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EDITORIAL PAGE

Kicking The Mule

ings."

The Nebraskan has never overrated the Student Council. In fact, the paper's editorial comment probably has been hypercritical. Last fall The Daily Nebraskan each week published a box score of Council action. Although the accompanying story would frequently run 12 or 15 inches, the box summarized the proceedings of the Council in a few short lines.

For example, on Dec. 4, 1952, two related stories on the Council's meeting of the previous day ran a total of 13 and a half inches. The box score, however, read:

"At its Wednesday afternoon meeting the

Error Admitted

The University Daily Kansan, student newspaper of the University of Kansas, finally acknowledged its error in inadvertently publishing Communist propaganda.

In an editorial apology printed in Friday's issue, the Kansan said, "We made a mighty stupid mistake and are ready and willing to advertise it to the world-with hat in hand."

The Nebraskan's hat, in turn, is off to a paper which can publicly admit its mistake.

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The peculiar nature of newspapers, in that censorship rests with the paper itself and not any outside agency, demands that newspapers be quick to admit error and attempt to undo any mischief caused by mistake.

The fact that at least three college newspapers, including The Nebraskan, noticed the faux pas and devoted editorials to it is itself a sign that newspapers police themselves and consider any wayward journalistic conduct the business of everyone.

This self-policing policy, in addition to fair and open letters to the editor columns, is the reader's guarantee that he is not being victimized nor propagandized without his knowledge.

This is the American system of a free press.-E.D.

Dollar Diplomacy

If a cartoon were drawn depicting present economic attitudes of the U.S. toward expenditures and revenue, it might show two long arms, one reaching into American manufacturers' pockets and the other arm dropping coins on the continent of Europe-with both sides throwing stones labeled "Republican promises," "bribery" and "capitalist."

Recently, the government decided, according to President Eisenhower, to put aside consideration of a federal sales tax to make up a \$5 billion deficit when the excess profits tax and special income tax run out.

Now however, discussion is leaning toward a possible tax on manufactured goods. The Republicans who had promised to cut taxes are now faced with the problem of cutting budget and defense allowances if the \$5 billion cannot be obtained from source of revenue. Republican prestige would receive impairing injuries from such a move making the coming congressional elections rough going.

Student Council took the following action: "1. Heard and tabled a motion to recom-

mend creation of a faculty-student board. "2. Appointed a committee to conduct hearings.

"3. Defeated a motion to rescind a motion passed at last week's meeting. "4. Adjourned for two committee meet-

While the 13 and a half inches were impressive, the box score showed that the Student Council actually hadn't accomplished a thing.

Glancing through the Thursday issues of last year, we believe that this case is typical.

Last May The Daily Nebraskan summed up the work of the 1952-53 Council. In addition to purely functionary actions, the Council spent most of its time on five issues, only one of which was settled decisively.

The paper's editorial, on May 15, 1953, concluded, "From The Daily Nebraskan's point of view, this is not an impressive record."

Thus far this year, the paper has controlled itself-and simply labeled the Council "The Once-A-Week Club."

Sometimes members of the Council become a little peeved at the editorial handling they receive. Once in a while they even accuse us of trying to discredit the Council.

Whether these suspicions are true or not, The Nebraskan places the Student Council somewhat in the position of a mule which is being kicked vehemently from the rear but which cannot kick back.

We mean to say that the Council has no effective means to deal with our criticisms. It must rely upon The Nebraskan for publication of its news, filing procedures, election results and general publicity. The Nebraskan is mentioned no less than seven or eight times in the Council's constitution and bylaws.

After a blistering editorial, the Council cannot turn around and blast us editorially. True, it has recourse to the Letterip column, but a group has difficulty speaking effectively through such a device.

Some student councils, faced with what they considered unnecessary opposition from the campus newspaper, have taken radical steps to combat their journalistic foes.

At one Big-Seven college, for example, the council has published a rival newspaper. At SMU the council filed an injunction

against the SMU Campus in order to keep the paper from reporting "off-the-record" remarks from open meetings of the council. SMU council members say they have the "discretionary power to separate the extraneous, irrelevant gossip from the official decisions; and therefore we take this action to insure that the worthless gossip will be excluded from the student paper and only the official, pertinent matters will be printed."



