

EDITORIAL PAGE

Two Prizes: Golden But Awkward

The world awoke Monday morning to read that the West may now possess two of the Soviet Union's most prized possessions—Lavrenti P. Beria and a MIG-15.

Someone connected in some manner with the McCarthy investigations subcommittee thinks he has discovered a refugee who is Beria.

Gen. Mark Clark bought the plane from its pilot for \$100,000. Neither prize may do the Western World much good.

Last spring Gen. Clark announced to the Communists that the United Nations would pay \$100,000 to the first MIG pilot to fly his plane to the UN side and \$50,000 to every additional pilot. The object, of course, was to lower the morale of the Communist aviators and to obtain a MIG for detailed examination.

But the fighting is supposedly over; the UN and the Communists are engaged in negotiations for a permanent armistice.

Because Clark says that the cash offer is still in effect, the Communists may charge that the UN is not negotiating in good faith. They may accuse the United States and its allies of "purchasing treason" among Communist troops.

Regardless of how moral our offer to "buy" MIG's might be, giving the Communists any opportunity to criticize our actions is bad policy—if WE are negotiating in good faith.

The other prize, Mr. Beria, is a more difficult subject to approach. Obviously, the man could aid the United States and the United Nations by explaining the progress of the So-

viet Union's atomic and hydrogen bomb projects, as well as the secret police.

The news accounts report that the man thought to be Beria wants to speak immediately with President Eisenhower, Vice-President Nixon or Sen. McCarthy. The man appears to want to share his secrets.

But three difficulties immediately arise. First, the refugee may not be Beria, even though McCarthy's aid said, "We believe that there is only one chance out of a hundred that this man is not Beria." After all, a number one prisoner of the Communists just doesn't walk out of his cell.

Second, who knows that this is not simply an ingenious Communist plot to give us false information concerning their atomic development. Even though Beria has reportedly been tossed out of his job, he may be another Rudolf Hess, only smuggled into Germany instead of dropped into Britain. If our memory is correct, a couple of Japanese diplomats were negotiating in Washington for a lasting peace when Pearl Harbor was attacked in 1941.

Third, the announcement of the identity of the refugee came from a spokesman for McCarthy's committee. The last time the Wisconsin senator dealt in State Department affairs, he made a big news splash in announcing that Greek ship owners had promised him not to deliver strategic goods to Red China. Later we discovered that the State Department had received a similar promise from the Greek government shortly before—and that McCarthy's achievement was not so great as assumed.

Curiously enough, the senator managed to gain a lot of unwarranted favorable publicity during the entire affair.

'One-Solicitation'

All-University Fund representatives, anxious to set the record straight about the pre-school collections, contacted The Nebraskan Monday to explain the reasons behind the early solicitations.

The campaign, according to AUF president, Rocky Yapp, is not in conflict with the "sole, one-hit" drive opening Oct. 5. Those persons who made their donations before the start of classes were given receipts which, in effect, will exempt them from further AUF sales-talk.

The purpose of this "pre-drive" drive was to contact the incoming students who, according to AUF, frequently change their addresses by the time the general solicitation begins. Also, many independent students contacted during the "pre-drive" would have been difficult to locate when the actual drive starts.

Yapp further explained that the pre-school drive has been in effect for the last eight years and is not an innovation. He said that perhaps a "one-solicitation" label would better describe the AUF principle than the oft-used (and sometimes misused) "all-inclusive, one-hit, sole" drive.

Despite any change in describing AUF's drive, The Nebraskan continues to endorse the AUF principle and wishes the best of luck in the "coming" campaign.—E.D.

Here's Hoping

Engineers are quite definitely engineers; ag students have the same group-conscious attitude. An affinity exists between students and between students and faculty which is lacking in other colleges within the University.

The College of Business Administration is taking steps to remedy this lack with the formation of a student council within the college. According to a communication from Dean E. S. Fullbrook, a student council had "functioned successfully but was a war casualty."

Formation of a council might be looked upon as merely another step in an age of increasing specialization and centralization. It could be said that no longer can persons be just students, in an abstract sense, that they are forced into identification with a group within a group, that they are being pressed into an ever-narrowing niche.

It could be added that the council would be "another activity"—something else to take up the time of already too-busy students.

These things could be said and they would be true, but to stop there would be to ignore the three point purpose of the council: "to represent the student body of the College of Business Administration in promoting functions of the College; to represent the student body in its relations with the faculty; and to promote the general welfare of both the College and the student body."

Constitutions always speak in generalities, particularly where purposes are concerned. Thus organizations, as well as nations, become whatever those most concerned make them. If Biz Ad students wish, the council could provide that elusive, if much-sought object, an open forum for the exchange of ideas between students and between students and faculty.

Here's hoping the Biz Aders make their council-to-be a constructive, helpful organ of expression for their mutual interest, and a link with their faculty—not a time-waster, not an "activity."—S.H.

