

EDITORIAL PAGE

On Ivy Day . . .

Iva Day is like every function which The Nebraskan reports and comments upon editorially in the space of a year—it means many things to many groups of persons.

To the large body of students, Ivy Day means nothing. It is a tradition, but this is not good in itself. It is merely a time at which a certain number of "activity people" choose a number of "activity people" to wear uniforms once a week and robes about four times a year.

To another body of students, Ivy Day is interesting. This group likes to see the May Queen and her court, hear the singing and

speculate mildly about new members of the senior honoraries.

Faculty opinion, likewise, is divided into two categories. One, Mortar Board and Innocents Society, spend long hours in meetings and conversations. They become convinced that the fate of the world hangs upon their decisions about new members.

The other, a somewhat larger body, is made up of junior activity enthusiasts, who get a disease known as "Junior Jitters." This term is used to designate concern over possible membership in Mortar Board or Innocents Society.

This editorial is directed primarily toward the latter group—for in this group are the persons who get Ivy Day out of its proper perspective.

To those who are tackled and masked we say, "Congratulations. You have attained a high honor of University life. You have received top recognition in a field in which you chose to strive for excellence.

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About Time

The House of Representatives ended a 20 year verbal battle between the United States and Canada by approving a measure for the St. Lawrence Seaway project. It was about time Congress took such action.

For some time now, members of Congress and the public have known that Canada intends to "go it alone" if the U.S. government did not approve funds for the plan which will open former inland cities to the trade and commerce of ocean-going ships.

The House, by a standing vote of considerable majority, defeated a last minute attempt to wrangle over the terms of the bill's financial provisions.

Congressmen crossed party lines in the final voting, for 144 Republicans and 96 Democrats went on record in favor of the measure, while 84 Republicans and 94 Democrats voted against the measure.

It seems obvious to this reporter that the United States stands to gain a great deal from the seaway is in operation. Cities like Detroit, Cleveland, Buffalo, Duluth and Chicago, with their large amounts of commerce, raw materials, manufacturing and markets will open up to world trade.

This move should be a beginning in a trend that the United States should follow of building up world trade—by trading.—D.F.

Let's Expedite

Expedite, fast becoming a senseless term in the current tele-contest being held in a Senate caucus room, receives The Nebraskan's vote for the most outstandingly over-used word of the year.

To expedite, meaning to hurry or hasten so as to gain a more prompt action decision or result, has been the preface note for more than a few long-winded speeches during the McCarthy-Army debate in Washington.

This word, like any other, loses all meaning when repeated constantly for any length of time. For those who would doubt this, try it. During the hearings, the word expedite has been stated and re-stated, but still the long-winded suggestions, points of order and statements of policy continue.

For example, a statement common during the hearings has been this: "Mr. Chairman, to expedite these hearings, I find that I am quite justifiably able, without strain upon conscience and without feeling that I am not fulfilling the solemn, sacred duty entrusted to me by the glorious, free-thinking, inflexible American voting public, especially the fine, upstanding, honest, clear thinking truly American voters of the state of . . . whom I serve happily and willingly to the fullest extent of my limited, modest, abilities which I have cultivated in the best way I know how—those same abilities which do not particularly suit me to sit in on these quasi-judicial hearings except for my burning, unflinching desire and wish to see justice done in this question which involves matters of such great importance to our glorious land of the free and home of the brave which I love with all my heart and soul—I do not feel as though any questions need be asked by me. Also, I believe that to expedite these hearings I would urge the chairman, principles, staff, members, persons called for testimony and the other Senators to make no statements except on points of order so that we may expedite these hearings to an early and just conclusion for the people of this wonderful, glorious America, land of the free and home of the brave, which it has been my privilege to serve for . . . years."

This "example" may seem unfair, yet it is typical of the way the hearings have been progressing. Of course there is an effort being made to make certain that everything is perfectly clear and according to the rules so that all the time and effort expended thus far will not be blasted by the claim of a misunderstanding of a technical error. But references to page L340 of "the record" show the almost ridiculous volume to which the testimony and "statements" have risen.

