

EDITORIAL OPINION

# Death Awaits Campus Drivers

What would be the results of a total nuclear war directed towards the United States? What if a 50 megaton bomb were dropped over the Strategic Air Command headquarters in Omaha? Needless to say, millions would die in a million horrible ways. This type of mass slaughter, however, is not our biggest threat today.

Over the next four or five days, hundreds of American citizens will die or be crippled. But not because of any bomb or bombs dropped. The only weapons involved in the tragic deaths to come are automobiles and, in some cases, malfunctioning minds.

The Thanksgiving holiday weekend is expected to draw a good portion of America's drivers on to the roads for that quick trip to the next city or that jaunt across the state. The National Safety Council estimates a shocking total of drivers and occupants of automobiles who will never make the return trip home. For them there will be no Thanksgiving. Long ago the Council quit trying to be nice and decided to be realistic.

The odds are against us. There are too many faculty members, administrators, students and employees for all of us to finish the semester. Pure statistics demand that there are those living and breathing this instant which will never open another book, work another hour or see another day after this Thanksgiving weekend.

None of us want to die. The statistics, odds and estimates can be beaten. What does it take? It takes common sense. The National Safety Council says that four out of ten accidents are due to speed. There are other things, however. Driving when tired, driving while intoxicated, driving for an extended period of time, driving with a wandering mind, driving too close to the car in front of you and on and on.

Perhaps the best advice we can give the drivers is a simple slogan most people have heard before—"Drive Defensively." Sometimes in football circles experts say the best offense is a better defense. The same philosophy holds true for those who travel by auto. Drive as though the guy in front of you will not signal for a left turn, drive as though there is a car coming over the hill or around the curve. In short, think of yourself and the other driver too. Driving is a full-time job when you are behind the wheel so play it that way and be back next Monday.

We would go a step further than the slogan. "Drive safely. The life you save may be your own." We have amended it to read, "Drive safely. The life you save may be that of a staff member of the Daily Nebraskan—we need them back!"

(N. B.)

# A Tribute Paid to A. J. Lewandowski

The University and entire state was shocked Saturday with the death of A. J. Lewandowski, athletic business manager and long-time Cornhusker athletic administrator.

Lewandowski spent most of his lifetime working with Husker athletics after his graduation from the University where he was an outstanding athlete himself. His efforts have had much to do with the stable financial status the athletic department now enjoys.

His dedicated efforts during the lean years of World War II and after went a long way toward keeping the NU athletics alive. He served as athletic director for a year, football coach, and coach of other varsity sports during those hard times.

His absence will be felt not only in the role of business manager and stalwart of the Husker athletic system but also as a leading citizen and dedicated individual.

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### ATTENTION STUDENTS

# SAVE A PACK CONTEST ENDS DECEMBER 1

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# Peace Corps and People to People Useful But No Answer to Peace

Eric Sevareid  
Noting, but not examining General Eisenhower's ambidextrous performance in ridiculing the Peace Corps while accepting the chairmanship of the "People to People" organization, which is based on the same premise, we might look at the popular, chiefly American, notion that if only people alien to each other could "get to know one another," peace will be preserved.



History not only suggests but insists that while the by-products of personal and cultural exchanges across frontiers are many and important, peace is not necessarily numbered among them. If there were a direct relation between acquaintanceship and peace, then generations of a saturating intercourse, through tourist travel, literature, science, music and the visual arts, should have produced something else between Germany and her neighbors than three ghastly wars in 70 years. Then the American civil war should never have happened. Its opposing participants were hardly strangers to one another; some were of the same family.

Physiologically, "all men are essentially the same," but in terms of ideas and illusions they are not, and it is illusions and ideas that set great movements in motion, including wars. Contrasting ideas do not always merge and soften by conversational contact. Indeed, the more contact I have had with hard-core Russian Communists the more inimical I feel, the more frightened I become of their prefabricated, mechanical minds; and presumably they feel the same.

As things now stand, the only form of "greater understanding" between Russians and Americans that is conducive to peace is the mutual understanding that if one tries to destroy the other, he will himself be destroyed. We have to assume that Communism is not even remotely an alternative way of life, but is, in fact, a political weapon designed for the simple seizure of power. We have to assume that the likeliest—perhaps the only—practical road toward peace lies in the slowing and eventual halting of the Communist advance. Therefore, all person-to-person contact with the Communist world must be designed to weaken their resolve, which is exactly the design of all the contacts they initiate towards us.

Not always does the chasm widen. Occasionally they win a victory, as in the case of the nationally circulated columnist who recently informed millions of Americans that we must get used to the idea that "Communism isn't really all that bad." More often they lose; individual defections

## Fall 'Schooner Issue Ready

"An issue of specialties" is the description given by Bernice Slose, acting editor of the Prairie Schooner, to the fall issue of the literary magazine edited by Karl Shapiro. One of the articles of the magazine contains a review article by Mrs. Viola H. Drath, Lincoln, on the German Literature in Exile by William K. Pfeiler, professor in the German department.

Hopkins Again is a critical article on Gerard Manley Hopkins, associated with on Spanish baroque architecture. The Harlem Gallery: Book 1: the Carator, by Melvin Tolson of Oklahoma, is from a long poem on the history of the Negro people.

A story called Where There is Love the River Goes by French author Caroline Delteil is also included in the magazine.

