

Editorial Page

Conference Clouds

Two events on campus during the past week might very well shadow the thoughts and discussions of the teachers who will meet together next week for the Teachers College Conference.

Naturally, interest in educational problems will not begin at the two-day conference, nor will they end there.

THEN MONDAY at the All-University Clinic, Dr. Leo P. Black of the State Department of Public Instruction attempted to pin down visiting Congressman Carl Curtis with a few questions concerning federal aid to education.

So there we have the cause and effect—lack of funds on the one hand and a poor education system on the other.

When teachers meet next Tuesday, their discussions will probably not reach the weighty problem mentioned during the week.

BUT IF what has been charged in the past week is true—even if it is only half true—then it might be well for all teachers in Nebraska to give considerable thought to the problem during summer session and until it is solved.

Of course, the problem is not theirs completely, either to take the blame or arrive at a solution.

SOMETHING SHOULD be done. The question is when, where, and most important, how.

We do not charge that nothing has been done or is being done. The clinics and conferences of Summer Sessions is a part of advancement.

From Other Pens

Why Study Languages?

From the Farthest-North Collegian of the University of Alaska at College, Alaska.

An article by an assistant professor of French and Russian, Victor C. Strash, is devoted to the question "Why study foreign languages?"

The author defends the study of foreign languages by saying, "The physical separation of the United States from Europe by 3,000 miles sometimes obscures the fact that intellectually we are both heirs of and participants in Western culture.

"Should it not, therefore be one of the aims of our university to make the students more aware of their heritage and of their participation in European culture?"

The professor continues, "True Americans, as English cousins, inherited the feeling of a certain insularity and smugness. Why should we have to learn any other

languages when we must be busy mastering a continent? Do we not have all the goods, all the political power? So we must send our children to the technical institutions to be trained for money-making careers.

"Is it not timely, for a change, to raise a voice favoring expansion of a liberal education to students in all fields? This is the education which stresses the wholeness of life, which challenges us to think and be intellectually curious, which makes our undergraduates (and graduate students, as well) compare ideas by confronting them with other ideas.

WHETHER THEN, is the righteous way? As teachers of liberal education, we will do well if we succeed in developing in our students an awareness of our intellectual and spiritual heritage, and a sense of participation in European culture.

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What Do You Think?

McCarthy—Hero Or Heel?

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Columnist

This man McCarthy! What is to be done with him? What will become of him? Is he destined to become a great hero or possibly a martyr to the anti-communist cause? Or will his followers wake up one day to find that McCarthy, with their rabid support, has succeeded, not in getting rid of communists but in destroying many of the basic doctrines which they hold dear and upon which this nation was founded?

In the first column dealing with McCarthy we questioned his motive, recorded his rather dismal record for actually unrooting communists and pointed out two aspects of the personal power which Joe seems to be desirous of obtaining.

Another factor of power, possibly the least significant, which the senator has manipulated to his benefit is that of personal prestige. This has to do with his "illustrious" war record which included awards of some air medals which he did not deserve.

Included also is the commendation for bravery shown after receiving an injury in the hazing ceremony administered while crossing the equator in the Pacific.

Another prestige adding factor has been the tremendous amount of headlines and newsspace which McCarthy has had allotted to him by newspapers and magazines.

Probably the most vicious aspect of power which good friend Joseph has found necessary to use to the best possible advantage is elimination or domination of opponents and critics.

WHEN OPPOSITION pressure and adverse criticism get to be a thorn in his side McCarthy lashes out in revenge. The list of outstanding persons who have been victims of his malicious smear tactics is long.

Only a few of the many Joe has attacked will be dealt with here.

When McCarthy charged the U.S. Army had tortured German war criminals found guilty of murdering American prisoners the man who investigated the

charge was Sen. Ray Baldwin, Connecticut Republican, who found McCarthy completely wrong.

After Joe stormed out of the hearings denouncing them and charging that Baldwin himself was "criminally responsible," the disillusioned Baldwin resigned from the Senate.

Sen. Millard Tydings, veteran Maryland Democrat investigated McCarthy's charges that there were 205 card-carrying communists in the State Department and branded the story a "fraud and a hoax." McCarthy claimed an attempt was being made to whitewash the State Department and carrying the fight to Tydings home state, helped defeat him for re-election.

Joe's campaign against Tydings was so dirty that the Senate Elections Committee investigated and referred serious charges to the Justice department. McCarthy jumped clear, however, and one of the lesser campaign workers took the rap for it.

The lady senator from Maine, Margaret Chase Smith, one of the original circulators of a "Declaration of Conscience" against McCarthy, won her battle with the Wisconsin strongman Tuesday when she defeated Robert L. Jones for the Republican senatorial nomination.

ANOTHER REPUBLICAN senator, Robert Hendrickson of New Jersey, who signed the revealing report on McCarthy's finances, got axed by Republicans in the White House who pressured him to yield in the race for re-election.

It is interesting to note that Joe was given numerous invitations to appear before the committee investigating his finances to make a statement, but he refused to do so.

Edward R. Murrow, famed radio and TV news commentator, came in for his share of abuse when he accused McCarthy of habitual use of half-truths and of "repeatedly stepping over the line between investigating and persecuting."

Good Joseph struck back and said that Murrow was once a member of the Industrial Workers of the World, which Murrow termed as false, and stated that as an ex-official of the Institute of International Education Murrow had been an "American advisor to a Communist propaganda school." Murrow replied that when he was assistant director of the IIE in 1935, it had planned a summer school at Moscow University and several other foreign centers but that Russia had canceled the school.

McCarthy doesn't stop with individuals but also vents his indiscreet fury on institutions and organizations. Probably one of his most ridiculous attacks was on the New York Times which he contends is a "left-wing" news-

paper. Can a man become so engaged in a crusade, whether it be hunting communists or desire for personal power, that he loses sight of truth? What do you think?

(The last in the series of three columns on McCarthy will deal with techniques employed by him and the adverse effect which they have.)

Lincoln: "Princess of the Nile," 1:00, 2:45, 4:30, 6:15, 8:00, 9:50.
Stuart: "The Gladiators," 1:08, 3:13, 5:18, 7:23, 9:28.
Nebraska: "Man From Cairo," 1:18, 4:40, 8:02. "Queen of Sheba," 2:52, 6:14, 9:36.
Varsity: "She Couldn't Say No," 1:19, 3:23, 5:27, 7:31, 9:35.
State: "Fight Picture," 1:28, 3:29, 5:30, 7:31, 9:33. "Overland Pacific," 1:48, 3:49, 5:50, 7:51, 9:53.
Hayloft: "Angel Street" 8:30 p.m.

Varsity advertisement for Robert Mitchum, Jean Simmons, Arthur Hunnicutt. Title: 'She couldn't say NO!'. Price: 50c till 2.

Lincoln advertisement for Princess of the Nile. Price: 60c till 6.

Stuart advertisement for The Gladiators. Price: 60c till 6 then 80c. Includes 'EXTRA' and 'CINEMASCOPE' logos.