Despite the spokesman's confidence that the man is Beria and despite the possibility that Beria may want to "get even" with his former Bolshevik buddies, we'll keep calm until the State Department and the President have had a chance to determine what the refugee is worth.

We hope that he will do more for world peace than the purchase of the MIG-15 promises to do.—K.R.

Stegophilism

Panty raids in Britain? Heaven Forbid! Today's undergraduates in England neither swallow goldfish nor stage so-called panty raids on sorority houses.

They climb roofs instead. "Stegophilism," which comes from the Greek—steg meaning roof and philos meaning crazy about, is the current extra-curricular diversion in English schools and universities.

The October Reader's Digest in an article on this nocturnal pastime states that, "Hardy, anonymous athletes are training for the eventual conquest of Swiss or Himalayan peaks by pitting their muscles against the pinnacles and drainpipes of the college buildings. The fact that the authorities frown upon such sport and expel anyone caught indulging in it adds a delightful piquancy not found in the Alps themselves."

Nebraska would-be addicts might be stymied by the relatively modernistic architecture found over here.

Oh well, more's the challenge. See you atop the Carillon tower, eh what?—E.D.

Margin Notes

What Of Our Rallies Now?

Since Saturday's game, rally planners are concerned with the outcome of future rallies. Friday night's rally exceeded most hopeful planners' wildest expectations as 1700 students joined the parade and yelled their lungs out for the team and Nebraska. What will happen now?

Will the student body continue to hold up their end of the deal and create the will for the football team to win or will the results of the Oregon game squelch any hopes that a new era in student body support and enthusiasm has bloomed?

Fire Drills Replaced?

The latest news flash states that Lincoln is one of 193 cities probably on Russia's list for atomic attack. Although not a critical area, the government evidently feels there is enough danger to make a public warning necessary.

Next thing we know, fire drills will be old-fashioned stuff and atomic drills will be in vogue. Instead of routing the dorm out of bed in the middle of the night with towel and sandbag, safety-minded supervisors will be herding sleepy-headed "victims" into dark super-fortified cells.

That's progress?

New Department Chairmen

Congratulations to Dr. C. H. Patterson, professor of philosophy, John L. Champe, professor of anthropology, Carl E. Georgi, professor of bacteriology, and Peter Worth, professor of art, who have been named as chairmen of their departments.

LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS by Dick Bibler



"Hello, Records Office? Miss Slauson has just withdrawn from 'Cooking 281!'"

Letterip

Blumberg Article Assailed

(Letters to the editor should be limited to 300 words. Unsigned letters will not be published. However, names may be withheld on request. The editors reserve the right to edit all letters. Letters represent only the contributors' view.)

Dear Editor: Your article, "Journalistic Signposts Show Decay Of Values," by Assistant Professor Blumberg is, in my opinion, slightly aggravating to those people who read for pleasure and knowledge.

Apparently Mr. Blumberg is saying that journalists should not only write the news, but also make the news and disseminate news in the ipso facto fashion of a La Salle law book.

Fortunately no two animals "without backbones," as Mr. Blumberg puts it, see eye to eye on everyday issues worth discussion in a newspaper or other journalistic endeavor.

If this were true, one publication would be sufficient for all news commentary. And not only is this idea ridiculous, but it would also exclude any self interpretations of the information that can be obtained by reading publications with opposing opinions, such as the editorial columns of the Omaha World-Herald and The Nebraskan, whose editors seem to believe that lopsided adjectives and caricatures can be called editorials.

Chickles

By CHICK TAYLOR Some gals learn fast That sin can be pleasant, And don't mind a past If it gets them a present.

He had just proposed, then asked his girl friend.

"Darling, do you like the big weddings or little ones?" "Listen here!" she snapped, "there'll be a big wedding first or no little ones."

A small-town merchant, on a buying trip to the city, boarded the Pullman and pulled back the curtains of the berth. He was astounded to find two blonde cuties reposing there. After checking his ticket to make sure he wasn't wrong, he said: "I'm deeply sorry ladies, but I am a married man, a man of respect and standing in my community. I could not afford to have any breath of scandal touch me. I'm sorry,—but one of you will have to leave."

Would either paper submit to a single consensus of opinion? Hardly. When one party of political double-talkers wants a better defense one day, then a world disarmament race the next and another party wants a better defense and reduced taxes the next, how could any red-blooded journalist make an honest, unbiased report . . . ?

Yes, there are countless people in this world with unwavering backbones and among these are many journalists who have not been influenced or trampled (which is remarkable) by machines in a machine age. Give them a break Mr. Blumberg. They are only human.

RICHARD A. STUBEN

The Ride Of 600

Dear Editor: "Into the Valley of the shadow of death rode the six hundred." When six hundred men ride into the valley of the shadow of death, it is not likely that they did so at the point of a gun—at least not in this country.

