

EDITORIAL OPINION

Tassel Homecoming Push Could Waste Student Time

With Homecoming weekend a little over a month away and the Kosmet Klub fall review less than two weeks away, most students are nearly bogged down with studies for the first round of exams and work for these two traditional dates.

It would seem we as students have plenty to do for the remainder of the semester. However, we find a campus group is trying to revive a dead horse which would call for even more of an overload on the already too-busy student calendar.

Specifically we are speaking of the Tassels who are blindly trying to bring the Homecoming morning parade back again with out a sensible reason. Their only cry seems to be that "it's traditional."

Since such a parade is completely up to the students it would seem it is their decision as to whether or not such a parade should be held. Last year, after considerable questioning, the overwhelming campus vote was against the parade due to a lack of time.

We go along with the logic of the majority of the students last year. Why not devote our time to attractive and worthwhile homecoming displays instead of splitting our limited time between the displays, the parade and a carnival—yes, a carnival.

This spirited female group has not stopped at pounding away at a dead issue. We are now asked what we think about a series of carnival-type side shows to be operated in conjunction with the displays. The argument in this case is the possibility of financial gain to each organization who participates plus the entertainment rendered to the public.

We feel someone should wake up and draw the line. What is the purpose of staging a parade that will flop and be criticized in that light? By the same token, are we students obliged to entertain the public by operating side shows? Do these additional time-consumers warrant our efforts at this busy time of the year?

We strongly urge the Tassels to drop the parade idea for their own good unless they can insure a good parade with unified student support. As for the carnival, why not contact Ringling Bros. and bring the campus a three ring circus and entertain us all.

(N.B.)

Staff Views

Chips

By Cloyd Clark

The plow cut buffalo grass sod away from the fertile ground below — the grass would be his home and the soil would be his life. No one knows for sure what was to be his stamina and spirit. What was to guide his land and family past grasshoppers depression, dust, floods. Whatever it was spirit, stamina or perhaps even stupidity, the grandfather must have passed to the father and he in turn to his son.

The father and son have still had trouble with lack of rain, with bugs and with worms, but they have had the surplus obstacle.

The farmer has had his land cut into, his quota juggled, but he has become so efficient that anything he tries to do seems to blossom out into surplus.

Now for the blame or the congratulations. Once upon a time when dust and snow and grasshoppers caused an undue amount of distress to the man of the soil. The University of Nebraska bought 320 acres of land for the development of a "model farm." The one half section was located where the Ag campus now is.

It was the purpose of the "model farm" to "discover the new agricultural truth, rather than exhibit what is old," according to the Professor of Agriculture, Samuel R. Thompson.

Since that time research, experimentation and discovery have developed farming into the more efficient agrarian industry in the world. When will this progress stop? Sometime in the future surely agriculture will have the tallest corn, the biggest headed wheat, the most water and the fewest bugs that it can possibly have. Then the population of the United States will be

able to eat up all the surplus and begin to lose weight not because of Metrecal, but because of lack of food.

The future of the University of Nebraska agricultural research programs does not seem too bright. Today the whole thing is starting again.

