

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Is There A Santa?

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following editorial was originally printed in The New York Sun in answer to a little girl's letter. Some of the little girl's friends had spread doubt about the existence of Santa Claus. The Sun's answer, printed below, is The Nebraska's Christmas greeting to the student body.)

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The

eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view the picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God! he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, may, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.



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KNUS

KNUS will go off the air at 5 p.m. Friday. KNUS will be back on the air the first or second week in February.



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Vacation

Christmas vacation at the University officially begins at 12 noon Saturday. Classes will resume on Monday, Jan. 5, at 8 a.m.

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Petition To Determine Opinion On Regents

A student Council-sponsored petition will be circulated between Jan. 5 and 10 to determine student opinion on the sale of classroom supplies in the University-operated Regents Book Store.

The Council action was taken, Council officials told The Nebraskan Thursday, in response to a petition circulated to merchants in 24 Nebraska communities requesting that supply sales be discontinued.

During vacation Council workers will prepare the student petitions—drawn up at a Thursday meeting between a three-member Council committee and Dean of Student Affairs, J. P. Colbert and the Chancellor, administrative assistant, Bruce Nicoll—for distribution before organized house meetings Jan. 5.

The Board of Regents and University administrative officials

have told The Nebraskan that they will fight for the continuance of supply sales only if the study body want them to.

If a majority of the student body signs the petition, the Student Council, officials said, will consider it a mandate from the students to oppose the request to discontinue the sale of supplies.

The Council petition reads: "We the undersigned students of the University of Nebraska request that the University of Nebraska Board of Regents continue the sale of classroom supplies in the Regents book store operated by the University.

"We also believe the sale of such supplies for classroom use is in the best interests of the University student body and is compatible with the broad philosophy that a University should perform such services as will assist us in securing a university education."

According to preliminary plans, the petitions will be circulated to all organizations—not just organized houses. A booth in the Union is also being considered.

The Junior-Senior Class Board has offered the Council its help in circulation and certification of the petitions.

The Council requests, in a letter to organization presidents, that signed petitions be returned to the Student Council mailbox in the Union basement by noon Wednesday, Jan. 7. The Council will make further plans at its regular 4 p.m. meeting that Wednesday.

All officials involved stressed that the petition was merely an attempt to find student opinion and did not mean that students would have to buy supplies at the

Regents store.

One administrative official said, "It is merely a question of principle." The Regents store, he said, is a convenience, not a bargain counter.

The Council committee studying the problem includes Jan Steffen, Bob Peterson and Connie Gordon.

Registration Set For 2nd Semester

Upperclassmen Urged To Present Grade Slips To Speed Up Process

Freshmen may draw registration numbers starting Thursday, Jan. 8 in the Military and Naval Science Building drill hall.

The sooner freshmen students pick up their numbers, the lower registration number they will receive and the earlier they will be able to register for second semester classes. Upperclassmen will register according to the number of hours earned as of Sept. 1.

The dates for registration are Jan. 12, 13, 14, and 15. Jan. 16 will be set aside for students with "special problems" concerning registration, according to Dr. Floyd W. Hoover, director of Registrations and Records.

Dr. Hoover urges upperclassmen to bring copies of their grade slips, the ones received by students last summer, as this will speed registration "considerably."

Students who do not have these grade records with them will have to wait while their total number of hours credit is checked. Students with 89 hours credit and above may register starting at 8 a.m. Jan. 12. Dr.

Faculty Club Dance Scheduled Friday

The Faculty Dance Club will hold a Christmas dinner dance in the Union Friday at 6:30 p.m.

The dinner, held in Parlors ABC, will be preceded by a short business meeting.

The dance will begin at 8 p.m. in the Ballroom. A Scandinavian theme will be carried out in the decorations.

The dance club is composed of about 70 couples from the University faculty. The club holds a dance once each month.

Legionnaires To Take Part In YMCA Panel

American Legion members who have recently attacked a book, "State of Asia," used in History 102 and the instructor, Prof. E. N. Anderson, will appear in a panel at an open meeting in Love Library at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 8.

The YMCA is sponsoring the hearing at which Legionnaires will present their case, then be questioned by the audience. If the Jan. 8 meeting does not clear up the matter the YM plans additional sessions.

The decision to call the hearing came after YM Cabinet passed a resolution saying that "in the search for truth the University faculty and students must examine all sides of an issue, test existing theories and explore new horizons."

Earlier a statement made by the Committee on Effective Citizenship of the National Student YMCA and YWCA in effect sanctioned such action.

The statement "Christian concern over the abridgement of academic freedom stems from the belief that freedom of choice is a right given to man by God for the fulfillment of personality."

"This freedom is not license, the prelude to anarchy, but conscience, the prelude to responsible fellowship. Men should not deprive one another of the freedom God has granted to each of us. Christians also cherish America's democratic heritage because of its great concern for the individual. And they feel freedom of speech and inquiry are essential to the maintenance of democracy.

"Because Christians believe in the right of individuals to search for the truth, they are concerned when hysteria and fear shut off free inquiry on college campuses."

Forum Proposed To Discuss American Legion's Charges

An open forum to discuss recent charges concerning the American Legion and the University was proposed Thursday by John Killeen, co-chairman of Lincoln Public School Legislative Council.

Killeen suggested that the forum deal with the charges of Joe Vinardi of the Omaha American Legion Post's un-American activities committee and Terry Carpenter, state senator-elect from Scottsbluff, protesting the use of the book, "The State of Asia," in a University history course.

The book was published by the Institute of Pacific Relations, now under investigation as a Communist front organization by the Senate internal security sub-committee.

