

# The Opportunity . . .

Supposedly, opportunity knocks only once, but this axiom probably doesn't hold true anymore as opportunity seems to be knocking on every door and in every closet.

The University's Summer Session of 1955 will offer opportunity in the classroom but there will also be opportunity at the special convocations and in the exhibitions and the museums. There is learning in discussion of common problems with others of like interest and there is chance for education in the libraries and in social activity.

There is much to be learned from people—especially learned and educated people—and there is much to be gained from places—especially places of cultural and historical interest.

One of the objectives of the Summer Nebraskan is to point out these opportunities for learning. Opportunities that exist on the campus and in the community—in the classroom and in seminar and convocation.

The University's fine program has been planned and set forth. Opportunity for learning, just like spring, seems to be busting out all over.

# Death's Drivers . . .

Traffic deaths on Memorial Day this year set a new high in carnage and wanton destruction of human life. Memorial Day is supposedly a time to honor the dead—not a time for adding to the death toll.

Countless editorials have been written, slogans have been devised and speeches have been given on the subject of traffic safety, but if results are indicative of the worth of these efforts then all these words haven't had much effect. Death still travels the nation's highways at top speed.

Thirty-five thousand five hundred persons were killed and 1,960,000 were injured in 1954. Excessive speed was the most dangerous driving mistake in 1954. Speed killed 12,380 people and injured more than 659,000.

Weekend crashes accounted for 13,980 killed and 678,000 hurt during 1954. Thirty-nine per cent of the deaths and 35 per cent of the injuries occurred on Saturdays and Sundays last year.

Three out of four auto accidents happened to passenger cars driving in clear weather on dry roads, and 78 per cent of vehicles involved in fatal accidents were traveling straight ahead.

These are grim statistics. The above figures point out that accidents are heavy, even though state and community authorities have spent millions of dollars in an effort to provide safer and better roads and saner driving.

Insurance companies and other private firms are spending millions for safety education. State, county, local and parkway police are constantly patrolling streets and highways. More and better engineered thruways are coming off the drawing boards. It appears to us that almost everyone is concerned with this needless slaughter and its accompanying waste of human and property values.

Almost everyone, that is, but the drivers.

Traffic regulations were set up as a proper guide for the handling of traffic, and need the cooperation of all drivers. The problem starts and could ideally end with the drivers. Who are the drivers?

Each one of knows the answer to that question. It is sincerely hoped that by continually reminding drivers of safe driving through newspaper messages, television, radio and literature that traffic accidents will be reduced in the coming years.

We are the drivers.

"Nothing in education is so astonishing" as the amount of ignorance it accumulates in the form of inert facts."—Henry Adams

"Civilization is a progress from an indefinite, incoherent homogeneity toward a definite, coherent heterogeneity."—Herbert Spencer.

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LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS

by Dick Bibler



## Student Opinion

# Collegians Favor Summit Meeting

### Big Four Talks . . .

Because of increased speculation concerning a meeting on the summit between the Big-Four Chiefs-of-State, the Associated Collegiate Press asked a sample of college students across the nation the following question:

Do You Think the United States Should Participate in a Big-Four Talk in the Very Near Future?

The results:  
YES . . . . . 75 per cent  
NO . . . . . 14 per cent  
UNDECIDED . . . . . 12 per cent

Most students echo the sentiments of the Purdue University sophomore who feels "We have nothing to lose."

Others feel our participation would be helpful even if nothing results from the talk. A senior at Southern Methodist University says "Any move to show the world we want peace will help."

Still, other students attach reservations to their approval of a Big-Four talk. A coed at Western College states that "We should concede no more free peoples to the Communists."

A junior at Augustana College thinks our participation is a must, because "We must have a voice in any decision that may be made."

Many of the students who disapprove of a Big-Four talk say "the talk won't do any good anyway. The Russians break their promises as fast as they make them." Others feel the talk would yield nothing but "propaganda favorable to the Russians."

### Russian Editors . . .

Last year a group of United States college newspaper editors toured Russia. This year a group of Russian college newspaper editors have asked permission to visit the United States, and our State Department agreed to allow them to visit our country. (Then came the "finger printing" incident.)

The United States State Department has decided to allow a group of Russian college newspaper editors to visit the United States. Do you approve of this decision?