Though it may be rude and improper in addition to unwise for a mere college newspaper to make suggestions to high-ranking elected government officials, The Nebraskan does feel that the "No questions" or "I pass" statement should be left at just that length.—T.W.

Margin Notes

Needed: An Ounce

The use of radar on highways to catch speeders is proving highly satisfactory, according to reports by Gov. Crosby. The radar units are now being used extensively throughout the state, and are said to be a "great help in law enforcement," he has said.

It seems a bit ironical that, in spite of these new traffic controls, the Nebraska death toll is higher than it was last year at this time. The rash of recent traffic accidents has spread over the state almost like a plague, with newspaper headlines reporting new fatalities every day.

Last weekend seven people were killed, four of them youngsters. Their deaths brought the State death count for 1954 to 94 as of Monday, compared with 87 a year ago.

It still holds true that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

Too Much Fame

In Ames, Iowa, a petition was submitted by 30 citizens asking that the name of a town road be changed.

The road, located in a dense residential area, had been named after an old Ames family and is one of the main thoroughfares. The specific objection was not stated, but was nevertheless rather obvious.

The present name of the street is McCarthy.

Talk Is Cheap

The major attraction of the Union for the past week has been the TV set in the lounge. Near-capacity audiences gather every day (apparently they don't have classes) to view the recent proceedings of the McCarthy-Army row.

Accusations and counter-accusations fly as the national spectacle continues, and apparently the trial is no nearer a conclusion than it was when it began. A lot of dirt has been dragged into the open and a lot of empty words screamed in public.

In fact, someone bothered to count all the words that have been said in the first 10 days of the hearings. The total comes to 432,000—and that's a lot of talk.

Revealing Phone Calls

Chalk up one for Japan. They have a new invention as yet unfamiliar to Americans.

It is telephone-television. A person who telephones a friend in Tokyo, Nagoya or Osaka, is able to look at whoever it is he talks to on the phone.

Somehow we seriously doubt if this invention would be much of a success in America.—In sorority houses, anyway. Think of the bothersome primping necessary before answering a phone call!

LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS

By Dick Bibler



"Watch out for that wise-guy trombone player, when you're twirling over on th' right flank."

Two On The Aisle 'French Line,' Russell Equal New Movie Low

By DICK RALSTON In "The Missing Idol," Ben Hecht tossed out the following apropos comments about the movies

"You get a very sad picture of the people when you study the history of art. It was always something the people didn't like. Particularly in modern times, beginning with the Renaissance, art became more and more of a nuisance to the people.

"Not only had they to toil and watch a little handful of their betters lol in idleness, not only to starve and watch this handful feed, and to stagger about in rags and see this handful glittering in satins, but they must also observe this immemorial and most mysteriously swooning and applauding and rolling their eyes in bliss over the arts.

"Approaching the sources of all this ecstasy, the people found nothing in them. This is perhaps because beauty is the product of a superior kind of life which the people, who have so much difficulty keeping alive, have no time to develop in themselves.

"When you think of all the books, statues, paintings, oratorical, symphonies, cantos, et cetera, that the people have never been able to enjoy, you begin to understand their excitement over the movies. Suddenly and inexplicably a diversion appeared in the world that belonged to nobody but themselves."

In spite of Mr. Hecht's cynical outlook on the "people" and the movies, I hate to think that "people" would go so far as to consider "The French Line" their "art."

It's playing at the Varsity; it's in 3-D; and the very faint "stars" in the far distant Hollywood heavens are Jane Russell,

Gilbert Roland and Arthur Hunnicutt. Howard Hughes is the producer who proves himself the ultimate cynic in thinking that this is what the public will shell out for.

It purports to be a musical. That's a very generous label. But even if the lyrical mouthings of Miss Russell and Mr. Roland will bear the name "music," I guarantee you'll never hear any of it on the jukebox or the radio, where music eventually winds up.

