

EDITORIAL OPINION

Boom Boom Bomb Must Wake Us Up

In view of the startling world situation which has taken an even graver disposition with the explosion of the 30-50 megaton blast by the Soviet Union, we of the Daily Nebraskan intend to go beyond the normal editorial policy by presenting only news and opinions pertaining directly to this campus, per se.

We feel it is the duty of not only this publication but the entire campus population to inform ourselves on this matter which critically threatens human existence. It is not enough to become aware of the possibilities such explosions have alone. We are not just students. We are not just faculty members. It is not enough to say we are concerned because we are Americans. We are living and breathing human beings. Stripped of all social identity and we are united by a common purpose or instinct—WE WANT TO LIVE!

It is not our intent to urge mankind to madly rush out to the Russians and plead for existence. To do so would be to give up what our predecessors fought and died for in past centuries. To resign all these God-given rights is to give up all reason for living.

The only logical and sensible way to secure our way of life is to take an individual inventory. Do you have an opinion? Are you well acquainted with what is going on around you? Or do we tend to push past the page one headline in the local newspaper to get to the sports section and the fashion pages? Is a game of bridge more important than expanding our own knowledge by reading expert evaluations of the clash of ideologies or watching a special report on T.V. dealing with number one concern of free people?

Not long ago one of the leading television networks presented a program entitled "War or Peace: Where do we stand?" The program was built around the facts concerning the East-West controversies given by expert reporters scattered over the world. The commentator, our own Eric Sevareid, announced after the program that the network allowed and encouraged the experts to give their opinions due to the seriousness of the topic. These men, all close to the reality of the world crisis, noted a deep concern for the American people to realize the seriousness of the problems we face today as Americans and members of the human race.

Certainly no one will solve these stark questions by way of a sudden revelation. It is our opinion that the ultimate solution to these problems lie within each individual.

The world situation today is man-made. And it is man's first and most important moral obligation to provide free world for future generations. The task of acquainting ourselves to our own complex position is immense but all too real. The 50 megaton bomb can or cannot be the first real step towards total annihilation of this earth. War or peace, existence or suicide: the decision is ours.

(N. B.)

Letterip

The Daily Nebraskan will publish only those letters which are signed. They may be submitted with a pen name or initials. However, letters will be printed under a pen name or initials only at the editor's discretion. Letters should not exceed 200 words. When letters exceed this limit the Nebraskan reserves the right to condense them, retaining the writers views.

Writer Predicts Democracy Collapse

To the Editor:

The United States is no longer the goings of concerns, and in all probability will not be a going concern by 1970. Democracy is writing before the brilliance of the Red Star, a brilliance fed by the Soviet Union's dynamism on the international scene and by its magnificent accomplishments in the realm of science. Democracy is a fragile form of government unable to withstand crises. The political climate in Asia, Latin America, and Africa is such that it is difficult for Democracy to flourish. The peoples of these land masses lack Democracy's base, wealth and they are familiar with the self-centered, lecherous capitalist from North America. With the loss of these peoples to Communism, Democracy will cease to be a going concern.

The United States is as

the boxer who has been hit hard early and is retreating tired and confused from a confident, but not an overconfident adversary. The stalker is grinning. It is a grin of knowing. Time is with him. He will win. He will win.

R. L. Siegel

IFC President Qualifies Statement

Dear Mr. Beatty:

I would like to clarify one statement made by you in your recent barrage of editorials aimed at the IFC. Everyone is entitled to personal opinions. When you quoted me as saying that their would be no more IFC fines for Student Council voting, you were quoting a personal opinion, not one of the IFC. The Interfraternity Council will have to make the decision on this and all other matters at the appropriate time and through the appropriate legislative channels.

Don Ferguson

PROBLEM OF THE WEEK

Three men who had a monkey bought a pile of mangoes. At night one of the men came to the pile of mangoes while the others slept and, finding that there was just one more mango than could be divided exactly by three, tossed the extra mango to the monkey and took away one third of the remainder. Then he went back to sleep. Presently another of them awoke and went to the pile of mangoes. He also found just one too many to be divided evenly by three, so he tossed the extra one to the monkey, took one-third of the remainder, and returned to sleep. After a while the third rose also, and he too gave one mango to the monkey and took away

the number of whole mangoes which represented precisely one-third of the rest.