"No, Hank, I can't accept a diamond. You should have given the money to AUF."

The Challenge ROTC Not A 'Hand Out'; **But Needed Investment** invested. He too, will have paid

By HARVEY J. DAVIS, JOC, USN

Naval Science Instructor

(This is the fifth in a weekly series of articles treating the problems, issues and challenges of the day as viewed by representatives of various fields of endeavor.)

My challenge today comes from an editorial appearing in the Sept. 23 edition of The Nebraskan, headed "Hand Outs."

The writer ponders the effect of the ROTC program on the future thinking of America's young men. He offers the idea that Uncle Sam's "silver-platter technique" in training the military leaders of tomorrow may not pay dividends in either military service or the eventual readjustment of these same military leaders to the economic system in which they are to live.

The writer asks what this atmosphere of receiving without a tangible medium of exchange will lend to their stint in the service. He wonders if there will be a tendency to think in terms of governmental controls and hand outs. He asks, "When the test comes, how will today's generation stand?" . . .

I have not the mast doubt that

back into the ancient, crackling leather of his rocking chair, and tore open a fresh deck of cards. He lit a four of clubs and let the smoke dribble slowly from his nostrils. The blue-grey stuff

> The sounds of the street could be heard—the blaring, rushing, gargling, thundering of this mad generation. Jones listened, and swore. He knew what it was to fight for his very existence, for enough money to eat decently. He was tough.

cynical man with a quick trig-ger-finger, a suspicious nature, a secretary named Lucretia Bourgeois, and a glass eye. It was a rough business, his.

holster and began cleaning the

from the "proverbial pocket." He rapping, rapping at his office door. Only this and nothing more. Slowly, he lifted the .60 will have accepted government subsistence on board a battleship, a destroyer, oil tanker or at caliber and moved cautiously to-

> dere? "It is I," said a wee, feminine

wards the door. He listened for

Jones slid a heavy dresser from the doorway, opened the door three-quarters of an inch,

'Better Method' Proposed

(Letters to the editor should be limited to 200 words, Unsigned letters will not be published; however, names may be with-held on request. The editors reserve the right to edit all letters. Letters represent only the contributors view.)

Dear Editor:

I would like to oblige Mr. Sherwood's request for a better method (of combatting internal Communism) by submitting one of my own.

I believe the job of finding Communists should be taken from the Senate and turned over to the FBI; the job of trying them should be left up to the Department of Justice.

My reasons for this change are

the following: 1. No Communist is going to

by the Democratic members of the Committee walking out during one of the hearings.

5. The fact that the Senate Investigating Committee is not a court takes away the usefulness of the committee as a method of trying and punishing Communists for their crimes against this country.

6. Although the McCarthy Committee does not have the power to establish guilt in the legal sense of the word, most people who appear before this committee are established as guilty in the eyes of the public This is due to McCarthy's un-fairness and his incapabilities of

followed, we would extract more

Nick: "I need five dollars at

"That's simple. Go

once, and I've only got four.

She: Who said you could I

The whiskey we drink these

What am I going to do?'

Joe:

Wednesday, October 14, 195

large

head

basket balanced on her

"What ya want, ya young girl of about nineteen years, with a

sweet smile on yer face an' a large basket balanced on yer

Jones. I have your name on my list," she sneered, the smile

"Yea yea. I know," he said quietly, and opened the door permitting her to enter his office. Now, with ashen face, he

walked from her to the window and stared into the gloom. It had begun to rain, and scrillions of damp drops were foolishly smashing themselves against an

He thought to himself. She knows what it is for me to g tru dis every year. I am hard makin' enough money to eat de-

cently. But she has her reasons,

I guess. She is too logical in her

argument an' dere is no sense tryin' to fight it. He turned to her now, and managed a smile. "How "bout a smoke," he asked. "It's a fresh dask "

"No thanks," she said sharply,

She took the basket from

"Bicycle's my brand. And stop

your silly shilly-shallying, Sam,

her head and shoved it towards

eternity, then pulled off his sock. A very oid five dollar bill

stumbled to the floor. He picked

it up and dropped it into the mysterious girl's basket.

her face. "I know that was your

bullet money, Sam, but just re-

member every dollar donated

goes to help people who are

The sweet smile returned to

Sam stared at it for a long

"You know what I want,

head?" he asked.

quickly fading.

