

# The Thoughtful Generation

Let's try our hand at psychoanalyzing the Younger Generation.

Let's give it a name, too. And when we're through, let's tell the oldsters so they can stop worrying about us—they are worried.

The first and biggest symptom of this worry was a survey by Time Magazine. The resulting label for us was "silent." The name proved so interesting and catching that college professors still use it.

Latest in the series of worriers is the New York Times. Recently four pages of its magazine section were devoted to "Portrait of the Korean Veteran."

The article calls the Korean vet "polite, even timid . . . a different breed" from the World War II Veterans.

He is confused and frustrated about the "end of the war in which both sides are claiming victory. Yet," the article continues, "even these reactions don't seem to reach very deeply . . . what stands out vividly . . . is an amazing amalgam of first-class fighting competence and an almost eerie disinterest in a job or surroundings or relationships."

The article then ties up this "disinterest" with a peculiar "fatalism." "They had a special phrase in Korea, a phrase that spells out the profound fatalism that they seemed to feel, and that they still show now that they've left the war: 'That's the way the ball bounces.'"

Obviously a main point of the portrait is this lack of interest Korean vets had toward the war. Even the "re-treads" didn't get

steamed up. It was simply a job to be done. They did it—no questions asked, no yelling. In a word, they had no gung-ho.

This coincides with the point everyone makes about us, the Younger Generation. We don't get excited. We live with an outward calm which the Older Generation finds distressing.

Let's suggest to the worriers, the namers, the analyzers that the explanation is so simple they've missed it. Let's suggest that we have replaced the blatant, outward individuality of their generations with individuality of mind.

Let's remind them of the intensely machine-like character of the world we grew up in and suggest that we accept this and try to go above it—not fight it.

Let's really shock those concerned about "What's Wrong With Youth" by simply saying, "There's nothing wrong. We've just grown up sooner than you realize."

Let's say, "The only trouble is that you don't recognize maturity when it occurs in youth."

Then let's add for good measure, "We may be 'silent.' It's just because we're thinking instead of talking. If you must have a name for us, why not 'The Thoughtful Generation?'"—S.H.

## Vets Organize

NU Veterans, previously bound together only by their common service to the nation, at last have the makings of an organization which will place them in a recognized niche in campus life.

Delta Alpha Pi, now lacking only formal recognition, has 20 active members at the present and plans to inaugurate a pledge class.

Eventual ownership of a fraternity house and possible establishment of a National organization are contemplated.

This, for a beginning, is certainly ambitious; but, at any rate, it is typical of the "can-do" spirit exemplified by America's servicemen.

Delta Alpha Pi is restricted to ex-members of the Armed Forces who hold an Honorable Discharge or were released from service without prejudice. This however is the only restriction to membership; for written in the Constitution is the clause, "No person, because of his race, creed, or color shall be refused pledgeship."

Again, this clause is a carry-over from service life. While the military is far from democratic by its nature, those men serving in it highly prize democratic principles.

Contrary to some notions, the veteran on the campus is not looking to Uncle Sam for handouts; nor is he a "security conscious" displaced person.

The veteran in college is at a disadvantage, to be sure, in that his contemporaries in college are his juniors by some two to six years and his interests differ from theirs; yet he has a distinct advantage because of this.

The veteran usually knows what he wants out of a college education. He generally has a more mature approach to his problems. For this reason, The Nebraskan believes that Delta Alpha Pi will likely set some standards which other Greek organizations may do well to notice. —E.D.

## Margin Notes

### A New Killer

During August a series of "ice box incidents" resulted in the deaths of several children in the United States. The youngsters, playing hide-and-seek no doubt, got shut up in the abandoned boxes and were smothered to death.

Several towns in the country immediately passed ordinances forbidding unused ice boxes to remain within the playing areas of children.

But this week two four-year-old boys were found dead inside an abandoned ice box in Windsor, Ont.

### To The Depths

Modern man is not satisfied with breaking the sound barrier or flying at record heights.

Now he must descend to the bottoms of the ocean. A month or two ago a couple of French naval officers took a diving boat a mile beneath the surface.

