

Editorial Comment

Do Unto Others...

The fate of 11 American airmen and two civilians known to be in Communist hands has become one of the hottest issues in the not-so-cold war we find ourselves waging against Communist China.

Though this issue is an important one and worthy of attention by the American public, another perhaps even more important issue seems to have slipped behind the all-covering veil of public forgetfulness.

What of the Americans who have been killed or injured and will be killed or will be injured in the so-called border incidents? The most faithful of newspaper readers or commentator listeners must admit that he has seen little or heard less of the Communist attacks on American military planes, even civilian airliners that supposedly or actually violated Communist borders.

These attacks have occurred semi-regularly over a period of several years, and will continue so long as Americans play the role of frontier transgressors in the Communist scheme of things. We have called the Communists everything permissible in diplomatic jargon for shooting down our aircraft. We have sent smoking notes to Moscow and Peiping—all to no avail.

The attitude of the men who have fallen victim to attacks was well expressed in a news-reel interview with the survivors of the most recent incident. The commander of the B-36 on a photography mission when asked why his craft did not fire back at the attacking MIG fighters said: "Our mission had been a failure; we didn't get the pictures we were supposed to; we knew that another plane would have to go back over the same area some other time."

Certainly these men must wonder what our military leaders or inside information spokesmen think when planes are ordered on missions which take them close to Communist borders and allow nationally circulated magazines to reprint pictures taken with a camera having a range of something like 75 miles that has recently been developed for aerial photography. The fliers back from these missions must wonder why a government that knows Communists are psychopathic about their frontiers allows the military to send aircraft on missions which have the specific purpose of spying on those sensitized areas.

It would be enlightening for the average

American John Q. to put himself in the position of the flier who has trained intensively to be a smoothly functioning part of our early warning system which has the specified purpose of intercepting unknown aircraft. Here is a man who has been trained and drilled to keep alien planes from coming too close to the borders of the countries we call our allies who reads of our ire being roused because an enemy attacked one of our planes that ventured too close to his territory. This man who might be ordered to attack an aircraft over Alaskan or Canadian or Mexican territory reads of our government attempting (unsuccessfully) to receive indemnity from a country that has caused an American plane to be attacked for the same reason.

This is not to suggest that we give up all hope of seeing what goes on inside the Iron Curtain. Intelligence work carried on by the United States has managed to remain comparatively super-secret from congressional probers and Communist counter-intelligence agents. Though this type of work is not made public, it is considered below "American" dignity but it does go on. It seems that intelligence work is the way for us to find out what is going on within Communist borders and that flying air planes over or too near the frontiers is not.

We are not at war; we are not involved in a police action. Our military personnel should have some assurance that they will not be ordered on missions which will result in attack by Communist fighters. At least our photographic planes should not have the equipment they carry demonstrated as capable of detecting what the Reds think to be secret information. The most casual student of foreign policy can well imagine the actions of our government toward a foreign power sending aircraft over our borders or near enough to detect and record work being done on what we consider secret, important defense projects.

Certainly our government should take active steps to prevent any power from making undue demands upon our nation, to prevent any foreign power from attacking our military forces when those forces are operating in territory not under control of that foreign government. However, our government is guilty of gross inconsistency of policy when it demands that our territorial boundaries be respected and infringes on the frontiers of another country.

The United States will appear ridiculous in riding the white charger of the defender of all that is good when it demands for itself what it will not allow another.—T. W.

Dear Santa Claus...

Every year about this time comes the old familiar question: "What do you want for Christmas?" And those who have a secret desire for something in particular will perhaps shyly let slip the answer.

But if the earth could be personified and if something or someone asked her what she wanted for Christmas, wouldn't it be a wonderful thing if her secret desires were realized?

So to Mother Earth we bequeath our hope—for that is all we can do—that these tidings will lie under her Christmas tree on Christmas morning.

To Mother Earth we give peace—long lasting, perpetual and restful peace. We give her a United Nations organization with power to maintain this peace without a veto and without any opposing forces.

We bequeath to Earth a whole Germany,

The Other Side

University students have just cause for being irked when outsiders grasp on to the little bad publicity the University receives as proof-positive that those attending college are a group of over-grown youngsters shirking responsibility and interested only in their schemes for riotous weekends. The faults of the University student body are usually more sensational (spring riots, drinking and so on) and it is this publicity which finds its way into the homes of the people of Nebraska. The students are judged by this publicity; when its becomes bad enough, Nebraskans have the right to complain to University regents and other officials. The Lincoln and Omaha papers, therefore, have received a great deal of blame from students when they have received a "slap in the face" for one thing or another.

In Monday's papers, however, the University received publicity of another sort. A sorority and a fraternity joined forces to paint the Municipal Swimming Pool bathhouse, and both Lincoln papers contained a picture of members of the group. The event was not the first of projects planned with a civic-minded purpose—nor will it be the last. The Interfraternity Council is planning on feting approximately 100 orphans at a Christmas party Wednesday night. The Nebraskan suggests that this is evidence that University students do entertain serious thoughts and are willing to accept responsibility to both the University and community.

This is not to pat the backs of two Greek organizations so all can sit back placidly and ignore critics of students in general and Greeks in particular. But it would be nice if outsiders would note good publicity as well as bad and be objective in forming their opinion of the attitude and accomplishments of the student body.—K. N.

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LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS by Dick Bibler



"I thought perhaps you didn't know—there are three higher possible grades besides 'D' and 'F'."