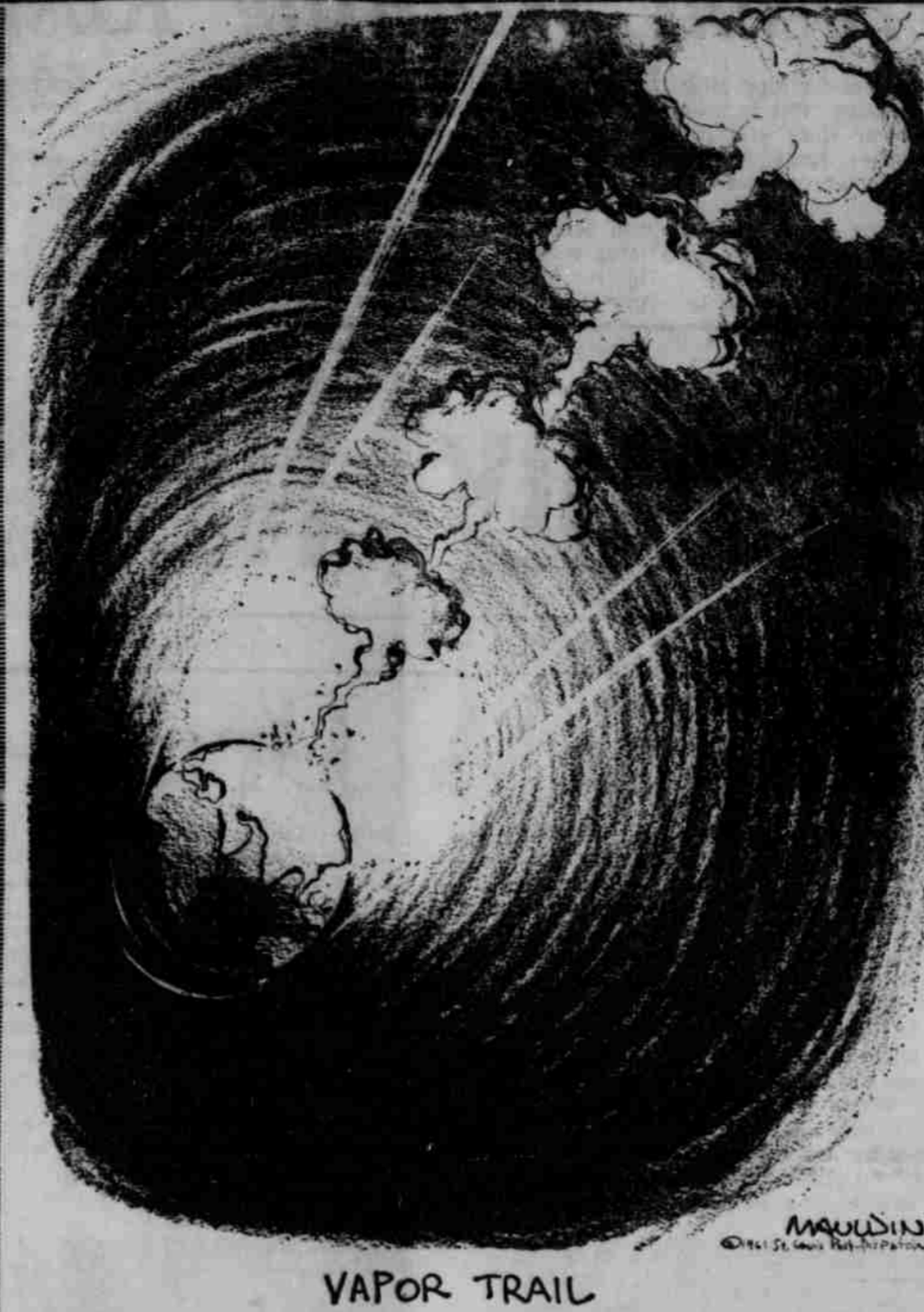
Two weeks ago the Board of Regents approved the purchase of 8,200 acres of the Mead Ordinance Plant to construct an "agricultural field laboratory". A large space gives the researchers on the Ag campus a chance to escape from the one cow herd and the two acre grain plot. It opens a whole new dimension to the teaching and research of the University.

Eighty-seven years ago when the University bought the 320 acres from Moses M. Culver it was easily accessible to the University. It was large enough for any research Professor Thompson could visualize. It would be self-sustaining as far as finances were concerned. Besides, it was far enough away from Lincoln to provide an agricultural atmosphere.

Mead is probably closer to the University than the Culver land was in 1874 considering transportation improvements. Thirteen sections of land seems to be enough to attempt large scale research. The Mead land is expected to almost pay its own way.

The main difference is the size. Mead is approximately 25 times as large as that first purchase.

Elevator builders don't go into mourning yet. The farmers may still be able to overcome government controls and keep your cement men and tin handlers in business.



VAPOR TRAIL

Did Hope of Order, Peace in Congo Die over Ndola with Hammarskjold?

By Eric Sevareid

If the principle of an international civil service, answerable to no national mandate, is dead along with Dag Hammarskjold — and



Sevareid

hope of order and peace in that geographical expression called the Congo.

The hope was never great, even with the UN forces present; but there was some hope, always predicted on the unspoken, un-faced assumption that the UN "presence" would have to be present for years to come. No one wanted to admit this. No one wants to admit now that the task of the UN force in the Congo has really just begun, unless of course, the home governments of those troops pull them out in disgust, or the financing breaks down, or paralysis on the East River leaves them without direction.

Any one loathes to cast the slightest shadow over the last bold enterprise of the fine gentleman who died at Ndola. He was carrying out his mandate in Katanga as he interpreted both it and the necessities of the place and the hour. But the uneasy feeling persists that in this effort to bring Katanga into line there was, somewhere, a breakdown of wisdom and patience. I do not believe it possible that any Katanga leadership, Tshombe's or another's, will or can tamely submit to incorporation in a unitary state involving sharing of control over their tribal bounty, the richest in the Congo, with tribes who are blood enemies and whose leaders are even less competent. Now, with all the wounds and bitterness, it becomes less likely than ever.

