

Editorial Comment:

Protests Poor Approach To Civil Rights Problem

About 10 days ago the United States National Student Association sponsored a day-long student protest in Washington Square in New York City.

And at the same time, other similar demonstrations were urged and planned across the country in revolt of the ever-present racial problem in the South.

The purpose of the demonstrations was to show support of the battle now being fought by Southern Negro students for equality of education, facilities and treatment; and to show student concern with the civil rights problem in America.

The nationwide protests began with demonstrations on the East Coast and smaller sympathy demonstrations were docketed to begin at noon in each time zone. Also, several protests were held on campuses and a deluge of telegrams poured into Nashville, Tenn., to support 100 arrested students.

The USNSA is evidently trying to solve the racial problem by conducting and sponsoring student revolts. It seems rather unusual that such an organization representing American college students would take such means to focus attention on an issue in a nation where revolts and demonstrations are frowned upon.

Rocky's Tax Plan May Backfire

Last week the New York State Tax Commission, which has been following a tax-raising policy under the administration of Nelson Rockefeller, issued a statement directing parents to itemize "income of dependent minor children from personal service compensation."

The decree invoked protest from many of the state's young babysitters, paperboys and soda jerks. Most irate comments came from parents, however. Many claimed the Commission would foster juvenile delinquency and decrease car sales if it effected tax assessment of minors. One parent even sent State Tax Commission President Joseph H. Murphy two cents.

According to federal law, dependent minors are given tax freedom on up to \$600 yearly earnings. The New York ruling to assess taxes, according to commissioner Murphy, has been on the book for 40 years. He said he was only trying to

Moreover, it seems unusual that these efforts are being conducted when the Senate and House both have been in session several weeks considering the question.

The method used in the Senate may not appear as the most civilized approach to the problem what with all-night sessions and such, but to call attention to a problem currently on the floor of Congress seems a little ridiculous.

And it is hardly in good taste to conduct demonstrations in a nation where issues are taken into account in debate and session.

America is aware of the civil rights problem—has been for years—and now is doing something about it.

A student revolt, especially one sponsored by a national student association, is not a very mature approach to calling attention to a major issue.

Borrowing pages from the book of activities of students in other countries doesn't always work—especially when the present leaders of this country are acting themselves on the problems these self-assumed leaders of tomorrow already are trying to effect.

"end confusion" by "clarifying" the tax form.

The case might well have been more than this, however. It is suspected that Nelson Rockefeller has his eye on the 1964 Republican presidential nomination. With this in mind, Rockefeller has set out to improve the economic condition of his state with a prosperous state-prosperous nation analogy in mind, a good running point for 1964.

Rockefeller, however, needs to keep in mind who many of his home state's voters may be in 1964. The soda jerks and babysitters of 1960 may well be legal voting citizens four years from now and the memory of a governor who took often as much as \$100 in taxes out of their yearly earnings could be a bit unfavorable.

The New York Daily News quoted a cartoon showing a young babysitter "learning a lesson in cupidity," but Mr. Rockefeller may find these wage earners aren't so "cupid" after all.

Staff Comment:

A Leftist's View

By Sandi Laaker

The Student Council will present an orientation session this Sunday for various officers of campus activities. The official letter which the Council sent to each president said the session would be held at 1:30 p.m. in the Union Ballroom. The Union is locked until 2 p.m. on Sundays. Did someone goof?

Kosmet Klub has been coming out with some really eye-catching publicity for their spring show, "The Pajama Game." Have heard that the production is shaping up very well—the campus and Lincolnlites should support this.

I'm anxious to see how they do the Hernando's Hideaway scene. It's so mystic.

The Administration struck out Wednesday. It was the perfect day for classes to be called off. Maybe it was the middle of the week and most students were on campus but what about professors who had to get up at terrible hours and shovel themselves to the campus?

They'll all probably have heart attacks or something.

But students need a vacation too. We've been holed up during this great winter just a tad too long and a free day would have been a great morale booster. Instructors have ceased being inspired and lectures are painfully dull.

Come the first spring day and something

is going to happen. It's one of those things you can just feel.

The New York Times carried a story about two weeks ago which pointed out that students taking entrance exams at Oxford University will no longer be required to take a Latin proficiency test. It is expected that Cambridge University will adopt the same policy soon.

Good deal. Two scholarly institutions are arising from the dead.

Educational institutions in the United States have been steering away from Latin and toward modern languages like French, Russian, Spanish and German for some time.

It used to be that everyone took Latin. Now there are very few who are even qualified to teach it.

Those who are still proponents of the dead language are from the old school, in my opinion, who attach some kind of learned prestige to Latin.

The Times story said that some who still favor having Latin taught feel that it is a good background for English. This always amuses me. If a person is interested in having a good background in English why doesn't he study English?

