

THREE RING CIRCUS

The Council—In Action

The regular meeting of the three ring circus was held in the party rooms of the Union and was full of fire and ridiculous information and-or tidbits.

Parliamentary procedure, motions of censure, table, amend, re-table, partiality to speakers, and ridiculous logic.

The NSA question was once again dropped back on the table. Opponents of an all-student vote on the issue if the motion passed first base (or center ring of the circus tent) used the argument that "it can be done later," and "we are the representatives of the students and WE should be able to decide this issue."

Then came the motion to table Miss Herbie Nore's amendment. Bob Gritit, Law College representative, prefaced his remarks before the motion, was ruled out of order and called upon again by Mr. Steve Gage, Council president, and allowed to re-state his motion.

A cry of censure for Mr. Gage came from Nancy Butler on the basis of partiality in the issue. Gage was upheld in the matter by the Council.

But the motion went to the table again. Again, those who feel that NSA, a powerful instrument on any campus and an organization which assumes that it represents ALL of the students on a given campus, should be sent to the students for final decision were unable to get their points across.

Bill Gunlicks, representative of Bus Ad, pointed to a survey he had made which indicated that NO person he surveyed felt they should vote on NSA? We first raise the question as to how many were surveyed, the manner of the survey, and we then will question the validity of its results.

Then came the act of the Comedy-set, as a motion was made to have a ballot taken of the students that are 21 at the next election for Student Council Representatives as to the desirability of liquor by the drink.

It is the opinion of the Nebraskan that this was not only sarcastically worded,

but that the logic used by representative Gritit in proposing the motion was directly the opposite of that he used to defeat the NSA motion.

He felt that this issue concerned the entire student body (those 21) and that they should vote. We might ask, why in the Hell doesn't NSA, an organization with political implications, an organization which will say its statements are supported by one million students, including those at the University of Nebraska, merit a student vote. It affects all of them, not just the 21ers or those who Mr. Gritit represents in Law College.

Censure again. Mr. Gritit was attacked on the resolution and he retaliated with a motion for censure "for improper debate tactics." He later had the motion withdrawn and said it was made to "make a point." We personally feel he failed to make any point at all.

Further, the meeting itself failed to make any point at all. It seems that parliamentary procedure not only bogged the meeting down, but the meeting was monopolized by a very few individuals, typical of the past performance of the Council.

This should point to another issue, if we might throw it in as a traveler's act, that the student body, which the Council yesterday assumed to be an apathetic blob of mops, should look twice, three times at the candidates who run next time around. They should see if they will be representatives, do nothing mops, status or point seekers or actually qualified people, dedicated to the job that they have undertaken and who will at least give the student body credit for the ability to be interested, consulted and concerned.

We go on record as condemning the acts of the Council this week. The childish display of ridiculous immaturity and illogical reasoning deserves student concern. We have heard about Mopism too long. We have seen do-nothingism at its height. But we fail to see a thinking body of student leadership.

Try it again next week, Herbie, we're still with you.

The Faith To Be Free

By J. Edgar Hoover
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During our generation, a new menace —international communism—has arisen to threaten free men throughout the world. Actually, there is little basic difference between the fascism of Adolf Hitler and the atheistic tyranny practiced behind the Iron Curtain. The Soviet Union and her satellites are a godless dictatorship ruled by warped and twisted minds.

We are at war with the Communists and the sooner every red-blooded American realizes this the safer we will be. Naturally, we want to live in peace, but we do not want peace at any price—we want peace with honor and integrity.

The extent of the menace posed by the philosophy of communism is clear-cut and obvious. However, it is absolutely necessary that we attack and oppose it calmly, rationally, and objectively.

We must continue to stiffen our national backbone in dealing with the Communists and their dupes, sympathizers and apologists. If we relax our guard for one moment, we court national disaster.

The atheistic Communist dictatorship now controls one-fourth of the earth's surface and more than one third of her peoples. The Communist threat from without must not blind us to the Communist threat from within. The latter is reaching into the very heart of America through its espionage agents and a cunning, defiant, and lawless communist party, which is fanatically dedicated to the Marxist cause of world enslavement and destruction of the foundations of our Republic.