Our bland innocence about Africa reaches breathtaking proportions at times. Why do we assume that tribal loyalties-to-the-death, hardening for a millennium, can be readjusted in a few short years, especially where the educational process hardly exists?

Why did the UN permit itself to send an Indian consular and Indian troops to a part of the world where the Indian, in so many places, is loathed and despised by the black man?

Why do we think that it is the presence of the white mercenaries, toxic an element as this may be, that was responsible for the re-

sistance of the Katanga tribes to the "central" government? Why do we persist in thinking that Tshombe resists his blood enemies only because of the Belgian influence that remains?

The profound truths of tribalism in the Congo give no warrant for such easy, self-serving assumptions. They give more warrant for a conclusion that nationalism in that part of the world chiefly exists in the imagination of the white man, the white man who lives and reads at a comfortable distance.

A politically unified Congo was never ordained by God or the Congolese people. It is hard to believe it can hold together, since no one tribe is dominant there, short of semi-permanent foreign intervention, by the UN or otherwise, except possibly under one condi-

tion. That would be the formation of a "confederation" of Congolese tribal regions, a very, very loose one, looser than the Nigerian federation which itself will probably have to loosen up still more with the creation of new tribal states within it. Obviously in a confederation, Katanga would have to keep its special identity, for it is intrinsically worth more than the rest of the Congo put together and must be operated by its own people if stability is to exist and the rest are to share in its economic bounty.

With all respect to the UN effort, one has the feeling that its activities in the Congo amount to forcing down an uncoiled spring which can uncoil again with frightening force at any mo-

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Nebraskan Letterip

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Readers Balance

Democrats' Score

Dear Mr. Norm Beatty, I read with interest your recent editorial "Many Convocations Fine: Where Are the Democrats?" It really heartened and warmed my soul to see so many prominent Republicans (fine people) either coming or at least invited to appear on campus. This was really great! — I thought. Well, what Republican wouldn't be gladdened by a score of 4 to 0 over the Democrats?

But, then I began to think and to look up a few facts. Before I knew it I had rounded up three and possibly four rather prominent Democrats who, by gosh, had appeared on campus and, by the way, had spoken at a convocation. Senator Douglas, the senior senator from Illinois was the first who came to mind, followed in close order by none other than JFK himself. The next personage to whom, by the way, I had to devote (or rather was compelled to devote) a new sentence is the matron of the Democratic Party, the spiritual mother of all Liberals, of whom one reviewer wrote, "She is able to complete her flower strewn march unpricked by the thorns of reason" — Mrs. F. D. Roosevelt.

Thus the score stood 4 to 3 — still our favor and yet surely Vice-President Johnson's stop on campus and speech in the Union last year is worth half a run. The score is 4 to 3 1/2 now.

But I'm afraid I'll have to deduct two runs from our score because V. P. Nixon and Senator Morton didn't speak at campus convocations.

Alas! The score is now 3 1/2 to 2 in favor of the Young Democrats.

Now of course I must agree with you Mr. Beatty but why not change your editorial to read: "Many Convocations Fine; Where are the Republicans?" Yours truly, Bill Buckley

such speakers as Lyndon Johnson, Bobby Kennedy, Eleanor Roosevelt, Senator Paul Douglas, Justice William O. Douglas, Gov. Ralph Brooks, Gov. Frank Morrison (that was last Wednesday) and of course Jack Kennedy (not once but twice!).

During this time the Republicans had Dick Nixon at state party function. For that they had to rent the hall the Demos got free for their boys.

When the noble editor complains that the Demos should have an equal say on the convocation platform of the University I'm all for him. But he ought to let the Republicans catch up first.

(Editor's note: We quite agree that we have seen many fine Democrats on our campus over the recent past including both our present President and vice president. However, the editorial "Many Convocations Fine; Where are Democrats," was referring to the convocation program for the current school year since we live in today and not in the past.)

President Explains Panhellenic Position

Dear Captive, Your letter to the Rag was delightful in its poetic content; but what were you trying to say and to whom were you trying to say it?

The organization to whom you address your "BLAST" happens to be the governing body of sororities whose main objective is to promote successful Panhellenic Relations on the campus. It does not formulate the restrictions of hours placed upon "the girls you were graduated with from high school."

However, Panhellenic women support A.W.S. rulings; and needless to say, it is well that we do if the girls over 21 are as mature as you. Some one has set the standards in our culture; and as you have displayed your inadequacy of mature reasoning, it is well that you are a reluctant captive!

Nancy McGath Panhellenic Pres.

Graduate Questions Students' Spirit

Dear Sir, As a Nebraska University alumnus, may I say your student spirit at foot-

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