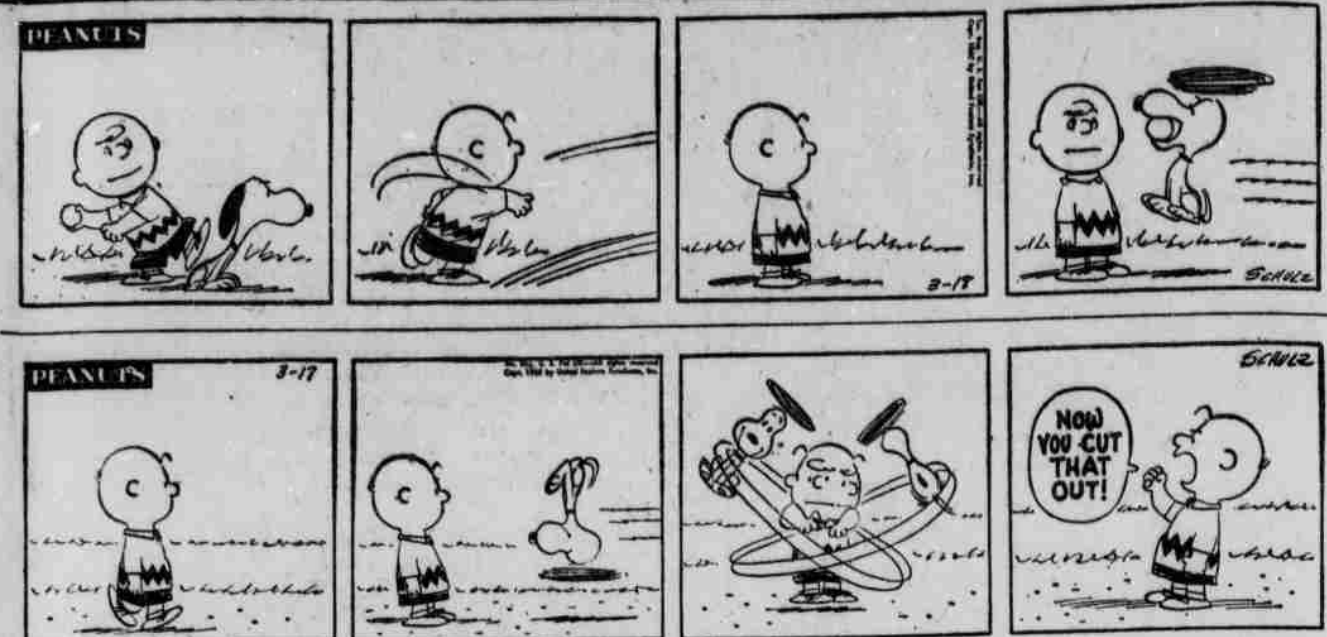
Bargain of the week—a nickel pepsi in the Crib. I guess the nickel glasses died. Dime Dixie cups are nicer anyway—especially more than half full.

There's a mystic door on the west side of the hall, first floor, of Soc. Painted on it is "Office of the—" That's all it says. It's always closed. I wonder—

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World Government

To the Editor: I hope my readers recall the letter from the graduate student in economics at the University of California. He proposed a voluntary payroll deductions plan as charity for underdeveloped countries.

Though I highly commend his idealism and generosity, I must say that such a plan could cause more harm than good. This charity could allow governments to feed their populations temporarily without making efforts to solve a basic problem: the population explosion.

Aided by the proposed charity, the populations of underdeveloped countries might expand at a rate faster than the charity and scientific developments to aid them (and this has been the case all over the world).

The result would be that the charity would cause a larger population problem and more misery than now exists.

Again this proposed charity could cause more harm than good by supporting unjust and inefficient governments. It could either support or be lost in inefficient and unjust economic systems among these underdeveloped countries.

My apologies to the proposer of this charity for criticizing a plan developed out of such laudable motives, but the best of intentions can cause great harm if the wrong methods are used.

Obviously something should be done, but what? The answer is that a world government, with social and economic justice, must be established. It does no good for nine nations to prepare for peace if a 10th nation is preparing for war. It is unfair for nine na-

OR ELSE . . . by John F. Else

It has been said that the primary purpose of an educational institution can be easily detected by observing what activities cause the students to get excited. This must exclude, of course, the excitement of unexpected winter holidays caused by "act of God."

A look at Yale, one of the highly praised Ivy Colleges, might serve as a good example (or poor, depending upon what is being proved). One cause for excitement came when two "good-humour men" (ice cream vendors) decided they wanted to sell on the same corner.

The students chose up sides with their favorite vendor, or the favorite vendor of a friend, or the favorite of a friend of a friend . . . and had a brawl which made the news across the nation.

Then there was the organized snowballing of policemen, which led to the arrest of several students, and again Yale made the headlines.

In contrast to this, I recently heard of a young man who was visiting a



Swedish college campus. He came upon a large mob of students standing before the administration building, and when a man came out onto the steps and made an announcement, they suddenly went wild, hoisted a student onto their shoulders, and tramped off amidst shouting and singing.

Asking what all the fuss was, who the football hero (or basketball star or activity king) was, the young man was shocked when told that the announcement was of grades, and the "hero" was the boy who had received a perfect grade average. (Well, I guess we do put their pictures in the paper. That's something.)

It makes one wonder, as he gazes at our University and, more generally, all American colleges, just what the purpose of our "educational institutions" is. Maybe our anti-apathy groups could contribute something of significance to the cause of education if they tried channeling the "school spirit" into the veins in which such spirit belongs in an institution of higher learning.

One thing is sure, that there oughta be a re-evaluation by the students and by the administration of what the purpose of this institution is, OR ELSE . . . they are liable to wake up to the fact that our purpose is not what we profess it to be.

Review Day Dropped At Skidmore College

Saratoga Springs, N.Y. (IP)—A recent change in the exam period at Skidmore College has eliminated the "days of review" and arranged final exams so that no student has two tests in one day.

The change was first discussed in the Student Curriculum Committee, then with the Faculty Curriculum Committee, and was finally approved by the Registrar.

According to Wendy Wyatt, chairman of the student committee, "We were interested in avoiding the situation where students had two to four exams in a row, especially in the first two days of the exam period."

"To us, the most logical idea was to take the exams scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday and spread them over the four morning periods beginning Monday."

"Thus it would be possible for a student to have two exams in a row or two on one day."

Under the new plan, each student has the weekend to study and although she gives up here two days of review, exams are spaced allowing free time to study before each one.

Also, in most cases, a student has one full free day during the first four days of the exam period.



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