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The Student Speaking

Hey, Arready about nineteen years, with a sweet smile on her face and a

By JERRY SHARPNACKE On the thirteenth floor of the Barkley Building high above the fog-strewn street, a lone light pierced through the suffocating blackness. That light was from the naked Mazda of R. Sam Jones's office. Jones was a pri-

vate dick. The detective now leaned swirled momentarily about his face, then drifted to the glaring light, wrapping itself about the

bulb.

The life had made him a bitter,

But business was slow to-night and he pulled his .60 cali-bre automatic from its shoulder barrel slowly, lovingly.

Then, suddenly, it happened-as he knew it must. There came a tapping, as of someone gently

an air station in lieu of the cold, moment, then said, "Who is hard dollars that the non-military are drawing for these very same things. He will have worked for

voice. and peered through the opening. There stood a young girl of

hardly making enough to eat decently. We of the A.U.F. ap-preciate your generosity." Letterip

deck.

see?"

him.

That takes care of one aspect of our theoretical cartoon.

The present dynamitish Trieste situation between Yugoslavia, Italy and the United States-Great Britain coalition will be a testing ground for the purchasing power of the American dollar.

Within the last three years the United States has sent \$900,000,000 in military-aid appropriations to Tito. Whether this aid will constitute any U.S. influence in settlements of the Trieste situation remains to be seen, but the U.S. can not overlook the fact that if Tito ignores the monetary U.S.-Yugoslav tie, a serious deflation of the American dollar's purchasing power in the diplomatic field will take place.

The U.S. is aware, too, that should this monetary devaluation result, serious effects may be pending in the like situation between France and the European Defense Community proposal.

The French, who have refused to agree to the re-armament of Western Germany for admission to NATO, because of the fear that German nationalism might again rear its ugly head, were put off guard when the recent German elections supported the Adenauer government, a leading advocate of EDC and refutee of aggressive German nationalism.

The French defensively said they would ' agree to nothing until the Saar region controversy was cleared up.

Congress last spring appropriated \$728,-000,000 for French military aid to relieve the French treasury, which is strained from its financial expenditures for' combating the Communist insurrections in Indo-China, Here again the power of the American dollar is being tested.

In both cases, should the countries bolt the monetary security given them by the United States in opposition to U.S. sponsored policies, what will happen to American monetary prestige which has, up to now, won many European battles?

Thus, it may be said the United States is in the midst of a diplomatic battle with the ultimate victory lying in the deflation or inflation of the prestige-standard dollar .- J.H. didn't, in spite of itself.

Both solutions sound absurd to us. We believe that the duty of a campus newspaper is not to debate with the Student Councilbut to direct the Council's atention to matters of importance and to criticize the Council's actions when they are not to the best interest of the student body.

Thus, the student newspaper acts as an effective check on the student government. While The Nebraskan may criticize the

Student Council at every turn, we are not kicking the mule to bruise his posterior. Rather, we hope that the mule may move

-a step or two. But just because a mule is a mule-and

won't move-is no reason to stop kicking .--K.R.

Margin Notes

Chem Building Threatened

Exploding in a Tuesday Lincoln City Council meeting was the issue of explosive-carrying vehicles being allowed on Lincoln streets. Proposals varied from an outright ban to a mandatory police escort.

Who knows, perhaps the Chern building will be given a permanent police escort?

Foiled Again

A Nebraskan reporter was ejected from Tuesday's Faculty Senate meeting in Love Library auditorium.

Could be they spotted his intelligent look and lack of a bow tie (not even a clip-on), and immediately concluded he was not a faculty member.

Matter Of Objectivity

An Omaha radio station recently presented a half hour program to acquaint listeners with the effects of the explosion of the ammo-bearing truck. The program was very dramatic and frightening.

Throughout the half hour, the announcer kept repeating, "This station does not intend to take sides in this controversy. But just remember what would have happened if the explosion had occurred within the city limits of Omaha."

