

PEOPLE TO PEOPLE

For a Better Understanding

Think International!
 Today, the Nebraskan begins its series on the People To People (PTP) program on the University of Nebraska campus. This program, which actually had its birth nearly five years ago, is part of what former President Eisenhower called a need to understand people:
 "If we are going to take advantage of the assumption that all people want peace, then the problem is for people to get together and to leap governments . . . if necessary, to evade governments . . . to work out not one method, but thousands of methods by which people can gradually learn a

little bit more about each other."
 Everyone of us must cooperate. And where is the best place to start? RIGHT HERE—ON THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA CAMPUS. As Mr. Jagjit Singh, rag columnist, pointed out last Friday, there are on our campus, 235 foreign students representing 46 foreign countries.
 Joyce C. Hall, president of Hallmark Cards and chairman of the PTP program, said in a speech that:
 "When you look into the hearts and minds of men of any race, color or belief, you see that they have more in common than they have in difference . . . but only the surface has been scratched."

What Can You Do?

- WHAT ONE PERSON CAN DO**
 (ACP)—Can an individual influence the world crisis? If so, how? Kelly Smith writes in the University of Kansas DAILY KANSAN:
 —Probably the best way to be of influence is to be informed, and then to apply that information toward a constructive use:
 —By joining a political party or political pressure group.
 —By focusing interest on the international scene through People To People, Peace Corps and foreign student organizations, talking with ambassadors and representatives from foreign countries.
 —By traveling at every opportunity, and judging each locality in terms of its own problems, needs and expectations.
 —By attending lectures, listening to those experts in the field of foreign relations from our own country.
 —By reading books, newspapers, weekly magazines and periodicals.
 —Only by taking an active part in government . . . can anyone make that one voice heard as part of public opinion.

What can you do? Support the PTP program. It offers a Brother-Sister program; international-student job placement; international discussion groups; tours; assistance in housing and orientation and even programs for the American student abroad. There is a place where you fit in—and are needed!
 And the results? They'll be surprising. You will gain an understanding of people of other countries on a first-hand basis. In all practical aspects, you will be a part of a "peace corps." You will be assisting these foreign students in their understanding of our way of life and our people. You will affect the attitude that they will hold for the people of America when they return home to assume top positions of leadership.
 The Daily Nebraskan wishes to commend the students who have taken the leadership initiative to promote this program on our campus. We also wish to offer to them our complete support and cooperation. We again urge the student body to join in with their support of the People To People program.
 "Men must understand one another before nations can . . ."

ERIC SEVAREID

Cuban People May Topple Castro's Communist Tower

Washington has put the best face possible on the semi-abortive conference at Punta del Este, but proves its dissatisfaction by moving immediately to shut off virtually all remaining imports from Castro's Cuba.
 The final agreement at the conference was, like the communique at the Geneva Summit conference in 1955, a solution, not of the problem that produced the conference but of the problem of having called the conference.
 Fundamentally weak governments like those of Brazil and Argentina simply followed the political tradition that, in the words of Lord Bryce, "The nearer danger is the greater danger." Had they broken with Cuba they would have had to deal with domestic turbulence now; permitting the Cuban embassies — propaganda and subversion factories, in reality — to remain on their soil, merely postpones the showdown.
 But, say some influential Americans, there is a way to avoid this dilemma. We set up a co-ordinated counter-intelligence system with the Latin Americans, their secret agents working with ours to detect, expose and get rid of the Communist agents; meanwhile economic progress under the Alliance for Progress will be alleviating the social conditions that make Latin America a fertile field for political disruption.
 Neat and logical as this sounds, it bears, at least in my own judgment, very little relationship to reality. Counter-intelligence in Latin America is not a bright, new thought; it has existed for generations and the proof of its incompetence and bribability in various countries

lies in the enormous increase in Communist subversion activities in the last few years.
 In any case, exposing foreign agents is only part of the problem. What, for example, is to be done about the Uruguayan students, intellectuals and labor leaders, who filter into Argentina and are then flown — 80 to 100 of them every week — to Havana for indoctrination courses? The massiveness of the Cuban-Russian effort in Central and South America is only dimly comprehended in this country, and to rely on "counter-intelligence" is to lean on the slenderest of reeds.
 Nor can we think of economic reform as an "alternative" save in the very, very long run and under the luckiest of stars. For the next few years, which are the critical years, what the Alliance for Progress accomplishes in Latin America will have very little to do with what the Communists accomplish. The Communists, who want merely to seize or to disrupt power, work on a short fuse; effective economic reform can be thought of, in many southern countries, only in terms of decades.
 Why? Because the population of all Latin America has increased 30 per cent in the last 10 years. Because in 13 short years it will contain a hundred million more mouths than it contains now, if present trends continue. Because, as President Kennedy told Congress last March, Latin Americans will have to double their real income in the next 30 years merely to maintain the abysmally low standards of living that exist today.
 None of this means that Latin America is bound to "go" Communist; it does not mean that any specific country is bound to "go." It does mean decades of misery, social anarchy and constant political disruptions into

