-Russia leaving room for nothing complimenting that country. This may be as it should be, we don't pretend to know. We only know that this isn't objective reporting. There are things about life in Russia which are not sordid and caked with fear.

The problem is this: If we allow the nicer things about Russia to be printed, will the public begin to condone the worse things? The Daily Nebraskan believes that the only way that we can beat the ideological war Communism is waging is to fight it with truth. It may be more convenient to leave out the complimentary things about Russia but it is not truth. It means that we are fighting fire with fire—using distortions of the facts to fight distortions of the facts. This is not the American way.

Therefore, on this birthday, The Nebraskan congratulates Russia on its physical advances. Also, we plead that something change the social terror that is being used to achieve those physical advances. Two days after Christmas, 1929, Stalin ordered the liquidation of 5 1/2 million self-sufficient peasants—as a class. This was a part of the collectivization program which Stalin and his aides had worked out to bring power to the Russian nation. This is a type of thing which should and does get blazing headlines in the West. It seems impossible that a country—even one based upon the principles of Russian Communism—could exist for 35 years without making some noteworthy progress. We do not want this progress to be praised out of proportion. We know that the bad still far outweighs the good in Russia. But we do get the definite impression that the American propaganda machine is designed to keep anything good completely out of the Russian picture.

Looking over the 35 years, we see turbulence, death, social upheaval, economic whirlpools and power. With the most sarcasm we can muster, we wish the Russian leaders a happy birthday. We hope that it can be a happy one despite them. We also hope that, eventually, something will change Russian leadership and the whole world can live without fear. We feel that one step towards this is truth. Truth that hasn't been doctored to include certain innuendoes.—D. P.

Margin Notes

Peace By Arms?

The Rabbi Abba Fineberg opened Lincoln Armistice Day services with a plea to God for "the end of hostilities and the return of peace to the peoples of the world." Following the Rabbi's words, veterans of the Spanish-American War and World War I, plus representatives of all present military forces marched down O Street.

It would seem now inherent in the philosophy of this country is the paradoxical thesis that military might is the right road to peace. We pray for peace and then thrill to marching music and the sight of armed forces commemorating the anniversary of a truce.

Our Generation?

Time and again we hear tell, from our elders, that our generation is cynical and silent. We think back over the history of the world and see war and pestilence. We look forward to our future—which for many is Korea.

A newspaperman, in commenting on Armistice Day, 1952, was mentioning the lack of memorials to World War II—as exist for World War I. The article concluded that no memorial to the Second World War existed "unless the great glass and steel home of the United Nations in New York could be so described."

This older generation cynic might be right although it seems wrong to think that the United Nations is a monument to a war. But perhaps it takes wars to make a reality out of peace efforts.

Leering Illegal?

An all-white jury at Yanceyville, N.C., has come up with a decision which appears, on the surface, to be a complete prostration of our system of laws and courts.

A 44-year-old Negro man has been found guilty of assaulting a young white woman by "leering" at her. The latest decision is the result of the third trial of the Negro man on the same charge. Whether or not the accused frightened the white woman, it is tragic that racial prejudices can depend on the courts, to back

Daily Thought

Words pass away but actions remain.—Napoleon.

LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS . . . . . By Bibler Preface



"Who th' heck turned this in for criticism?"

Opera Book Suggested For Saturday Radio Fans

Football season is almost over and the Met has opened its season so the opera will again be the attraction to Saturday afternoon radio listeners. For that reason I urge you to read Complete Stories of the Great Operas by Milton Cross. It's not a new book. Many of you probably have it in your libraries already. It's not a great book but it is helpful to those of you who are interested in understanding what is going on during the presentation of an opera.



Dillman

Rented Land

Directory, Countryman Sales Keep Ag Builders Hopping

The busy spot on Ag campus this week is the Builder's office. Here the distribution of the long-awaited Student Directories and the Cornhusker Countryman is being carried on.