Killeen said at present the forum is "just an idea" but that more positive action will be taken on it after the Christmas holidays. He named Vinardi and "the members of the Lincoln committee"—Roy Sheaff, Donald Wood and John Slothover—as persons he would like to have on a panel to which questions would be put by members of the Lincoln school system and other interested persons.

The purpose of the forum would be to find out "just what's in their craw," Killeen said. He said he would bring the plan before the Legislative Council after the holidays for their approval and recommendations.

Left Overs

By LILA WANER Staff Writer

Three student nurses were very late in getting back to the hospital one night. As they were slipping in, they met three internes coming out. "Shh," they said, "we've been out after hours."

"Shh," replied the internes, "we're going out after ours."

"Ted: My girl doesn't understand me. Does yours?"

"Jerry: I don't know. I never heard her mention your name."

After a long and bitter argument the woman screamed, "You weasel, you! You used to say I was all the world to you!"

"And now," her husband retorted, "I understand why flunked geography all the way through grade school!"

NU Faculty Plans Annual Art Display

The annual Faculty Art Show will be held in Morrill Hall Jan. 9 to Feb. 8. This is the first time the faculty art show has been held on this campus for two years.

Faculty members participating in the show are: Leroy Burket, Gale Butt, Lemford L. Keiler, Walter Melgs, Katherine Nash, David Seyler, Tom Sheffield, Freda Spaulding and Peter Worth.

"Visitors from Minnesota" Art Show will be held here Jan. 16 to Feb. 15. This exhibition from Minnesota will include the work of University of Minnesota faculty. In return, an exhibition of art work by our faculty will be presented at the University of Minnesota. It will be called "Visitors from Nebraska."

Library's Vacation Hours Announced

All books checked out of Love Library after noon, Friday, will not be due until Jan. 5, the first day of regular classes after Christmas vacation. This includes books ordinarily overnights or two-hour reserves only.

Vacation library hours will be: Sat., Dec. 20—5 a.m. to noon. Mon., Dec. 22—8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tues., Dec. 23—8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wed., Dec. 24—8 a.m. to noon. Thurs. through Sat.—closed. Mon., Dec. 29—8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tues., Dec. 30—8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wed., Dec. 31—8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thurs., Jan. 1—closed. Fri., Jan. 2—8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sat., Jan. 3—8 a.m. to noon.

Y's Sponsor Family Type Yule Service

The University YM and YWCA presented a family service entitled, "The Night Before Christmas," in the Union Ballroom Thursday.

Guest speaker for the service was Dr. W. A. Cross, pastor of the University Episcopal chapel. Rev. Richard Gary, director of Cotner House gave the prayer. The traditional scripture of the Christmas story was read.

The spotlight rested on the Nativity scene, constructed by a Pan-hellenic committee, as Kitty Wilson, Jo Sorenson and Mary Lou Beerman sang "Silent Night" and "White Christmas."

Faculty members from the Spanish department and groups of students from the German and French departments presented readings and carols in those languages.

The program was introduced by Doris Carlson, president of YWCA. Pat Graham and Dick Marrs were co-chairmen of the event.

Following the program the group sang carols and refreshments were served.

Eight To Lead Teachers High Band, Chorus

Eight University seniors, student teachers in Teachers College High School, will direct the high school band and chorus in Teachers' High annual Christmas assembly in the Union Ballroom at 2 p.m. Friday.

The chorus will be led by Marjorie Danly, Phoebe Dempster, Janice Fullerton, Nancy Norman and Jack Wells. In charge of the band will be Robert Chab, Wesley Reist and Kathryn Robins. The students will also direct carol singing Friday morning in the halls of Teachers High.

The assembly will feature, besides band and chorus, several high school vocalists and small musical groups. Climaxing Christmas festivities will be the annual party Friday night.

P. M. Headlines

By SALLY ADAMS Staff Writer

'Civil Defense Needs Inadequate'

NEW YORK—President-Elect Eisenhower, after meeting with Gen. Douglas MacArthur, was told that if war were to come tomorrow, the country would not be ready to meet the civil defense needs.

The substance of the report, made by state defense directors, was announced in a press conference by Lt. Gen. Henry L. Larsen of Denver, president of the National Association of State Civil Defense Directors.

Ike, Dulles, MacArthur Confer

NEW YORK—Eisenhower met with Gen. MacArthur to discuss "peace not only in Korea, but in the world in general."

The meeting occurred three days after Ike had returned from his trip to Korea. John Foster Dulles, secretary of state-designate, also attended.

Both Eisenhower and MacArthur called the meeting satisfactory and an opportunity to resume their old friendship.

Siamese Twin Regains Consciousness

CHICAGO—One of the Siamese twins, separated Wednesday in an unprecedented operation, regained consciousness Thursday but the other's condition continued "precarious."

If the twins survive, it will be the first successful operation of its kind in history. The boys were joined at the top of their heads, with their feet pointing in opposite directions.

Crosby Clarifies Property Levy Stand

LINCOLN—Gov.-Elect Robert Crosby clarified his pledge to cut Nebraska's 1953 property tax levy and Gov. Val Peterson said his own attitude toward the scheme would be "revealed in my budget message."

UN Planes Smash Reds

SEOUL—United Nations fighter-bombers smashed a huge Communist troop concentration 20 miles south of the North Korean capital of Pyongyang Thursday.

At least 70 buildings were destroyed and 30 were damaged in the four-wing attack. American Sabrejets shot down one MIG-15 Communist jet and damaged another in the fourth straight air battle along the Manchurian border.