which we will be drawn deeper and deeper and in which Communist agents will have a field day — which could be mitigated, at least, by locking the doors of their embassies in those Latin countries where they still have embassies.
 But there is another way which can lead to a check on Communist influence, and it has nothing to do with counter-intelligence of economic reform. This lies in the possibility of Castro's failure in Cuba and the collapse of his system from within. It is in this hope that Washington officials have decided to tighten the economic squeeze on Cuba. They now know two things: first, that the Soviet Union is not, after all, going to spend the money and effort necessary to make Cuba a Communist "showplace" — something much feared in Washington a year ago — and second, that Castro, having milked dry the Cuban capitalists and middle class, will now be forced to get the development and trading capital he needs by sweating it out of the workers. This is what Stalin had to do; it is what Mao Tse-tung has had to do. It is what Jagan of British Guiana frankly says he intends to do.
 The Cuban worker is soon going to know that he never had it so bad, and, if we have our wits about us, all of Latin America can be made to share this knowledge. It is possible that Castro's regime will make it through this economic valley of the shadow. But the resources of the Cuban island are not similar to those of the Soviet Union; the temperament of the volatile, highly individualistic Cuban people is not that of the Russian people.
 It is permissible to believe that the Cuban Samson will bring the temple down upon his head, however long the hairs of his beard may grow.

CAMPUS FORUM

Student Challenges YD President

To the editor:
 In regard to the articles "A Student Speaks Out" and "Out of the Woods" in Jan. 17th's editorial section, I would like to make a few comments. I do not agree with Mr. Forrest's belief that we all should run to our "political bomb shelters" and get ready to experience another campaign of mud slinging. I also do not agree that the Young Republicans would be justified in returning Mr. Muenster's charges in the same kind of language that he used. Political mud slinging has gone on between both parties ever since there were two parties, and it will continue to do so. Despite this, I would ask the Young Republicans not to do any mud slinging. In regard to Mr. Muenster's charges that the Republican party is degenerate and obstructionist, I challenge him to state specifically in what ways the Republicans are degenerate and obstructionist. I do not want to see any glittering generalities or mud slinging, but I want to see from Mr. Muenster some absolute, concrete evidence to prove his charges against the Republicans.
 Anonymous Republican

Reader Comments Rag Articles

To the editor:
 Let me commend you on including in your paper recently those unusually worth while and constructive articles — namely,
 Korean Educators Warn; Understand Communism; State Department is Busy Studying Outside View of American Foreign Policy; Big Eight Okays PTP pilot program.
 Glen Vanderhill
 Physics Dept.

Not Guilty

Almost a semester and a half has passed since this column last appeared in print. The last article was written while the "Great White Father" post number one was eagle eyeing our department of journalism. After a complete investigation in which nothing was proved or disproved everything was forgotten. Since that time NOT GUILTY has not been in print. When this column was a regular feature of the Nebraskan it was the most read and least liked of all its peers. With this dubious honor and notoriety NOT GUILTY is again presented in its same RIDICULOUS manner.
 Many events of the last semester were passed over by the tainted axe due to a bland editorial policy. I shall try to rectify this by donating some space to the notable events of last semester.
 MOST ILLOGICAL DECISION OF THE SEMESTER: The decision to give a \$90,000 bonus to the construction company that could finish the dorm by September, 1963. Announced reason for the decision . . . WE would lose that much in student fees if it isn't completed.
 BEST PERFORMANCE IN SPORTS: Willie Ross' superb play while scoring three touchdowns against the opposition.
 WORST PERFORMANCE IN SPORTS: Willie Ross' fumble inside his own ten yard line.
 QUOTE OF THE SEMESTER: "The yellow paint? Officer that's left from our homecoming display!"
 FLOP OF THE SEMESTER . . . THE COLLEGE HYMNAL
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