It purports to be a movie. This implies two things: film and story. Unless it was just a horrible illusion the film was there. But I wish someone would point out the story.

And then there's Miss Russell, fresh from her somewhat dubious triumph in "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes." She should have stood in bed. If you think Marilyn can't act, you should see Jane this time.

It's billed as a comedy and deserves some credit for one or two good lines. But to enjoy comedy, the viewer (or whatever you call someone watching a movie) must be kept in a receptive mood, if not in actual anticipation of laugh lines. Sitting through the dramatic wanderings of Russell et al does not exactly prepare the viewer to laugh.

And if the movie was not bad enough by itself, you have to see it in 3-D. You pay 15 cents extra for goggles before you see it and 15 cents extra for aspirins after you see it. It isn't worth it.

M-G-M's adaption of Shakespeare's "Julius Caesar" is playing at the Nebraska. No matter how much they've aborted Shakespeare (which they reportedly haven't) it couldn't be worse than "The French Line." It sounds like a good bet.

The Student Forum

Del-za-poppin'

By DEL HARDING Ivy Day, Oh Ivy Day! Thou approachest again. Big Deal.

The Innocents, although somewhat understaffed, will don their gnomish-underfoot robes, look aloof all morning, and then make like football players all afternoon. And the Mortar Boards will de-cobweb their playbills, also look detached all the a.m., then mask lucky girls all p.m. The Greek clubs sing mood music to build up the suspense. Someone even plants some Ivy!

All in all, a busy, busy day.

Notice there were no class officers elected this year. Glad Student Council finally realized what many of us have always thought—that the posts are meaningless and useless. Now if the Council would only abolish itself . . . but, sin-sin, that's no way to write about such a service-rendering organization. PARDON me!

Found the Kosmet Klub's production quite enjoyable in spots, but below previous years' standards . . . due mainly, I think, not to the participants but to the play itself.

The Klub will have to go some to top their previous production of "Good News." It and "Anything Goes" had a triumph which was lacking in this year's show, especially in the finale when the stage usually is really rocking. Next year let's hope that a more lively musical is selected.

Three excellent movies around lately: "The Conquest of Everest," unique and with majestic-

ally beautiful scenery; "Executive Suite," a fast-moving movie with a message; and "Julius Caesar," with its outstanding cast reportedly turning in a likewise outstanding performance. The reviewers are especially high in their praise of John Gielgud, who portrays Cassius.

If you use bad judgment and go to see Liz Taylor's latest, "Elephant Walk," note the sets, which are suspiciously similar to those used in "The Naked Jungle."

Read an article titled "Mr. Stevens: A Captain Queeg?" the other day. Think it an excellent analogy . . . observe his conduct on the stand and see if you don't agree.

The latest cultural (in this instance, pronounced "Cultural") attraction slated for this area is on May 19 in Omaha, when smiling Liberate & Co. will give a performance at Ak-Sar-Ben Coliseum. Tickets in the four-top price ranges are already sold out.

The University of Colorado is now in the midst of its annual "CU Days"—three days of May-time mud and mayhem. But it's so much more fun to go to a party school like NU. Just never a dull moment around here. No sir.

The nearest thing we have to a campus tradition is the annual migration of coaches. Oh, for a good, healthy, old-fashioned pantie raid. (Hmmm . . . criminal libel.)

But 'fraid everybody 'round here is jus' too lazy . . . me included.

Letterip

'Prejudice' Editorial Omissions Hit; Unhappiness Called Religion Principle

Dear Editor, Just why the editorial entitled "Costly Prejudice" emphasized the monetary rather than the moral issue involved is difficult to ascertain. And why Chicago and other cities should be selected for criticism when so many local problems of similar nature stand to be corrected is also difficult to comprehend.

Why not ask the question as to what would happen in Lincoln if a Negro family moved into one of the better neighborhoods? Would Lincoln be faced with the same problem as Chicago?

