

Should The Curtain Rise . . .

The "I told you so," that often follows an argument is one of the most, if not the most unpopular devices used by debaters. Unpopular or not, The Nebraska feels it must use the old lines.

Two years ago, the University Convocations Committee sponsored a speaker named Jean Jacques Servan-Schreiber, who was then associated with the French newspaper "Le Monde." His name might be better known to Americans today because of his association with recently elected Mendes-France as part of the French premier's so called "brain trust."

During his speech, Servan-Schreiber tried to give the student audience an idea of the European, particularly the French, attitudes toward Communism and their feelings about the American pre-occupation with Red hunting and the like. One of his topics seemed particularly important to The Daily Nebraskan, and was emphasized in the news story about the speech and on the editorial page.

The point Servan-Schreiber made was essentially this: The Western powers, particularly the United States, should begin working to bring West Germany up to the level Russia was fast reaching in East Germany. The French journalist said this building process in Germany should be accelerated against the day "Russia lifts the Iron Curtain around East Germany to show a more advanced, more prosperous scene than the West has been able to create on the other side."

The Daily Nebraskan seconded Servan Schreiber's idea, and has continued to do so since.

Now it seems the Soviet government might be at the curtain lifting stage. Their foreign minister, V. M. Molotov, made a surprise announcement Wednesday that his government wished to have a Big Four meeting on German reunification and an immediate end to German occupation.

For this new shift in Soviet policy, there have been the standard replies by the Western powers. Both the English and U. S. Foreign offices have said this new offer is nothing but

a blast at the nine-power Western Allied conference in London, and both have been equally quick to begin the propaganda parade that always forecasts immediate failure to any Soviet-backed move. There is a measure of justification in this common denouncement of course. Both countries have spent many hours at the conference table with the Russian emissaries only to come away with little more than a severe browbeating.

This new offer may be something new on the diplomatic scene, however, and the West, particularly the U. S. seems to sense it. Perhaps this is the moment Servan-Schreiber told University students about two years ago, perhaps not. If it is, how will West Germany stack up against its Red dominated counterpart to the East? Will the Western powers be forced to pull down once more the Iron Curtain that Russia has so carefully tended until now?

Should the Iron Curtain be lifted now, what would the pro-Red forces see? Even the most casual follower of current events can make a comparatively good answer to this question. First, a Germany with little or no military strength, certainly an inviting target for "liberation," possibly like that in Korea. Second, a Germany with allies who must squabble among themselves before a definite policy of strengthening and re-enforcement can even be started. Third, a Germany which is even now not certain that she will be allowed to rearm, though she may be expected to be the major delaying force against Communist assault.

Even if this picture of weakness were not enough to make it necessary for the West to replace the curtain, consider the effects on the West German population when they looked on a Communist dominated area which has a large, well-trained and equipped army, a police force that is nearly as large, a sure, nearly endless source of military supply (Russia), and a well organized, strictly controlled internal governing structure. Seeing these would hardly make the West Germans enthusiastic about their futures as fighters for freedom.

In any case, the West was definitely not prepared to meet the new Russian shift. As has been the case since the close of World War II, we have been one jump behind the Russians, moving only to meet their new demands. Though the Western powers may be right in assuming this new Russian offer is nothing more than the usual propaganda blast, it would have been far better to have heeded what men like Servan-Schreiber have been saying these last few years. It would be more than unfortunate should we be forced to take up the curtaining when and if the Russians lift theirs from East Germany.—T. W.

Afterthoughts

Lone Democratic Star

For the oddest twist in politics this country has seen for many years take a look at Texas' Gov. Allan Shivers. He upset tradition by bolting to Ike in 1952 and now in 1954 he was renominated for the governorship by Texas Democrats while the Republicans cheered. The Democrat who "likes Ike" and can get away with it.