This week a 69-year-old professor rose to new depths—and got his bathyscaph more than twice as far from air.

### Pelican's Pitiful Plight

A white pelican found a new home Thursday. Unusual visitor for eastern Nebraska, the migrating bird settled down on Oak Lake. Park department officials captured him, however, and took him to Pioneer Park.

Not even a pelican can do as he pleases nowadays.

### A Chance For The 'Bums'

The Yanks are leading in the World Series so far. This is getting to be a habit.

However, if the Democrats can be ousted after 20 years, surely there is still some hope for "Dem Bums."

## Where Were They?

The number of applications for student membership of the Board of Student Publications was a disgrace to the University.

With all the concern students on the campus seemed to show about The Nebraskan's decrease from four to three issues a week they failed to rally to the Nebraskan's defense when the time came.

If students really had the desire to help The Nebraskan, they could have done it by showing enough interest in the organization which decided such matters and applied for membership in the organization.

In other words the one senior applicant, three junior applicants and two sophomore applicants should be patted on the back for their concern.

At the same time the rest of the student body which was so up in arms about the Publications Board's decision to cut The Nebraskan issues should hang its head in shame for not taking advantage of the opportunity to apply.

Perhaps they could have gotten in their two cents worth next time the problem comes up.—J.H.

## The Squeeze Play

If you've paid a parking fine this year, it was probably because you couldn't find a parking stall in time to get to your nine o'clock.

Undoubtedly you're disgusted with a system that doesn't give its students enough room to park—and then fines them for parking too many cars within that space.

Even more curious is what happened to the money you paid as a fine.

Last spring the Student Council Parking Committee proposed that money from fines go into a scholarship fund. The idea was a reasonable one, since students, in the end, would receive money collected from students.

But, when the parking plan went behind the Walls of the Administration, a number of the Committee's suggestions, including the scholarship fund, were forgotten.

Instead, the Administration ruled that fines "shall be utilized fully to implement the parking plan for the 1953-54 academic year, including the hiring of clerical personnel and additional part-time police."

In other words, the cramped parking system is now an expanding bureaucracy, with policemen and clerks being paid indirectly through too-few parking places.

In other words, the Administration is collecting money from its under-developed parking facilities in order to pay men and women to nab parking offenders who are caught between no parking place and a nine o'clock class.

Sounds like an ever expanding bureaucracy—particularly if additional policemen are hired. Since issuing tickets is only part of their job, the bantam parking facilities are financing the policing of the entire campus. That's where your money went.

According to the Administration, this squeezing of dollars from student drivers will stop by the end of next week. At that time, we are told, enough new parking facilities will be opened to relieve the parking pressure.

If this is true, student fines should drop 75 per cent. How then will the campus police be paid?—K.R.

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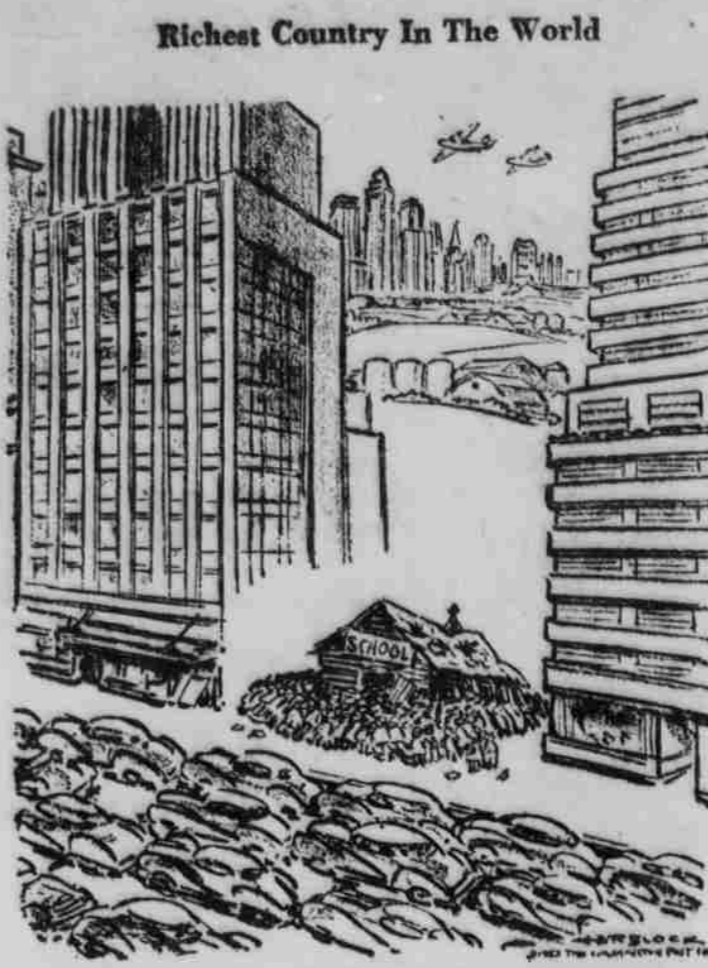
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## On The Aisle Search For 'Truth' Is 'Martin Luther'