Perhaps this was one time when the station had no right to remain objective-And

when the test comes today's generation will meet the tests as did their fellow Americans at Bouganville, Okinawa and Korea, I have not the least doubt that today's generation can give unselfishly of themselves to their country in time of need and still bounce back to give their civilian competitors a run for their money

in any chosen field. The ROTC programs are not "Hand Outs." They are merely cash advances against the automatic military lien that world conditions have placed against every American citizen. They are investments in a reservoir of training and experience that no amount of money could otherwise buy on short notice tomorrow.

The regular military services will attract a small percentage of career people from the ROTC programs, but our average young American with an inherent dislike for war and the military way of life, will be eager to complete his obligated service and return to civilian life. He will leave the services a more mature person, enriched by his experiences and associations, better equipped and more determined to find his rightful place in the society of reality.

He will be possessed of a deep sense of pride in that he has faithfully served his country and delivered dollar for dollar value to Uncle Sam for all the monies

educated at government expense in civilian colleges. They were boys from the farms, factories, department stores, schools and colleges.

a pay scale that, including all

fringe benefits, is still far below

his corresponding number in ci-

I wish the writer could have

shared with me the experiences

involving our Reservists of World War II and the Korean action.

The backbone of our services in

those days, and the only reason

we were able to survive as a na-

tion, were the non-professional

soldiers, sailors, marines and air-

men who wrote their names in

glorious fashion across the pages

of our military history. A vast majority of those men successfully made the transition

back to civilian life. All too few

chose to remain in the service

and that is one of the reasons for

our desperate need of leadership

I'd like to point out the record

of the first navy carrier taken out of mothballs, the USS Prince-ton. Captain W. O. Gallery, USN, the present professor of Naval Science at NU, took her into Ko-

rean action with about the most

non-professional crew that you could imagine. Eighty per cent

of the crew were Reservists-

vilian life.

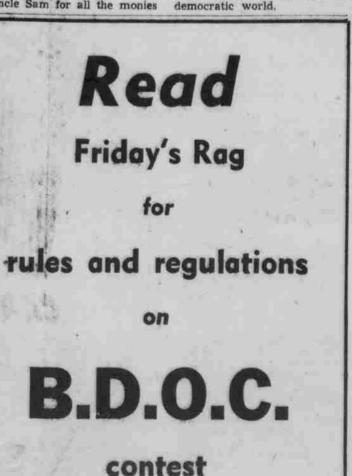
today.

They turned in a magnificient performance, equal or superior to the regular Navy men, yet every turn of the screw, every plane that was launched, every day that was logged, brought renewed hope that they would soon be at home with their families and back at peacetime pursuits.

There can be no positive assurances that the transition from civilian to military life will be easy. Neither can there be assurances that all men leaving the military services can successfully adapt themselves to the economic conditions of the times, but my experience with Ameri-ca's youth in the last two wars have completely sold me on his ability to deliver the goods when he is called on and his sincere desire to live in a world of real-ity, completely removed from the military, if possible.

Every American citizen recognizes the fact that he has a heavy military obligation today. One of the most important decisions facing our young men is how to meet that obligation without completely disrupting their normal way of

I believe the ROTC programs offer the best possible solution. It gives the young man an opportunity to prepare himself for a better place in the society in which he expects to live. At the he himself makes same time, available to his government for a limited amount of specialized military training, thus buying for himself and his country, a greater share toward a Christian and democratic world.



most of the officers having been up and spill the beans about himself in front of this Committee, and no innocent per-Communists and would have son is going to get up and ridicufewer innocent people persecuted lously announce he is a Commu-nist. This makes the McCarthy —in addition to having "less ink wasted on McCarthy." BUTLER SHAFFER method of getting any facts use-

2. The Judicial branch of our government is set up to try cases against the United States. I think this branch should be given the job of trying those suspected of Communist affiliations. 3. The FBI has better methods

pawn the four dollars for three, and then sell the pawn ticket for two dollars." of getting facts than "shooting off their mouth" like Sen, Mc-Carthy. They are well-trained, me? He: Everybody! well-experienced and more capable of getting facts than Mc-Carthy.

4. You can't get much work out of a Committee that fights within itself. This is exemplified



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