The Communist Party in this country has attempted to infiltrate and subvert every segment of our society. The party's efforts have been thwarted in this country by the Government's internal security programs, by investigation, arrest and prosecution of party functionaries, and by widespread intelligent public opposition to the Communist philosophy.

Recently, the Communist Party in the United States deliberately and flagrantly refused to comply with the U.S. Supreme Court decision which requires it to register as an agent of the Soviet Union with the Attorney General. Thereby, it once again has formally declared itself to be a lawless organization. No longer can its members falsely profess that the party is a legitimate political organization. Nor can its sympathizers and fellow travelers feign innocence of the true nature of the un-American conspiracy which they support.

Unfortunately, we are plagued with some Soviet apologists will, time after time, would have us betray the cause of international freedom and justice by yielding to the Red Fascists in the Kremlin on vital moral issues.

We also have in our midst some timid souls who have so little faith in the strength of democracy that they would have our country yield to international threats and intimidation. I include those persons who urge appeasement at any price and those who chant the "better Red than dead" slogan.

America's emblem is the soaring eagle — not the blind and timid mole. Fear, apologies, defeatism, and cowardice are alien to the thinking of true Americans. As for me, I would rather be dead than Red.

America does not have to apologize to anyone. Certainly not to the arrogant shoe-pounding Khrushchev and his puppets — nor to those neutrals whose neutrality is but an evidence of moral weakness. We should keep our heads up looking for honorable solutions and selling America, rather than keep our heads down looking for shelters and the compromise of human rights.

Those who follow the road of appeasement do not know the true meaning of freedom. They do not comprehend the misery of Communist enslavement. You will not find their cheap slogans on the lips of the Hungarian refugees, the East German patriots, nor other freedom-loving peoples who have escaped from behind the Iron Curtain.

Nor do you find their apologies in the writings of great American patriots such as: Patrick Henry, who asked the searching question, "Is life so dear, or peace so sweet, as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery?"; or Benjamin Franklin, who declared, "They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety"; or Samuel Adams, who reminded us that "The liberties of our country ... are worth defending at all hazards; and it is our duty to defend them against all attacks."

In the fight to preserve our Republic, it is not enough merely to be against crime, crime subversion, or against any of the other enemies which weaken the Nation's strength from within. To stand for the American ideal, to work for the cause of liberty and justice.

If we are to effectively resist the eroding influence of communism, it is imperative that all citizens of this Nation exhibit in more positive ways the value and superiority of our form of government over any foreign ideology.

Let us also work for a revolution — a revolution by the spirit, not by the sword. Let there be vital forces at work in our society and not merely slogans. Let us be for America all the way; but, at the same time, let us not be taken in by those who promote hysteria by the distortion and misrepresentation of the true facts whether they be the proponents of chauvinism of the extreme right or pseudoliberalism of the extreme left.

At another hour of grim challenge a full century ago, Abraham Lincoln urged the American people, "Let us have faith that right makes might, and in that faith let us to the end dare to do our duty as we understand it."

We are living in an age of uncertainty — an age of awesome national peril — an age when the struggle between freedom and totalitarian enslavement is drawing toward a climax. We now have need of faith as never before in our Nation's history. We must revive within ourselves the faith of our forefathers, which enabled them to meet and overcome adversity.

Our Nation holds in trust the last hope of a free civilization. Our dedication to truth, justice, and individual dignity must not be compromised. If we are strong enough, and care enough, and maintain our national integrity, this Nation will survive the terrible threat that presents itself today. With God's help, we will meet the challenge of survival. This is the heritage of America.

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Dear People, Shift your hungry eyes elsewhere if you are seeking scandle, Student Council news, static, or things of Freudian significance. Here is a list of absolute necessities, essential to a modern, elucidated, budget-conscious institution. We need:

1. More democrats, many more democrats. There is already a hard core of dedicated democrats, but they need hundreds of loyal, fanatical followers.
2. To notice the owls on top of the architecture building.
3. To recognize and commend the literary ef-

forts of one Leon Olson and friend.

4. To make the men who have to repair the north door of the Union every other day honorary members of the Student Body. Perhaps the curriculum committee will add a course, Glass Doors 203.
5. A campus humor magazine.
6. To stop using the library for a ROTC drill center.
7. To remember when making polite conversation that everybody talks about the weather except people with more varied interests.
8. To think of H as

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