The results:  
YES . . . . . 79 per cent  
NO . . . . . 8 per cent  
UNDECIDED . . . . . 13 per cent

Many students comment that they are proud of this country and welcome any opportunity to show

it off to the Russians. A coed at Holy Name College feels "The more the Russians learn about the United States the better will be the chances for peace," while a Wooster College senior says "We have nothing to hide."

Disapproving of the proposed visit, a senior coed at Colorado A&M feels "The Russian editors are not really students," but one of her classmates responds that "Any contact with them will help foster better understandings."

### Yalta Papers . . .

The recent release of the Yalta papers stirred up a national controversy in which many opinions, both pro and con, were expressed concerning the timing of this release and the actual release of the papers themselves. What do college students think about this release?

Do you think the release of the Yalta papers by the State Department was a proper thing to do at this time?

The results in per cent:  
Total Men Women  
YES . . . . . 28 33 23  
NO . . . . . 46 43 35  
UNDECIDED . . . . . 32 24 42

The results indicate the coeds are more indecisive than college men on this question. Furthermore, almost one-third of the college students sampled were undecided. The reason for much of this indecisiveness is expressed by a sophomore coed from Southeast Missouri State College who says "I do believe that the people have a right to know what happens, but I'm not sure it was wise to release them (Yalta papers) at that particular time."

Those favoring the release might second the comment of a graduate student at Southern Methodist University who feels "It never hurts to know the truth," or the statement of a Western College coed who says "It was proper at any time. The earlier the better. Perhaps we will learn from our past mistakes."

Students disapproving of the release generally attach political motives to the State Department's actions. A Richmond Professional Institute freshman says it was "A political move that accomplished little except to dig up dead facts that can't be changed."

## From— The Editor's Desk

The Nebraskan office receives all kinds of periodicals and publicity releases intended for publication or quotation in the paper's news columns. Items ranging from texts of speeches of the presidents of corporations to information concerning an annual art exhibit in Wyoming find their way into the Nebraskan offices.

While glancing around at all the piles of paper that have accumulated during the year, I came across two items of particular interest. The Democratic Digest and Festival which is the "Newspaper of the International Preparatory Committee for the Fifth World Festival of Youth and Students for Peace and Friendship."

Admittedly, the publications have no connection and no association is intended. They differ not only in content, but also in format. The Digest is a small pocket book type publication and is similar in make up to the "Reader's Digest." Festival is printed on high grade news print and utilizes color, sensationalism and illustration.

Students of propaganda technique could well use the Digest for examples of every method of propaganda. The examples of half truth and "card-stacking" are quite obvious. For example, the cover mentions an exclusive interview with John Foster Dulles.

The interview, as it turns out to be, is actually a compilation of statements that Dulles has made over the past 16 years. Questions by the Digest are answered by excerpts of Dulles' statements which he made in speeches, interviews and writings. Dulles probably never heard of the questions until after the publication of the magazine.

Most of the content is composed of derogatory remarks directed at Dulles, President Eisenhower and Vice-President Nixon. Very little of the material is positive or deals with actual work of the Democratic party.

It seems quite unlikely that any but the most staunch member of the Democratic party could stomach such flagrant name calling and ridicule. There certainly is a need for party publications of general interest to the public, but parties that agree on the general principles of government should not have to resort to mud slinging and base propaganda. A more positive approach—one that stresses positive information—would appear to be more suitable.

Only 53 days remain to the Festival reports the issue of June 7. The Festival which is to be held in Warsaw will begin Aug. 13.

Faces of smiling youth in work and peasant dress are spread throughout the paper. News of feverish preparation of the groups of delegates and the events which will take place at Warsaw fill the news columns. No antipathy toward western nations is mentioned, but the words "peace," "co-existence," and "friendship" are used for various effects.

A small guide to the Polish language is found on the back page. Provision is made for students, workers, farmers and employees to identify themselves in Polish, but if you are engaged in any sort of executive work, you would have to remain unidentified. There is also a transition of "Let's exchange badges."

If, after figuring out several informative references, general hints and if you can identify the picture of Galileo you may bend in the identification and be awarded a free subscription to Festival. This is about as hard as winning free dance lessons, by identifying an instrumental arrangement of "Stardust."

In closing, a press release also found its way to the news desk that predicted the growing popularity of Bermuda shorts on the campus. We'll see.