Next morning the men got up and went to the pile. Again they found just one too many, so they gave one to the monkey and divided the rest evenly. What is the least number with which this can be done?

Bring or send answers to 210 Burnett. Answer to last week's problem: Lieutenant Howitzer, Brigadier Grenade, Major Tonk, Captain Mustardgas, and Colonel Vereyight. There were no correct solutions submitted due to a misprint in the Daily Nebraskan. A correct method of solution is posted in 210 Burnett.

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Paths of Life

Editor's Note: This is the first of a series of columns dealing with the many aspects of religion on campus; what role it plays in relation to the student and what role religion should take in campus life. The articles will appear approximately once a week up to Christmas vacation. Each article will be written by a campus religious leader.

In his book, Conscience on Campus, Waldo Beach, in speaking of the meaning of the love of God, points out that the definition which he has set forth "sounds first off utterly distant from the tangled difficulties and daily decisions of campus life."

He then goes on to say: "It has been made remote by a certain bad habit of culture in separating 'religious' from 'secular' activities, by compartmentalization. Nowhere is this neat separation more carefully observed than on campus." In the next paragraph, he elaborates, "On the intellectual side, religious faith, in the minds of faculty and students alike, is a private Sunday matter, quite permissible to talk about in church or chapel, but with no relation to the workaday world of getting to Monday's classes, correcting quizzes, or checking lab reports. Religion then is consigned to one section of the intellectual map."

Now you may feel that Dr. Beach is too sweeping in his statements, or you may disagree especially with his observation that "nowhere is this neat separation more carefully observed than on campus."

Yet I believe we will agree that it is true that in the lives of many people on our campus, religion is in a "compartment," used at certain times and in certain places only and having seemingly little, if any, significance in the other rather carefully segregated areas of life. However, to render a judgment in respect to other people is quickly and easily done. Perhaps we even immediately see the images of various people we know.

But what about ourselves? Is our religion and religious life also too much in a "compartment"? If so, is it because it is inadequate? Does it answer the basic issues of life and death, of our relationship to God, of our purpose in this life? If we believe that our religion is adequate, could it be something which we merely profess? Has it taken hold of us? Is it really ours? Are we personally committed? Have we personally committed? Have we personally committed? If we believe that our religion is adequate, could it be something which we merely

profess? Has it taken hold of us? Is it really ours? Are we personally committed? Have we personally committed? Have we personally committed? Are we doing anything about examining, acquiring, or keeping these?

Or have we perhaps even been overcome by a paralyzing academic dedication of suspended judgment? As Congressman Judd pointed out recently in a speech delivered in our student union ballroom, "Objectivity is important as a means to arrive at a decision, but it can be a vice."

If we have no real personal convictions either because we merely accept by inheritance or tradition or are primarily holding in abeyance, then it is little wonder that whatever religion we have does not penetrate all areas or paths in of our life.

In the case of the Christian who accepts Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, the Scripture says that Christ "lives" in him and that he is a "new creature." If he has found forgiveness and peace in Christ and is in a living relationship with his Lord, can this be tucked away Monday through Saturday? Can it be that there is no evidence of this in the classroom, on the athletic field, in the place of residence, in social activities, and other daily affairs?

To live our religion daily on campus and otherwise, to apply it in the various activities of our life is by no means always easy. Forthcoming articles by religious leaders on campus should help us in this respect — to

take our religion out of the "compartment" into the varied paths of our life, to apply it.

But we need to search for that which we desire to apply. There is always the danger of being over-

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Courtesy of Omaha World Herald

THE UNIVERSITY THINK—Part 2

BY TOM EASON

Question: Why are you attending the university? Answer: "To learn how to get along with people." Question: Are you satisfied with your situation? If not, in what way would you like to change it? Answer: "We want to be secure."



Eason

Question: Is there anything you would be willing to die for? Answer: "Nothing."

These questions and answers appear in the current October issue of Harper's in an analysis of student apathy at the University of Houston. Harper's supplement on The College Scene furnishes the basis for this series. Gaps and qualifications exist in the quotes and paraphrase below. The object: to stir one dormant mind to think.

