

Editorial Comments:

Plain-Spoken Statesmen, Diplomats Asked For

From the Ohio State Lantern comes this plea for plainspoken statesmen and diplomats: "We are told that people—even statesmen and diplomats—used to be a plain-spoken lot. Even though history does not seem to record the apparent consequences of this, things must have been a lot clearer because of it. "For whatever the merits of fancy language and long phrases may be, they sure don't help to make things easier to understand. "Every major modern international conference has been an exercise in playing around with such phrases. If the diplomats ever got around to stating the basic problem—that we and the Russians don't trust each other, don't like each other, and are too afraid of each other to do something about it—they kept it secret. "There have been conferences that ended well, of course—like the 1959 conference about demilitarizing Antarctica. But those conferences haven't made much difference — it was easy to demilitarize Antarctica because it does not have any military significance anyway. "So, if the business at hand concerned the as yet undiscovered planets of Alpha Centauri, we and Russians could no doubt come to an amiable agreement in a week or two. But if it is disarmament—well... "The present phase of the Geneva disarmament conferences started with dramatic Russian proposals to discharge soldiers all around and take each other's word that nobody would cheat. "Since we don't trust the Russians (of the Soviet Government, as some diplomats imply), we have insisted that the various rival powers (mainly the U.S. and Russia) be able to check up on each other. And, since the Russians don't trust us either, they claim that our idea is merely a pretext to get hordes of spies into their country—and that very implication that any-

body would cheat in such a matter is an 'act of bad faith.' "In lesser matters, such apparently hopeless disputes were solved by boredom, force, or arbitration. "None of these forces is likely to solve this dilemma, though. How can anyone become bored about his own survival? Also, both military experts and atomic scientists (not to mention many, many others) swear that an agreement to fight the matter out would amount to a suicide pact. And who is there who could arbitrate the dispute between us and the Russians—even if we all agreed to abide by the decision? "It may be that we are doomed to spend the rest of our lives paying taxes for more guns and disarmament conferences and diplomats' statements about international good faith and morality. This may be better than the alternative. But it is also true that the meaning of an idea depends on the connotation of the words used to express the idea—and the words 'good faith' and 'morality' are already pretty meaningless when used in connection with international affairs. "What will these words mean after another ten years of conferences? And what will happen if this meaninglessness of these words transfers from the field of international affairs to the domestic area? "Some people claim that this has already happened—that words like 'morality,' 'honesty' and even 'good faith' or 'good will' no longer mean anything. Whether or not they are right about the present, this could certainly happen in the future. And the results of something like this should be obvious. "This does not mean that the only thing we can do to prevent deterioration of moral value is to start fighting. But it does mean that we could preserve these values better by calling a spade a spade—no matter how bad it may sound."

Cancer—The Widening Search

One of the fascinating aspects of mathematics is the logarithmic progression. Simply put, this can be shown in arithmetic as ten, next becoming 100, then 10,000 and on the next step, 100,000,000. Recently, a leading cancer authority used this expression to demonstrate the rapid multiplication of leads that researchers have opened in the search for a solution to the cancer problem. It was presented as one argument for increasing the financial support for research by both governmental and voluntary cancer-fighting agencies. The American Cancer Society, which is now launching its 1960 Crusade to educate students about cancer, points to this need as an ever-increasing one. Considered the most complex problem in medical research today, cancer involves every discipline of science among its legion of researchers. In seeking a means of controlling this disease or of producing outright cures, scientists are following trails which, like the logarithmic progression, expand with astounding rapidity. Instead of one thing leading to another, a single discovery may lead to numerous possibilities. In probing the secret of the cell, scientists find, for instance, that one enzyme

seems to be responsible for stimulating a chemical reaction that controls the growth process. Following this lead, they discover that instead of one reaction there are scores. And each one of these in turn is involved in countless other reactions. As biochemists work diligently to find chemicals that will control cell growth by trial and error, they have found some that disrupt the cell machinery for a time—but only for a time. The chemical has blocked only one of the many pathways. Others still exist and the wild relentless process of cancer growth is soon resumed. Science has acquired vast knowledge about cancer in the last decade, but what it has yet to learn may well be in the magnitude of a logarithmic progression of what we know today. Every investment in cancer research produces something—even if it is a negative finding. But every positive result begets countless others. The best minds in the country now concentrating on this problem firmly believe that a solution will be found. One way is by following every promising hypothesis to its logical conclusion. The millions of dollars now available for cancer research are scarcely adequate to finance even the most promising leads.



OR ELSE . . . by john f. else

The All University Fund Thursday night voted down a request from the Student Christian Council to solicit the campus for funds for the N A ACP's Special Freedom Fund in support of the "sit-in" demonstrations. In discussions previous to this motion there was a clarification by the board of the AUF constitution, which, according to the board, gives the AUF authority to give permission for solicitation. This was indeed an honorable stand for the board since this could have offered an "out" for them. By interpreting the constitution in a very strict, inflexible way, the would have avoided a very embarrassing decision. But the AUF realized that if it was going to be in a position to represent the University in any situation which could possibly arise, a strict interpretation could make it merely a "machine," which does not serve the campus, but only acts to protect



