

Nebraskan Editorials:

The Last War

When men still die for freedom and bread, it should be with gratitude and not false pride that we say "Thank God I am an American." When students in other lands starve and die of tuberculosis, it is with humility that we should ask for forgiveness for our belief that we have a natural right to education. When men fall in the paths of Soviet tanks as they attempt to stand for truth, it is with an appreciative praise that we should exalt the system of democracy in which we live. When men envy our nation and its greatness and look to us for Christian leadership, it is then that we should stand—and be great. When our youth of our age are carrying rifles instead of textbooks, it is then that we should become strong and it is then that we

should believe. We should believe in the right of man to choose his government. We should believe in the right of man to feed his children. We should believe in the right of man to maintain dignity. We should believe in the right of man to worship his Maker. Our nation is strong. We can be pushed so far, then, if we must, we shall fight for what we believe. But, now, let us give thanks to Almighty God that nowhere in the world are American men dying for these beliefs. In this time of Thanksgiving, let us thank God for our material possessions of which we have so many, but let us also be grateful—and let us be humble—that we are not fighting the Third and the last World War.

Two Approaches

Three statements, two from international organizations and one from Yale University, have been issued recently concerning students of Egypt and Hungary. One of them commented briefly on the current crises in Hungary and Egypt and then went on to "say a word about human sympathy and the dignity of human beings." This particular discourse was made in a speech by Professor Vincent Scully at a Yale Rally for Hungary, held Nov. 12. The significance here is that Yale University students saw fit to plan and stage, with administration sanction, a demonstration equipped with a faculty speaker to protest the "terrible plight of Hungarian refugees." Yale students have also set into motion a fund—the Yale Emergency Aid to Hungarian Students—to subsidize the students affected by Russian action in the Hungarian riots. One of the organizations, the Communist International Union of Students, expressed more specific opinions of the situation in Egypt and how it affects students in that area of strife. The secretariat of IUS stated in a public letter that he was "acting in full accordance with the IUS Constitution and the Decisions of the

IVth World Student Congress," by voicing "a strong protest against this foreign invasion and expressing sympathy and solidarity with the Egyptian students who together with their people are defending their homeland." The American Committee of World University Service announced that it will rush emergency aid to Hungarian students, "victims of recent political turmoil." In a special news release explaining their action the WUS went on to state that "Dr. Buell G. Gallagher, Chairman of the WUS in the United States, pointed to a profound sympathy among American students for the tragic situation of their Hungarian colleagues." Yale's rally and the WUS decision seem to symbolize the United States sentiment regarding the current repercussions in Hungary. Such feeling concerning the Egyptian situation has not arisen in any appreciable form, however, because the situation is not so grave. The Yale fund and the WUS aid are positive reactions to an international situation which imperils democratic procedure. Their commendable plans should bear positive results as opposed to the useless words of Communist adult leaders.

Cards On The Table

We maintain the right of students to know what is going on on their campus. This means more than the privilege to understand issues and to pry into new fields of scientific investigation. The Nebraskan has cried in the past for open meetings of committees which discuss students or their affairs. Despite any condemnation of our foreign policy from those student who would patronize the administration, we believe that it is the desire of those who make the University tick to share with their charges the facts and opinions which will affect the entire student family. We reason that the administration would be happy to share opinions with students from two observations: 1. Any reasonable person is willing to cooperate with a policy which he understands. 2. Students demand the consideration of free discussion of ideas which will ultimately turn into legislation designed to improve. And it seems logical that the cooperation derived from a closely knit observation of facts and ideas, from sensible faculty-student relations governing from the caution of any committee must exercise in resolving student problems through open forum should be the goal of this school's administration.

The Nebraskan seeks open meetings—ultimately, cooperation—and the freedom to publish the facts learned therein not from any sense of pride in "digging out" an exclusive story. We seek open meetings for the good of the University. We seek freedom of the press to listen in on and sift out from committee meetings the ideas which will help the University to live as a unit, not as a rifted tool of instruction. We will maintain that a newspaper has a right to enter any meeting at which public policy is determined. This means on this campus the Faculty Committee on Student Affairs. It means that those faculty members who make the decisions on student policy should be willing that we publish their picture. It means that the Nebraskan should be allowed to know what it has to know to serve the students well. But we will be willing to concede that the Dean of Student Affairs has met with the Nebraskan and discussed the business of the Committee. More than that each man who votes on the committee should be subject to the "record" of those whom his vote affects. All we ask is that we be allowed to report the facts as they are. This is the goal of any newspaper. It is the goal of service.

World Affairs . . .

The Past Week

(Editors note: As University students break up the first semester by going home for Thanksgiving vacation, The Nebraskan would like to present a brief summary of the affairs that have changed history's course in the last week.

By JACK POLLOCK
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Amid Soviet charges of U.S. responsibility for "war-like" conditions in the Middle East, Russia has quietly but actively begun tightening its satellite purse strings. In Bulgaria, Soviet troops were reported moving into the country in an effort to head off a Hungary-style rebellion. A member of the Communist Warsaw Pact (the Soviet version of the NATO), Bulgaria had not previously had Soviet troops stationed on her soil, as they were in Hungary, Poland and East Germany. The Soviet high command of the two countries of the Warsaw pact has also ordered two important tank units to Czechoslovakia. Until now the Czechs had only a small number of Soviet troops on their territory. After four days of talks, Communist leaders in Poland and Russia have signed a declaration of "indestructible union and fraternal friendship" but agreed their future relations would be on a basis of "complete equality." The two regimes agreed Russian troops must remain in Poland but the Poles were given veto power over Russian troop movements in their country, as well as promises of help in meeting Poland's economic crisis.