The Prairie Schooner is now on sale at the book stores at \$1 a copy. Campus subscriptions cost \$2.50 and regular subscriptions are \$3.00.

from traveling Russian delegations are a familiar story. This will continue to happen in spite of the severely hand-picked nature and the severe supervision of their cultural emissaries. It will happen in spite of the fact, discovered by American investigators, that one-fourth of their visitors are repeaters, returned here because of their proven abilities as intelligence agents or propagandists. We have something to gain, little to lose by continuing these exchanges, and we would gain more if all our own emissaries to Russia were trained debaters.

There is a certain amount of hunger for information about the west in Russia itself—and this is not true in reverse. But the assembly halls of Moscow University and the conference rooms at Black Sea resorts are not exactly soft spots in the Communist intellectual fortress. The soft spots are in the satellite countries. Historically, the Slavic peoples of eastern Europe provided the willing transmission belt for getting Western ideas into Russia. If East Germany is now a fenced-in intellectual desert, Poland is fairly open to our efforts, and there, if anywhere, should our efforts be concentrated.

Governments, for most countries, decide peace or war, and governments do not always or often behave like individuals, which is where so many well-meaning Americans get confused. But there remain governments on this earth which are subject to degrees of popular feelings conditioned by personal exchanges.

Thousands of "returned students" from America proved ineffective when the Communists conquered the mainland of China; all their training was a waste. Scores of devoted Western missionaries have been tortured and killed by the very African nationalists whose aspiration we had endorsed. Yet there can be little doubt that a generation's work by American school teachers in the villages of the Philippines had much to do with that

country's generally good relations with us.

Nkrumah of Ghana was embittered by his experiences in America as a student and his present policies may stem in part from that. Yet, a couple of hundred miles from his old Danish presidential palace, Azikewe of Nigeria sits as governor-general in the old English palace at Lagos. He is equally black; he, too, was a young student in America, but for him, the American experience fortified belief in democracy.

Personal exchanges cut the ice both ways; on the whole, I think, the larger portion goes to us. Even on a massive scale they could not guarantee peace. But they can slowly, bit by bit, weaken the force and attraction of Communism, the serious debilitation of which will be the ultimate guarantor of peace.

## Letterip

### "Activity Letter" Draws Comment

To the editor:  
The complaints of "Thirteen Sorority Activity Chairmen" which ran on for a seemingly interminable length (two full-length columns) was an interesting plea for dying activities, and at the same time, a plea to cease the crowding of the few popular activities remaining in the good old "Union Hall".

The possibility that student activities are regarded as merely a stepping-stone to a student's political achievement seems to be inimical to the activity chairmen. If a student activity is to be regarded in any other light, then the activity must offer some other form of achievement and (Unfortunately?) reward to the student.

Since 1956, numerous observations have led me to believe that student activities offering anything but political recognition or the hope thereof can be counted on

one hand. The original purpose and motivation has nearly been lost in the remaining "activities" and they now exist as empty shells circumscribed by meaningless constitutions.

Student activities must employ genuinely worthwhile principles and practices serving a goal that benefits the student body as a whole, as well as serving the individual student's ambition.

Ask yourself, activity chairman, "Is this activity benefiting the student body in any worthwhile manner?" and then ask yourself "Is this activity necessary?" A careful re-evaluation of the goals and methods of student activities may well be a start toward regenerating interest in unpopular organizations.

Very truly yours,  
David L. Menke

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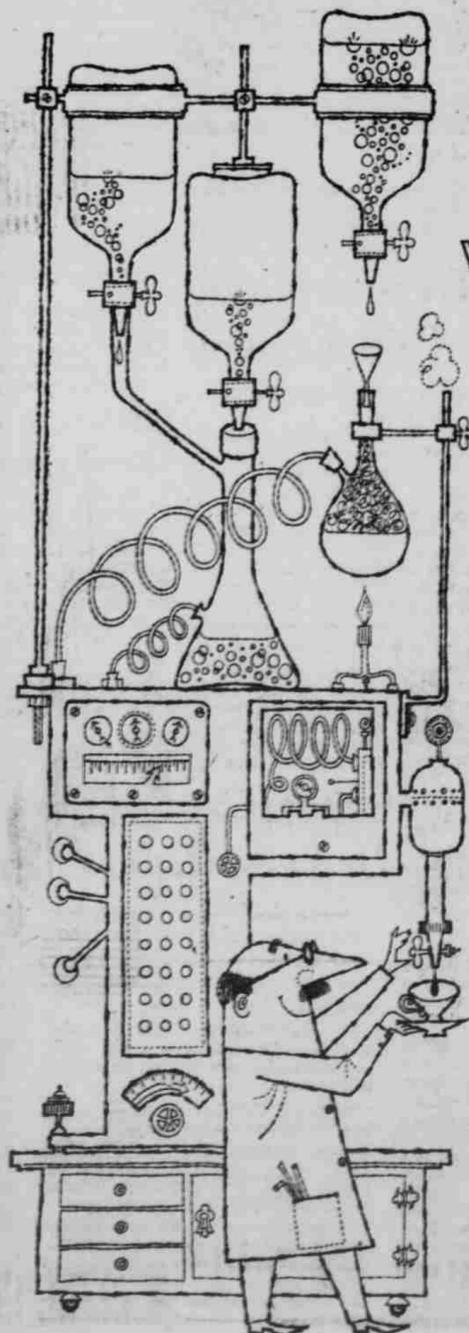
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