Voice Of The Turtle

Yule Greetings Extended To Unsung NU Heroes

Staff Writer By FRED DALY Christmas is commonly considered a time for sending enthusiastic greetings to friends, relations, acquaintances, people-you-do-business-with and people you haven't seen for twenty years and probably won't see for twenty more, but they send you a card every year and you send them one, because they would be hurt if you stopped and you would be hurt if they stopped, and what can you do? Christmas is a time when people become filled with good cheer and race about being cheery and kind and benevolent and obnoxious. Sometimes it is a little forced, but a fixed grin is better than none at all, and beside, you use more muscles smiling than you do LAUGHING.

Christmas is a time when the Chamber of Commerce puts up the decorations before Thanksgiving to "stimulate trade," and the merchants rub their hands together to a white heat. Christmas is a time when Nebraskan communists, in frenzy for an idea, turn to filling up space with cheery recognition of their many friends and relations and campus acquaintances. Aha, you say. Comes another digression with paragraphs full of names that one reads only with the hope that one's name will be there.

Instead, as fitting to this season of cheer, it is time someone spread out a little good-fellowship to those unsung and otherwise unpersecuted people that never realize the recognition that is their due. First, a great, green wreath to the men who relentlessly roam the wind-swept expanses of the campus armed only with a spiked stick and a stout burlap bag, their time devoted to ridding the area of the

Copped Copy Syracuse Students Warned To Curb Curious Behavior

What won't they think of next? With the recent controversy over Bermuda shorts on various campuses, Syracuse University seems to have a little different problem. Syracuse University's students are requested not to run naked through the streets of downtown Syracuse.

The Daily Orange reports that a University spokesman said that "this is a direct violation of University rules." Any students apprehended will be severely reprimanded. Beauties have their own problems. Joan Gavin, freshman at the University of Kansas, who was chosen one of the six prettiest school girls in America, hasn't had an easy time getting to her 1 p.m. class. Every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday for the past several weeks, several hundred male students have waited eagerly for her appearance.

One day when she decided to avoid the crowd by riding to class in a car, the largest crowd yet, about 1,200 men, mobbed the car and held up traffic on Jayhawk boulevard about five minutes. The Daily Kansas reported that Miss Gavin appears modest and somewhat dazed and unhappy about the sudden attention showered upon her.

Did you know that a student may receive a degree from Oxford University without ever having attended a lecture or at the most having attended very few lectures? Lectures are provided but not required of the students. Through the tutor and essays, the student forms a background in his field of study. The tutor meets with him once or twice a week. When the student feels he has completed his studies, he goes before an examination board and passes a comprehensive exam for his degree. This is a simple system to say the least, but it is one which has

Given 'Em Ell Should Men Conform?



By ELLIE ELLIOTT I use a lot of quotations in this column, not because I am too lazy to think up my own words, but because I hope that these statements, made by some of the greatest thinkers and creators in history, will provoke you to investigate further these ideas, and to formulate some of your own opinions and ideals. Whether you agree with me, or disagree, is not my primary concern. My concern is that you do not allow yourselves to stagnate in the torpid pools of mediocrity and blind acceptance... a possibility as real to students at the University of America as to persons with less intelligence and opportunity.

I find it rather amusing that one of my readers (see Friday's Letterip) wonders what persecutions society has heaped upon me that would prompt me to say or repeat what I frequently do. Ralph Waldo Emerson wrote that "Society everywhere is in conspiracy against the manhood of every one of its members. Society is a joint-stock company, in which the members agree, for the better securing of his bread to each shareholder, to surrender the liberty and culture of the eater. The virtue in most request is conformity. Self-reliance is its aversion. It loves not realities and creators, but names and customs."

Whose would be a man, must be a non-conformist... Nothing is at last sacred but the integrity of your own mind... What I must do is all that concerns me, not what the people think...

Jest Jestin' NU Advisor's Generosity Dethrones Santa Claus

By JESS BROWNELL I have recently been seized by a bit of the Christmas spirit. It isn't serious yet, but I have been smoking my own cigarettes for the last few days and with a beginning like that, it could develop into something much worse.

The influence of Christmas has also inspired me to write a little Christmas drama, suitable for presentation by any company directed by a madman. Playwrights, beware! (The characters in this play are Santa Claus, a student and the student's advisor. The scene is the place of Santa Claus. As the curtain rises, we see Santa seated on his throne. The advisor enters from the right and, unseen by Santa, conceals himself behind the throne. A moment later the student enters from the left. He glances furtively around to see if he is followed and finds that he is alone. He approaches Santa.)

Student: Are you Santa Claus? Santa: Don't you recognize me? Student: Well, you see, I've been at college for a long time, and Santa Claus doesn't come there very often.

Santa: Rest assured that I am Santa Claus. Now, what can I do for you? Student: I want some things for Christmas. I want a new suit, a

Some of the world's greatest men have been nonconformists. They did not advocate nonconformity for its own sake; rather, they saw the ills of society and worked from within society in a desperate attempt to cure the parts before the whole became rotted. If they threw up roadblocks (to use my reader's metaphor), they did so only because the road was under repair. They did not observe and criticize from ivory towers, exempt from social responsibilities; they worked as individuals with individuals because they realized that, finally, the worth of a society depends upon the worth of each member of that society.

The outstanding non-conformist of all time was Jesus Christ. He worked from within society; His radical ideas were "socially unacceptable" for His time, yet they have lasted quite a while. As His apostle, Paul, reminds the Romans, "And he not conformed to this world: but he was transformed by the renewing of his mind, that he may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." Merry Christmas.

It Happened At NU

A University history professor was commenting on French history in general and Louis XIV in particular. Giving a quick run-down on Louis's many wives and practically uncountable children, he paused for a few minutes before continuing his lecture. Then he continued "One must really wonder at the accomplishments of Louis's reign," but the remainder of the sentence was lost behind his blush and the roar of students' laughter.

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