

Husker Maturity Shown

Wait and See ... and again the United States Public Health Service handled a very delicate and critical situation in such a highly professional manner that it gives us great confidence in this one governmental agency.

When Canada cancelled out on the use of the new Sabin Oral polio vaccine because of reported cases of polio, which that nation's health officials attributed directly to the vaccine, it gave many Americans that same feeling a small child gets after taking a big bite out of a red apple and seeing half a worm on the freshly bitten surface. It makes him want to throw the rest of the apple away and spit out the bite he has in his mouth. Maybe someday this boy will get up enough courage to bite into another apple, but it will take a long time and someone proving that every apple does not have a worm.

This is the same situation that could have developed in towns and cities across this country and could have meant the failure of the Sabin Oral polio vaccine program.

Two cases are present-

ly being investigated here in Nebraska in which polio viruses have been isolated in individuals who have taken the Sabin Oral vaccine. This really brings it home and came just a week before Omaha held their final Sabin Oral Sunday drive. Fear from doubt could have easily destroyed the last drive. (In the previous two Omaha drives — 81 1/2 per cent of the cities population swallowed the Type I and III vaccines.)

Public Health officials in Omaha went before the people on radio, television and in the press to reassure Omahans that there was no doubt as to the reliability of the Type II vaccine, which was scheduled to be given during Sunday. Then on Saturday the U.S. Health Service halted the dispensing of Type III until further investigations on the vaccine could be made. And there was that old half eaten worm staring the people of Omaha and other cities right in the face. Fear and doubt probably told them that they had all ready eaten half the worm and might get sick so let's not take

a chance on the rest of the apple we were told was good.

But the people of Omaha and other cities across Nebraska and the U.S. are not small children, they are adults and intelligent. So they came out to the clinics set up in high school gyms and auditoriums — 301,581 in Omaha, 13,300 in Hastings, 21,000 in Grand Island and 8,292 in Nebraska City — only slightly smaller than before. Other cities in Maryland and Kansas have set up to begin their SOS drives in October and December. Others have halted plans until the reported cases of polio in people who have had the vaccine can be explained.

The enthusiasm and co-operation Omaha and other Nebraska towns showed in the previous two drives was described by Dr. Sabin, developer of the vaccine series, as the greatest of any area in the nation. The intelligence and confidence these same communities showed Sunday in the vaccines and the health officials will certainly deserve even higher praise. We are proud to be Nebraskans!

an esoteric quality

And so we begin again. Yet we wonder whether there will be something new — or just more of the same. Cynically enough we can hardly expect that this year will bring anything particularly valuable, significant or responsible. Yet we still nurture a certain amount of hope.

There are a number of things we could look for — a conscientious Greek system, a more pervasive idealistic and practical outlook, as well as a more liberal trend in Nebraska politics. But even these seem foolish fantasies.

The Greeks are already doing an especially fine job of ushering their pledges into the status quo. The typically hedonistic attitudes and ideals long cherished by the Greeks are already showing up in this year's crop of pledges. In fact some novices are already bewildered in discovering some active fraternity members who are mildly disenchanted with the whole thing ("what's wrong with him, isn't he gung-ho?").

Of course the particularly perverted attitudes of the Greek system exude into the many pores of the (pardon the expression) "campus activities." The arrogance and dogged determination of IFC and the professional prudence (they claim to maintain standards) of Panhell both reflect this trend. Few people are tied up in activities just for the sake of the contribution they might make — yet we don't live in an out-directed society, and altruism is an unknown word. You begin to wonder whether this so-called diligence in activities isn't just plain exhibitionism. Still this is their enlightened self-interest.

The extremely mis-

American Youth By Twisting Keep Fit

Since the 1960 Olympics many prominent Americans have thrown verbal brickbats at the youth of America. It has been said that Americans are soft and are not physically fit. However, this charge can no longer be made with impunity. American youth has answered the charges with actions which are far more convincing than mere words. Who dares charge a man or woman with physical ineptitude while that same person is "doing the TWIST?"

guided character of IFC and Panhell are, however, indicative of the moral fiber of the entire United States. In a nation obsessed with material accomplishment, directed toward the status quo, it is hard to expect more of college young people who — even with occasional outbursts of independence — are generally satisfied with the mediocre. Even our so-called altruistic projects are aimed at perpetuating the prosaic and perfunctory qualities. NHRF, for example, remains to work with and for the best. And for some it serves as an outstanding status symbol and tax deduction.

Nebraska, a state with wide prairies and narrow minds, is also a rather perfect example of the serious effort being made to encourage people to conform to some especially insipid standard. The state's political situation is hardly more than a contest of deciding upon the lesser of two evils. There has been a lack of dynamic leadership — particularly because Nebraskans don't want dynamic leadership. The status quo is too comfortable.

For us there is little challenge. Within the University community we are still hampered by our lingering immaturity. All of us, like the Greeks, tend toward the picayune. But after all, this is just a part of the perversion of mankind.

BLASPHEME! —but To Whom?

Rush week over pledges, pledged ... unpledged, crushed ... don't worry ... whether you were or not ... you'll live ... neither the System nor the anti-System is all powerful ... neither is even especially necessary ...

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AMERICAN YOUTH ...

Idealism Is Increasing

At a time when youth crime is on the increase, it is easy to fall into the fallacy of believing that decadence has set in. Thus, it is refreshing to hear from one, whose life is devoted to teaching American youth, say "Idealism of American youth in 1962 is higher than it ever was before."

These were the words of Dr. Robert Koehl, professor of history at the University of Nebraska. Without the idealism of youth, the world would be bankrupt. It has always been so. Youth unhesitatingly risks life itself for its ideals.

Adults become parsimonious with life and, in protecting it, often lose the meaning of life. This

is the reason that the poverty and problems of the world to an adult seem almost too overwhelming to attack. Many think the only possible course is to hide their heads in the sand like an ostrich and attempt to protect their own status in life.

To youth these problems are a challenge. This is the reason that the Peace Corps is meeting with success and American young people are willing to forsake a life of comparative ease to give of themselves under hardship conditions which would be intolerable in the United States.

It is important that adults keep a true per-

spective of youth. There has always been a percentage who fall by the wayside and make criminal headlines. Perhaps the percentage has increased. But so long as the majority retains its ideals, the world will find leaders.

This majority will be strengthened by teachers who encourage the exploration of expanding vistas and give voice to their faith in youth's aims and purposes in life. Dr. Koehl is to be commended for his timely reminder that youth remains an idealistic force in the world.

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