Better yet, transfer the problems of racial discrimination to various organizations in Lincoln and more specifically to those on campus. Is not the exclusion of racial discrimination problems from these organizations best solved by barring racial outcasts from joining these organizations in the outset.

Certainly! And what would occur if these racial bars started to crumble? The organizations would forthrightly be degraded by loud standing moral standards and barriers.

The principles involved of not being allowed to join an organization and being retained when attempting to move into a certain neighborhood are exactly the same. Both are violations of moral, not monetary standards. So, why criticize a Chicago neighborhood for ostracizing a Negro family when the same infractions of moral law are taking place within a stonewall of The Nebraskan office.

There are those recalcitrant per-

sons who maintain that all racial prejudices should be eliminated. But when those individuals are confronted to make a sacrifice in that direction . . .

Richard A. Stuben, President Delta Alpha Pi, Veterans Fraternity

Pepper Letter

Dear Editor: It has been three months since my first Letterip, in which I attacked a Nebraskan Editorial. The letters which have followed have demonstrated that this is certainly a "live" subject, with even non-existent people on each side holding opinions on religion.

The replies made by my opponents fall into three categories as to their ideas: (1) attempts to show logically the validity of religion, (2) that more knowledge would dispose people toward religion, and (3) that religion cannot be argued, because it depends upon faith.

The first two points have been answered, insofar as they have been presented. The fact that what is called "faith" leads different people to such opposite conclusions is sufficient to refute the idea that "faith" in itself, adds any weight to a discussion.

I have persisted in the argument because I find human happiness to be an excellent guide to our conduct, and I believe that religious belief, as well as organized religion, is definitely devoted to the principle of unhappiness.

Once again I shall extend my invitation to discuss any of the issues raised herein.

F. Jay Pepper

From The World Herald Red Promises Highlight Treaty Violations, Lies

(This article appeared in the Sunday edition of The World Herald some months ago. The Nebraskan believes that it is because of the Peace Conference being held at Geneva.)

The Soviet Government is the world's biggest international liar.

Since 1946 Russian rulers have ignored or violated more than 50 major treaties solemnly entered into with her wartime allies, France, Great Britain and the United States.

In 22 other instances of Allied effort to secure Soviet co-operation on international problems, the Russian leaders have either ignored, distorted or rejected the overtures.

On more than 60 occasions in United Nations deliberations the Soviet Union, has sometimes after agreeing initially, blocked the U.N. in attempts to resolve international problems by majority vote.

Five of the major treaty obligations and dozens of minor agreements violated by Russia after pledging her word involve Korea.

Not a signatory of the Korean War cease-fire, Russia nevertheless is being credited with the Chinese Communist and North Korean obstinacy and falsehoods in connection with the scheduled peace talks, in addition to the five treaty violations.

Against this black record of Soviet disregard for the pledged word, efforts for another Big Four session with the Kremlin and talk of a non-aggression pact with Russia as a major signatory continue.

The record of Russian treaty violations since 1946 include, in connection with Germany, 14 instances of deceit or denial that she meant what she said when the treaties were signed. These include setting up boundaries, press freedom, trade, political control and the removal of German assets.

Seven treaty obligations have

been violated by the Soviet Union in connection with the occupation of Austria, two in connection with Poland, which led to complete Soviet control of that country.

Three major treaty violations are recorded in Allied pacts regarding Hungary; six treaties concerning Bulgaria have been violated by Russia; five in Rumania; two in Japan; three in Manchuria; six in Iran.

Secretary of State John Foster Dulles has indicated that his department is working out details of a non-aggression proposal to present to Russia.

Former Secretary of State James Byrnes offered the USSR a mutual guarantee pact against Japanese and German aggression, to extend for 25 or even 40 years. So did former Secretary of State George C. Marshall. The Soviet Union flatly rejected both offers.