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This would be a rather trivial job. But having made these decisions, the AUF board failed to realize the implications what it had decided. This meant that if an emergency request should be made, the board would have to decide the merit of it and base their decision upon this. Such an emergency request had been made, by the S. C. C., that University students might have the opportunity to give their support to students demonstrating in the South, who are trying to call the nation's attention to the inequality in which the Negro is forced to live. What was the response of the AUF board? Probably one of the first worries was the effect that this might have on the attitude of the students toward AUF, if the group allowed such a solicitation. Another was how it might effect AUF's drive next Fall. Many worries arose along this line, all of which really stemmed back to the "organization" would be effected, when the basis of decision, after deciding that they had the authority should be on the merit of the cause and the opportunity which the students should be given. This was not discussed. There seemed to be little interest in the problem for which the request was made, and even less information and understanding whenever the problem was suggested. The board didn't seem to realize that this is not simply a problem in the South, but a problem which tests our entire democratic system and the intellectual freedom of all students. Now the only avenue of raising money is that individual students can bring money to the YMCA-YWCA office in the Student Union, but with the lack of concern by University students it is not difficult to see how ineffective such a method is. Once again bureaucracy has won out over the purpose for which it was intended; the concern of the membership of an organization that their job be continued and that their efforts be successful in the eyes of the public has proven more important than that they serve the purpose for which they were organized.

Nebraskan Letterip

The Daily Nebraskan will publish only those letters which are signed. Letters attacking individuals must carry the author's name. Others may use initials or a pen name. Letters should not exceed 200 words. When letters exceed this limit the Nebraskan reserves the right to condense them, retaining the writer's views.

AUF Action

The AUF's action in not giving the Student Christian Council permission to solicit funds for students demonstrating against racial discrimination was the most pathetic example of student integrity and intelligence that I have ever witnessed on this campus. After two and one half hours of "parliamentary" chaos, one doubted if the group realized that the rules they were using were originally intended to preserve order. After shouting spasmodic objections, such as, "What will the student body think of us?" "The Student Council will rule us out of existence!" and "How could this benefit or harm AUF?" no one could seriously believe that this was an organization formed to meet other people's needs. And, finally, after voting on seven motions, acting incorrectly on four "call for questions," withdrawing three motions, and reading the constitution through twice, the AUF voted "No!" to a need that strikes at the very roots of the rights which they were exercising. Not once . . . did the AUF ask themselves if they could fulfill a need by sharing in this program to gain equal rights for the Negro! Not once! . . . did AUF ask themselves if they shared in the responsibility to establish, for all the people, the rights endowed to us by our nation's heritage. Hundreds of colleges and universities across the nation have given to meet the legal expenses incurred by the students staging non-violent demonstrations for equality. But one group at the University of Nebraska said "No!" For many reasons it is true, but not one of them centered around the fundamental issue. That is,

whether they, as the official soliciting body on this campus should meet this need and whether they as individuals of an academic community were intelligently responsible enough to share in the concern of their southern colleagues! One sincerely hopes that this group is not representative of the attitude, thought, and ability to act of the students at U. of N. And when such a situation arises again, asking whether or not we are a part of it, I hope that this group, and all of us, can find the integrity and courage to reply, as one national group of college students have, "We are already involved!" Jack K. King

T Applications For Chains Due

Applications of independent women for Ivy and Daisy chains are due today at 5 p.m. in the Student Union Activities Office. Any independent woman may still pick up applications in the Union Activities office. A meeting for members of the chains will be held Thursday at 5 p.m. in the Union, at which time instructions on what to wear, how to march and other general information will be given, according to Sue Schnabel of Mortar Boards.

NU Poise Queen To Be Picked

Election for "Nebraska Poise Queen" will be next Friday instead of last Friday as previously published. The finalists for queen, sponsored by the Nebraska Camera Club, are: Judy Lang, Sylvia McNally, Pat Johnson, Pat Salisbury, Sandy Johnson and Yvonne Young.

Spring Show Is Tuesday

The Varsity Men's Glee Club, under the direction of Prof. Dale Ganz, will present its annual spring concert Tuesday in the Student Union ballroom at 7:30 p.m. Two students will sing solo selections. They are Frank Puls, tenor, and Dolly Fulkerson, soprano. Soloists with the Glee Club numbers will be Gary Christiansen and George Killebrew. A highlight of the concert will be three Rachmaninoff preludes played by Dr. Thomas Fritz, assistant professor of piano. The Glee Club also will sing: The Nebraska Chant, There is No Place Like Nebraska, Hills of the North, Rejoice, O Fillii et Filiae, The Maiden in the Wood, Forest Invocation, Sam Was a Man. Broth Will, Brother John, Mary Had a Baby, A-Roving, Little Innocent Lamb, Get Me to the Church on Time, When You Were a Tulip and in Dat Great Gittin'-Up Mornin'.

Art Students Net Wins in Contest

Two of the top three prizes at the Third Annual Big 8 Conference Student Art Competition were awarded to University art students. Raymond W. Schultze, a 1957 graduate of the University won the second prize of \$75 for his sculpture in walnut, entitled "Figure." Schultze is now a graduate student at the University of Colorado. Larry Johnson was awarded the third prize of \$50 for his oil on canvas painting of "Tondo IV 1960." Johnson is a junior in the College of Arts and Sciences.

University Grad Receives Award

A former University student, Ned S. Raun, was named one of ten recipients of the Ralston Purina Company Research Fellowship Awards for 1960-61. Raun, presently completing graduate study in Animal Husbandry at Iowa State, was graduated from the University in 1948 with a Bachelor of Science degree. He is a member of Alpha Gamma Rho social fraternity

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