

Summer Nebraskan Editorials:

# Happy Hunting

Guest Editorial  
By WALT SWITZER

Whatever the results of the bill signed by Governor Earl Long banning interracial athletic contests in Louisiana it is to be hoped that someone will test the law in the courts.

Despite pious assurances by such people as the sponsors of the Sugar Bowl that, "the Sugar Bowl is a law abiding group and has no plans to contest the law," there must be someone in Louisiana who will protest the segregation law.

Possibly Loyola which has desegregated its field house and its total athletic program will find the courage to take the law to court.

Of all the comments and all the questions that have arisen since the bill was signed, the most pertinent, and most embarrassing, question was asked by the field secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

"Is racial prejudice less offensive in so-called democratic Louisiana than under the German race-ridden dictatorship of Hitler?" is the question he raised.

If it is true, as Earl Long has stated, that no one appeared before the legislative committees to oppose the bill, the situation must be worse in Louisiana than had been supposed.

There is some indication that opposition to the bill may come from those who are interested in the Texas Baseball league, for other Texas League teams will scarcely agree to keep their Negro players out of Shreveport games. Those who have heavy financial interests in the Shreveport team may decide to test the

law rather than take a loss. In all the news reports that have come out of Louisiana since Governor Long signed the bill, there has not been much said about the open defiance of United States Supreme Court. The fate of various baseball and football contests has been emphasized more than the human considerations.

There wasn't much new in the requirement of the new law of segregated seating, and separate sanitary, drinking water and other facilities for members of the white and Negro races. Such segregation has long prevailed at Pelican Park and other sports arenas, as well as other public places in Louisiana. This part of the measure reads like an accent on the negative just to underline Louisiana's defiance of the almost nationwide trend toward desegregation.

One thing's sure, Louisiana should be a happy hunting ground this summer for recruiters of talented Negro athletes.



## Guinness To Star In Union Movie

"The Lavender Hill Mob," starring Alec Guinness, will be shown in the Union Ballroom free of charge, Sunday night at 7:30 p.m.

Filmed in England, this is the story of Mr. Holland, trusted supervisor of bullion at a bank. His dream is an ambitious one—to appropriate a million pounds of gold bars. He succeeds, with the help of what is probably the motliest crew on either side of the Atlantic, but has a little more trouble disposing of the gold.

This delightful movie is an Academy Award Winner.

## Music Teachers Select Materials

Between 200 and 300 Nebraska music teachers attended the fourth annual Materials Exhibit Tuesday and Wednesday at the Union Ballroom.

Sponsored by the University's department of music, the exhibit gave teachers an opportunity to select new material for the coming year.

### From The Editor:

# Eric Sevareid's Book Gives Wry Look; One On HST Raises Righteous Wrath

Two books claimed my attention this week. One I read, the other I ordered. The first was "Small Sounds in the Night" a collection of broadcasts by commentator Eric Sevareid. Here, gleaned from the last five years, are the headlines, the people behind them, the feature stories and as always, Sevareid's familiar wry humor.

Just a sampling of some of the titles should give a fair idea of the wide range of his topics. How to Stop Non-Smoking, Rise and Shine, Ulcers Grow on Glass, It Was Only a Little Bitty Holocaust, Pets are Unfair, and so on, touching on all the things which have interested a very observant newsman in those five years.

This is not the commentator's

first book. "Not so Wild a Dream" which was published in 1946 was his best-selling personal narrative. His first collection of radio essays was published in 1952, "In One Ear."

In the mail I received work of another new book, but this one has me boiling mad. Entitled "Give 'em Hell Harry" it calls itself an "informal biography of the terrible tempered Mr. T." The book was written by E. L. Dayton, and is distributed by the Human Events organization.

As soon as I receive it, I will no doubt have more to say on this subject.

Another item of interest which has just been brought to my attention is "teen beer." This is real-

ly just a revamping of the so-called "near beer," but it is being advertised and sold in many parts of the country as a "teenagers special." The brewers claim that the produce looks like beer, foams like beer, tastes like beer and smells like beer, but contains a low enough alcohol content to escape federal regulation.

In some states the product is advertised as cereal beer, and is advertised on TV with the suggestion that the tots pull up a long foamy glass of the stuff along with their parents.

Some juvenile authorities are worried that if the beverage is not harmful in itself, it might encour-

age a premature taste for alcoholic beverages among teenagers.

It sort of leads one to wonder when the smart manufacturers will come up with an alcohol-less whiskey, patented to taste just like the real stuff.

Progress Report — There was a fine turn-out at the Friday Luncheon, but no one brought me a solution to my puzzle, so there is a new one this week, and prizes for those who bring me the correct answer at the luncheon.

Joke of the Week Department—With the final reports of the number of acres placed in the soil bank, at least no one can say that it is "dirt poor."

### Air Base Tour

There will be a tour of the Lincoln Air Base Wednesday.

Buses will leave from the Union at 2:30 p.m. Cost for transportation is 40 cents.

Those interested may register in the Union Activities Office by Tuesday.

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