Russia has sneered at United States attempts to wind up the 11-billion-dollar lend-lease pact, refused to reciprocate in exchanging military and technological information, rejected any and all international agreements on control of atomic weapons and ignored official and private attempts to free captive nationals now in slave labor camps.

In Germany alone, Russia agreed to peace talks on the Polish-German border, then violated the pact by moving in. She seized German resources and refused to account for them after agreeing to do so. She violated the pact to treat Germany as a single economic unit.

Russia encouraged scurrilous propaganda attacks against Allied civilian and military leaders in Germany after signing a pact not to do so.

Against her pledged word, the Russian Government reformed Eastern Germany, North Korea and Red China.

In no instance, after signing a treaty pledging free elections—in Poland, Rumania, Hungary and Bulgaria—has the Soviet Union kept its word.

From The Monitor Calm Discussion Noted As Real Attribute In Poll

(This article is reprinted from The Christian Science Monitor. The Nebraskan believes the point it brings up has received more than ample demonstration during the current McCarthy-Army debate in Washington. The charges and counter-charges have flown back and forth during those hearings have been filled with obvious and hidden meanings, but there has yet to be a really violent outburst.)

One of the most hopeful signs we have seen about the younger generation appears in the answers of 1,000 boys and girls in six states to a list of questions on citizenship asked by the Young Women's Christian Association.

More than half of these teenagers, it turned out, were interested—among a variety of other subjects—in how to talk "without getting mad."

This sort of self-control is a worthy attribute and much needed in discussions of civic affairs. There are a few pointers, some of them rather familiar, which can be offered on this subject, after which the individual is pretty much on his own.

A principal point is to avoid personalities and avoid personalizing issues. One can yield more gracefully if pride is not at stake. General propositions make the best subjects.

Another point is to learn that friends can disagree and still respect each other's opinions. In the same line is a reminder not to incur a kind of emotional commitment to convince one's oppo-

nent or make him admit he is wrong.

Many an argument makes its point long after the discussion is over and is the more effective for simply resting its case with the good judgment of the listener.

A bit of humor now and then can help to ease a tense situation, but it should be the kind that enables people to laugh with someone, not at someone.

Finally, perhaps the most fundamental ingredient in learning to argue calmly is to refrain from taking a false sense of responsibility for the outcome. One who feels he simply must bring to pass a certain result assumes a heavy burden.

It is helpful to have confidence that "there's a divinity that shapes our ends, roughhew the arguments" how we will.

If the youngsters develop some other techniques for keeping the discussion cool but on the point, we hope they will pass them along to older citizens for the benefit of statesmen—and editorial writers.

Dob's Dillies

A man standing in the lobby of a large hotel was eyeing each young girl that passed him. His eyes lit up when he saw a pretty girl of about 25 coming his way. As the girl went by him, he said to her, "Hey, honey, don't I know you from somewhere?"

The girl ignored him completely. Angry, he called after her. "I'm sorry; I thought you were my mother."

The girl turned and looked him straight in the eye. Then, in a voice that stopped him cold, said, "I couldn't be your mother; I'm married."

The radio station at Indiana University set up high frequency, unfit for human ears, broadcasting equipment on a section of the campus in an attempt to rid the place of starlings. The birds were leaving, but so was "the innocent population" living in the "Bat Zone."

University Bulletin Board

FRIDAY Dr. Walter Johnson, chairman of the Department of History, University of Chicago, "The Fascination and Importance of History," 2 p.m., 108 Burnett. Fallada Society Variety Show, 8 p.m., Temple Room J. SATURDAY Ivy Day, just north of Administration Building, 12 and R, begins at 9:15 a.m.; May Queen revealed, 9:30; new Mortar Board masked, 3 p.m.; Innocents tackled, 4 p.m. SUNDAY YWCA May Morning Breakfast, 9 a.m., Union Parlors ABC. Cosmopolitan Club picnic, Louisville, meet at Union, 10 a.m. for transportation.

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