SEX

Colleges sometimes have a wide and rather comical array of regulations about who may visit a student dormitory, where, when, and how (doors open, lights on, four feet on the floor). The futility of such attempts to abolish privacy is obvious. Young people who really want to have love affairs while they are in college will do so anyway.

WASTED CLASSROOM

There are three main

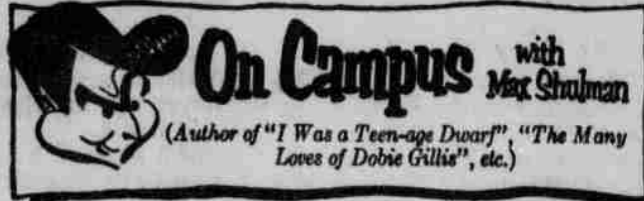
sources of waste in college teaching: the classroom system, the examination system. Most teachers give lectures that are not as good as the average texts in their fields — which are not very good — and most students have not read enough or heard enough to make the kind of contribution that is worth making in a class of fifty students. The entire concept of college examinations needs radical review.

For the examination, there could be substituted the demanding paper, just as for the class there could be substituted the seminar. Departmentalization means that educational programs that cannot be fitted into the departmental scheme are short-changed.

GOD IN THE COLLEGES

The agnosticism of the classroom is not militant. It is only unconcerned. It is bourgeois Christianity all over again, to so great an extent that, in college, in spite of differences in belief, the behavior of agnostic and of religious man is pretty much the same. The colleges make a "commitment to non-commitment," have a "faith in non-faith."

The editors of Harper's introduce their supplement to begin exploring some urgent questions in American higher education. These two columns are more incomplete, but — hopefully — thought-provoking.



THE DATING SEASON

I have recently returned from a tour of 950,000 American colleges where I made a survey of undergraduate dating customs and sold mechanical dogs, and I have tabulated my findings and I am now prepared to tell you the simple secret of successful dating.

The simple secret is simply this: a date is successful when the man knows how to treat the girl. And how does a girl like to be treated? If you want to know, read and remember these four cardinal rules of dating:

- 1. A girl likes to be treated with respect. When you call for your girl, do not drive up in front of the sorority house and yell, "Hey, fat lady!" Get out of your car. Walk respectfully to the door. Knock respectfully. When your girl comes out, tug your forelock and say respectfully, "Good evening, your honor." Then offer her a Marlboro, for what greater respect can you show your girl than to offer Marlboro with its fine flavor and exclusive selectrate filter? It will indicate immediately that you respect her taste, respect her discernment, respect her intelligence. So, good buddies, before going out on a date, always remember to buy some Marlboros, available in soft pack or flip-top box in all 50 of the United States and also Cleveland.

A girl likes to be taken to nice places

- 2. A girl likes a good listener. Do not monopolize the conversation. Let her talk while you listen attentively. Make sure, however, that she is not herself a good listener. I recollect a date I had once with a coed named Greenleaves Sigafos, a lovely girl, but unfortunately a listener, not a talker. I too was a listener so we just sat all night long, each with his hand cupped over his ear, straining to catch a word, not talking hour after hour until finally a policeman came by and arrested us both for vagrancy. I did a year and a day. She got by with a suspended sentence because she was the sole support of her aged housemother.

- 3. A girl likes to be taken to nice places. By "nice" places I do not mean expensive places. A girl does not demand luxury. All she asks is a place that is pleasant and gracious. The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, for example. Or Mount Rushmore. Or the Taj Mahal. Or the Bureau of Weights and Measures. Find places like these to take your girl. In no circumstances must you take her to an oil-cracking plant.

- 4. A girl likes a man to be well-informed. Come prepared with a few interesting facts that you can drop casually into the conversation. Like this: "Did you know, Snookiepuss, that when cattle, sheep, camels, goats, antelopes, and other members of the cud-chewing family get up, they always get up hind legs first?" Or this: "Are you aware, Hotlips, that corn grows faster at night?" Or this: "By the way, Loverhead, Oslo did not become the capital of Norway till July 11, 1924."

If you can slip enough of these nuggets into the conversation before dinner, your date will grow too torpid to eat. Some men save up to a half million dollars a year this way.

To the list of things girls like, add the king-size, unfiltered Philip Morris Commander. Girls, men—in fact everybody with a taste bud in his head—likes mild, natural Commander, co-sponsors with Marlboro of this column.

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