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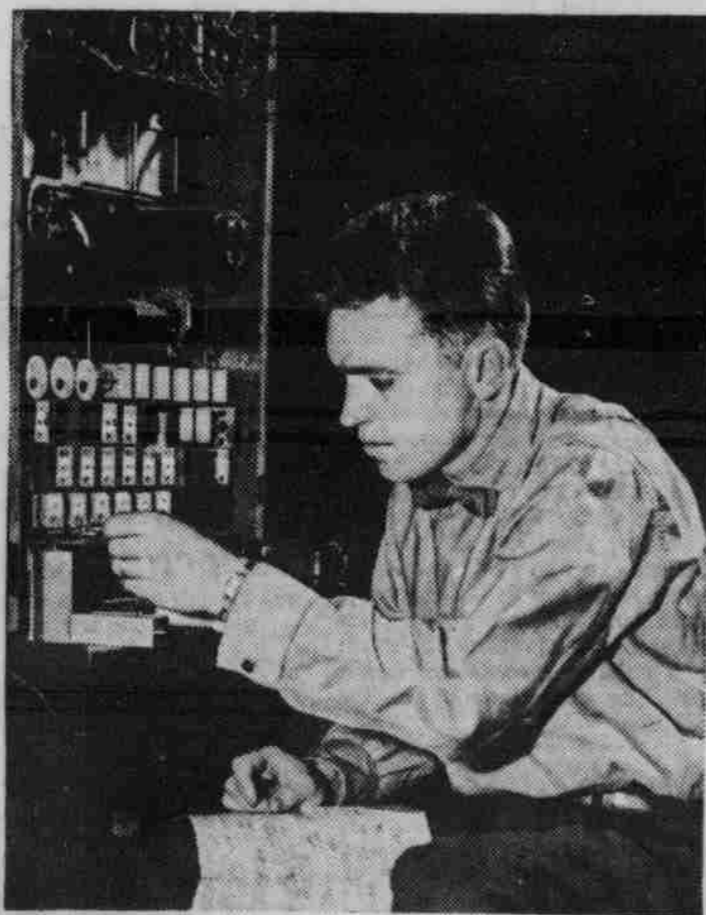
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A CAMPUS-TO-CAREER CASE HISTORY

"All the answers aren't in the book"



Here Don Garland makes noise distribution measurements with a Level Distribution Recorder

W. D. Garland, E.E. '52, Univ. of California, is working for the Pacific Telephone Company. We thought you'd be interested in what Don told us about his first assignment.

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"My job is to help solve problems of noise and other interference on telephone lines due to power interference. Inductive co-ordination is the technical term for the work.

"First thing the Chief Engineer explained to me was that 'all the answers aren't in the book.' He was right. Most of the problems have required a combination of electrical engineering, a knowledge of costs and generous amount of ingenuity. I like it that way. It's given me an immediate opportunity to put into practice the theory I learned at school.

"In addition to this on-the-job experience, I have attended several special training courses conducted by the company. Now I'm breaking in a new man, just like when I started."

Don Garland's work is typical of many engineering assignments in the Bell Telephone Companies. There are similar opportunities for college graduates with Bell Telephone Laboratories, Western Electric and Sandia Corporation. If you'd like to get more details, see your Placement Officer. He will be glad to help you.



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Nothing Ventured

Monroe's Return To Circulation 'No Surprise' Says Columnist

By AL CROUNSE
So there I was, standing on a street corner—I was minding my own business, just watching the Elgin girls go by—when this guy comes up to me and asks me if I'm the one that writes the column in "The Rag." Being flattered that fame spreads so quickly, I answered, in my own inimitable fashion, "Yes." I still can't figure out why he hit me—after all what does Max Shulman have that I don't have—besides talent.

A lot has happened during my two week layoff from this column. One item that some students, who are obviously retarded mentally, think is the greatest tragedy since the American Distillery Company burned up, is the sinking of the Yankee Clipper . . . the jiltin' of Joltin' Joe . . . you know, the breakup of Marilyn and DiMaggio.

I, for one, was not the least bit surprised. . . I told her I'd wait and she finally came to her senses. She can't escape it, it's bigger than Liberace's smile.

Also in the notable notes of the week is the lad in Omaha who had \$100 at 100-1 that the Giants would sweep four straight . . . and to think I got just 2-1 that they'd win the series. . . I guess the

Cheers To Cheers

Dear Editor:
There was 'not much doubt in our group about the outstanding performer at the football game Saturday. A verbal bouquet of roses and a great big "hurray" go to Miss Doris Anderson, the cute little cheerleader. She won the hearts of a lot of fellows Saturday afternoon by her persistent and contagious happiness and enthusiasm. We think she's the most refreshing sight on campus, and as cheerleaders go, she's the Most to say the least.

Now if we can just light a fire under the Corn Cobs organization and persuade those fellows to show half as much pep and hustle, we'll bet that the pleasant malady often called school spirit—at least at games and rallies—will spread over the entire student body, and we'll have the sort of student backing Chancellor Hardin was talking about at the Rally Friday.

The Burnett House Boys

George Hunker, Roger Berger, Armand Matthews, Carroll Reinert, Ed Kemble, John Nelson, Bob Melcher, Roy Boyd, Dick Hunt, Jim Schmidt, and 37 others.

NU Fan Agrees

Dear Editor:
I have just read your editorial in The Nebraskan for Oct. 5 and I want to commend you for it.

I, too, was a spectator at Saturday's football game and was a bit astonished, to put it mildly, at the boogie that took place. I sincerely hope that the students and others involved will read and take heed of what you wrote. I have long been a loyal Nebraska fan and rooter, even when the going has been rough, and will continue to be a loyal fan.

I hope you will continue in the same vein and perhaps your efforts will have some effect.

E. Christine Morris.

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