You have an opportunity to see a very extraordinary movie this weekend. "Martin Luther" is a movie which you owe it to yourself to see. I doubt seriously that I would have gone, had it not been for this column. I can tell you that I am glad I saw "Martin Luther."

Before I went to this movie, I had the impression that it was more than just another religious epic; but I didn't expect it to be a very good movie. It did not seem to me that "Martin Luther" was anti-Catholic. Personally, I felt that the movie was not "jabbing" the Roman Catholic Church.

Rather, I carried away the feeling that here was a man who searched until he found a "truth" he could live by. Certainly, all of us cannot find the identical religious "truth." The fact that we search is important—and I think the movie jolts anyone into re-examining the faith he lives by.

By anyone's standards Luther was a great—if not a saintly—man. At a time when a vast majority of the world's civilized population was ruled by the Church-State government of the Holy Roman Empire, Martin Luther rose up in defiance to a situation he could not tolerate.

To tell a controversial story such as this is not easy for any movie-maker. Most members of the Catholic Church agree that the Church did not have its own house in too good order at the time of Luther.

In all fairness I say that the Catholic Church would have little to criticize in this movie. I hope no Protestant will unjustly criticize the Catholic Church after seeing this movie.

I walked out of the theater with the thought that Faith is

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## The Student Speaking

# Stern Thoughts

By ARNIE STERN  
Here we are again. Same column, same paper, same day, poorer humor and some enlightening thoughts (?), all for the price of a jitney token.

Spent a most enjoyable weekend in Champaign due in part to the improved showing of the football team. The University of Illinois is quite an institution. There are some 18,000 students with 60 fraternities and about that many dolly houses.

For a school of that size they really have a lot of school spirit. Thousands of Illinois students and fraternity pledges held a torch light rally last Friday night and really whooped it up. Poxy Clark sort of dampened things when he told the ralliers that they shouldn't be so excited about ill ole Nebraska, for Wisconsin was coming up soon. Little did he know.

Apart from the spirit, Illinois is in some ways the same as Nebraska. Parking is a most critical problem. Until this year one had to be of legal age to have a car, and everyone took cabs and moaned. This year anyone can have a car at school and they are still moaning—about the parking space shortage.

Of course the university has taken advantage of the situation with parking meters on the campus. Imagine, they only get 20 hours of parking for their dollar.

I've been asked to put in a plug for the All University Fund. This group is not to be confused with the All University Party

which meets late Wednesday evenings in smoke-filled rooms to discuss politics. AUF is a charity organization which helps you once a year for a small contribution. The money collected is distributed to charities chosen by the student populous. Be charitable, give to AUF. (unplugged P.S. It's a deductible expense.)

It was heartening to see the football team in action last Saturday. The improvement was remarkable. If Bill's crew continues to improve, the football season could be quite a success. I've got a lot of confidence in the student body will give them the necessary support—win, lose or draw. I hope that those students migrating to Kansas State will cheer the boys to a victory. Remember that the lung supports helps greatly.

There weren't many more than 100 Nebraska rooters at Champaign, but believe me they were heard. If the grandstand quarterbacks will take the cue of the Nebraska fans at Illinois, I'm sure that both school and team spirit will really soar.

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