I am sure that the British light infantry of Tennyson's Charge rode because they wanted to, because they could have turned back.

If six hundred men in this country rode into the numerous well-known communist fronts, whether they were clergymen or not, they did it because they wanted to, and should be held accountable for it.

Why is it, everybody wants to find communists anywhere until somebody starts to do it. The fact that it is McCarthy and Velde that are doing it is our own fault, or rather the fault of people who say McCarthy and Velde are galloping over the backs of people that say, "I refuse to answer on the grounds that it might incriminate me." If McCarthy and Velde are to be criticized, then it had better be done with an offer of a better method, or not at all, because it is only communists, pinkoliberals and Democrats who are afraid of an investigation showing up how they let communists infiltrate the American government that are screaming about McCarthy, and why?

Because it might incriminate them.

I notice by this morning's World Herald (Sept. 17) that Sen. Griswold, generally considered an internationalist-Republican, says: The effect of the McCarthy investigations "has been very helpful for the people of America." Maybe the people who scream about it aren't really Americans.

DON SHERWOOD

The Student Speaking

Del-za-poppin'

By DEL HARDING 11:54 p.m. My name is Del. I work out of The Nebraskan office. My job: to write a column. I just want to get the facts—just the facts. I just play hunches—just hunches. Sometimes they pay off, sometimes they don't—I just play hunches.

Hmmm, that crazy record will drive me sane yet! The annual "who'll crown a queen first" contest was won Saturday night by the BABW, as Betty Hrabik was presented as the 1953 Hello Girl.

Notice that the Mechanical Arts building has been renamed Stout Hall. I think it such a good practice to name buildings after men such as Stout—by the way, anybody know who he is?

Following this trend I would like to suggest the Temple building be renamed Hank's Hall, in honor of the great Machine-Gun Gibson, boy comic.

Also how about Henry's Hut for Andrews Hall, in honor of Henry Cech, comic Emeritus and former Elgin volleyball star, who's been around longer than Dirty Ernie.

Advice to frosh who want to avoid being senior "has been"—just be "never was been" your first three years—really, it's the most!

If you like Dixieland and Jazz in general take in the All-Student Mixer in the Union ballroom Saturday night. Al Holbert's Combo (formerly the "Dog-house Dozen, Minus a Few" as I recall) will put forth an evening of top Jazzy music if they're half as good as they used to be.

More on the Homecoming

band: I have it on reliable authority that it will not be, repeat, will not be, Francis Heftl and Neil Wayne. But don't give up hope—the Mortar Boards are still trying.

Poem: The singer is noted for T. The band is famed for D. And together da de da. Now do you know them? All cute cuds are invited to complete the last line in rhyme and leave it with your name and measurements for me in The Nebraskan office.

The first correct answer will give some lucky coed not only the Homecoming scoop but a date, that's right, a date with this columnist! Please form a double line into The Nebraskan office and leave immediately after handing in your entry—no pushing, please!

Wasn't the Friday night rally jolly! If the frats and sororities would stop using them for advertising contests—displaying the many and ever-growing signs, carrying not football slogans but simply the "house" of the bearers—the team might be somewhat more inspired.

At least the people in the crowd could see the speakers, which was more than they could Friday night.

Only bright spots in Saturday afternoon's scrimmage: the sparkling play of Rex Fischer and the La Reynolds catch of Denis Korinek. Mark Fischer down as a future Husker great. His running reminds one a lot of his brother, Cletus, who was one of the few bright spots in the Husker teams of the late 1940's.

Can't resist joining the list of football prognosticators: Illinois to win by three touchdowns.

Pasture Parley

Ag Buildings, Lots Exhibit New Look

One week of classes over. Only 89 days left until Christmas. For other information contact Dragnet.

The Department of Buildings and Grounds is overdoing itself by remodeling Ag buildings this year. Now if someone will only mix up a little nitroglycerin in chem lab, we'll have a new chemistry building too. Not that there is anything wrong with the one we have.

I see the plastic front of the Ag Bulletin Board south of Ag Hall is broken again. If it's going to be impossible to keep the front of it intact where it is presently located, perhaps it should be moved to a new location . . . say in front of the Ag Union. This might allow for more thorough up-to-date event coverage also.

By the way, the Ag Union committee membership drive ends today. There are a variety of committees guaranteed to suit anyone's ability or schedule. It can be a lot of fun and, after

all, it's the students that make Ag Union—so get over the and sign up.

New a new armory is being built on Ag Campus. Next thing you know Russia will explode another H-bomb and all men will be equipped with portable anti-aircraft guns and each gal will be enlisted as a member of the Civil Air Patrol.

Several of the Ag parking lots have been resurfaced. As long as it took to get some of them completed, they must have been waiting for the cinders from last year's heating systems to use for resurfacing material.

That about wraps it up for now so until next week . . . adios, amigos.—Dwight Jundt.

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