In Hungary, Soviet efforts to quell the nationwide industrial strike appeared at least partially effective. Workers streamed back to the plants but production was at a minimum. Soviet UN delegate, in contrast to Red "willingness" to send "volunteer" units to the Middle East to prevent further aggression in Egypt, said any move to send a UN police force into Hungary would "endanger" peace. The Soviets received their severest rebuff this week from Prime Minister Nehru of India who told his parliament that Russia's prestige had been "powerfully affected . . . in Eastern European countries, in noncommitted countries and even among people in the Soviet Union itself" for their actions in Hungary. Nehru, who Monday announced plans to visit President Eisenhower in Washington on Dec. 16, said details of what happened in Hungary are not clear but "it is evident the government of Hungary is not a free but an imposed government, and the people are not satisfied with it." One of Russia's chief worries is coming from the East, not the Western powers, however, according to news agency reports reaching Paris. The reports claim widespread demonstrations against Mao Tse-tung and Soviet Russia—some of them actual uprisings—have recently taken place in China. The purpose, Eastern diplomats said, is to force Mao to wrest more freedom from the Kremlin. At one time the situation became so serious that the Russians were forced to send reinforcements to their Siberian borders, the Paris reports said.

LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS by Dick Bibler



Collegiate Poll: U.S. Victory Predicted

By a bare margin of three percentage points college students feel the United States Olympic team will outpoint the Russian team in the Olympic games beginning November 22 in Australia. Broken down by sex, however, the margin is not close. College men favor the United States team by a margin of 13 percentage points while college coeds favor the Russian team by a percentage margin of 16. Associated Collegiate Press gathered collegiate opinion on this issue by sampling from a representative national cross-section of college students. Figures were obtained from answers given to the following question:

DO YOU THINK RUSSIA OR THE UNITED STATES WILL WIN THE MOST POINTS AT THE OLYMPIC GAMES BEING HELD SOON IN AUSTRALIA? WHY?

The results:

	Men	Women	Total
Russia	34%	44%	37%
U.S.	47%	28%	40%
Undecided	19%	28%	23%

The difference of opinion between college men and women is hard to explain, but perhaps it's due to the fact that the men follow sports more closely and develop more confidence in our athletic prowess.

Four general lines of reasoning spring from those students who believe Russia will win the games. Most common is a belief that athletics is strongly stressed throughout the whole Russian nation. Equally common is the opinion that Russia will win because her athletes are all professionals. "Professional training will pay off" is the way a Villanova University (Villanova, Pa.) senior puts it. And a freshman coed attending Long Beach City College (Long Beach, Calif.) seconds his opinion by stating: "Russia maintains and supports her athletes and they are practically professional."

Many students are of the opinion that Russia will win because of the strength of her women athletes. Here's the way a Wesleyan University (Middletown, Conn.) junior looks at it: "Their women are stronger. Russian women athletes are better than American women athletes."

A good number of students feel the Russian people as a whole are more physically fit than Americans. "The Russian people seem to be more physically fit as far as athletics are concerned" is the way a freshman coed at Bemidji State Teachers College (Bemidji, Minn.) feels. Speaking of the Olympic teams a sophomore coed attending the School of Foreign Service of George Washington University (Washington, D.C.) says the Russian team is "better trained, the Americans are soft." A Moorhead State Teachers College (Moorhead, Minn.) sophomore sees it this way: "The Russians don't have better athletes, but more of them."

Students pinning their hopes on the U.S. team generally do so for one of three reasons. First, the feeling, as echoed by a graduate student at the University of Nebraska (Lincoln), that the U.S. team "has greater strength in its track and field divisions," which will offset weaknesses in other areas. Another segment of opinion just has the general feeling that we have the better athletes, or as it is plainly put by a Louisiana State University (Baton Rouge) freshman: "Ours is the best team!"

But perhaps the largest group of students favoring the U.S. team do so because of a belief in the "competitive spirit of Americans," as a graduate student attending Michigan State University (East Lansing) puts it. Here are a few other typical comments: We put more emphasis on sportsmanship, is the feeling of Columbia College (Columbia, S.C.) senior coed. "The will to win is a better conditioner than pay" is the expression of a senior at Bemidji State Teachers College, while a junior at the

Voice of The Turtle



The closed meeting jag in University organizations took on another follower Monday as Tassels gently asked a Nebraskan reporter not to attend their meeting. It had something to do with the proposed amendment to their constitution which would give them control of the Homecoming Queen election. The outcome of this meeting will most likely have to wait to be released until the Tassels jolly well feel like saying something. Or until they bring it before the Student Council. I suppose organizations have a right to meet in secret, even over matters affecting the whole campus, but the Rag staff is beginning to feel a little furtive and a little guilty at having doors slammed in its face. Maybe we will have to invest in a tape recorder. Daily Nebraskan? I suppose some of the readers of The Nebraskan have noticed how many advertisements we have been running. In fact, some of my friends have come up to me and beat me severely about the head and shoulders, and asked, "How come so many ads?" It is because we are making money, which we need in order to

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