A different system is being used this year in distributing the Directories. Ag students may get theirs from representatives of organized houses or from a booth in the Union. One point to note is that if you have a receipt from city campus, it will not be honored at the Ag College booth.

The sales committee for Ag Builders is in charge of distribution. The booth will be open in the Union from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Cornhusker Countryman may be picked up in the Countryman office any time this week. Union activities for the coming week are the craft shop and dancing lessons.



Beam

EDITOR RACE Competitors Use Backing Of Parties

With the selection of University publication staffs in the far-off future, other schools' struggles of the executive positions may be observed with a bit of humor, irony and wonder. Take for example the present race for the editorship of The University of North Carolina's Daily Tar Heel which is gaining controversial publicity each day. While students supposedly elect the editor, behind-the-scenes politics actually determine the victor. North Carolina does not operate on one, but on two party systems—a University Party and a Student Party. Each of these nominate a candidate. The candidate who received backing from the University Party declared, "If elected I will bend over backwards to be impartial."

Notes On Half-Notes

Marterie Earned Much Praise In Spite Of Comparative Newness

There's been so many things already said this week and the past on the homecoming band, Ralph Marterie, that I am void of new material to present. I will say that for a band that's been organized for such a short time, Marterie certainly has earned all the praise given to both him and the records that he has put out.

Ralph, after working as a staff musician for many years, formed his band in '51 and, with backers such as Harry James and other musicians, he has really found the secret to fame. Records such as "Castle Rock" and "Tenderly" earned Ralph the title as most outstanding band leader of '51.

Hats off to Duke Ellington who was celebrating 25 years in the music business. As a tribute to his greatness, Downbeat devoted an entire issue to this event. Although I've given the life's history of the Duke in a past issue, I would like to recall to your mind some of the all time hits that have made Ellington the most outstanding contemporary contributor to the music business. "Mood Indigo," "Sophisticated Lady," "Do Nothing Till You Hear From Me," "Flamingo," "Solitude," "Take A Train" and many others too numerous to mention. Tributes were made by such musicians as Peggy Lee, Deems Taylor, Gordon Jenkins, Lionel Hampton, Frank Sinatra and others.

As long as we are reaching back for oldies let's call to mind some tunes that are part of every collector's library. Tunes that for lack of commercial appeal have not made the hit parade, but have that certain quality of greatness. Remember Cab Calloway's "Honey Dripper," or "St. James Infirmary," or even "Blue Serge Suit." Then there is Charles Barnette's "Hi Wind," "Portrait of Edward Kenny Ellington," and "Gloomy Sunday." The Ink Spots: "I Cover The Waterfront" and "Georgia." Harry James' wonderful record, "Cherry." Gordon Jenkins with Fran Warren: "For Heaven's Sake." There are so many records to recall I can go on and on. Have you ever stopped to think where your taste in music lies? When you're just listening to music to be listening, is it the above type you enjoy most, or is it the popular field and records such as "You Belong To Me" and "Three Letters" or perhaps you enjoy the novelty tune like you'll "Never Get Away," "Saturday Night Fish Fry" or "It's In The Book."

Army, Air Force March In Joint ROTC Parade

Approximately 2,000 University ROTC students participated in a combined Army and Air Force practice parade held Wednesday at 5 p.m. The units were reviewed by Lt. Col. Alex C. Jamieson. In the reviewing party with Lt. Col. Jamieson were Col. James H. Workman and the Air Force cadet staff officers.

Friday Pep Dance Sponsored By Union

The Union Dance Committee is sponsoring a Pep Dance in the Round-Up room of the Union from 8:30 to 12 p.m. Friday. The dance is a free, casual affair open to couples as well as stags.

NUBB Thursday

- YW NOON DISCUSSION — Ellen Smith Dining Room, 12 p.m.
YW WORSHIP WORKSHOP — Ellen Smith Dining Room, 4 p.m.
STUDENT-FACULTY CONFERENCE HOUR — Union Faculty Lounge, 4 p.m.
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